

and application of those reform efforts have been debated by Congress ever since—annually, emotionally, and with futility.

So, for the last 25 years, Congressional campaigns have been conducted under a set of rules that have become unenforceable (through systematic defunding of the Federal Elections Commission), weakened (by court decisions), and yet located at the heart of the American distrust with elected officials. The Harris Poll showed us earlier this year that 85 percent of Americans believe special interests have more influence than voters on this institution. Who can fault them when total campaign spending has risen from \$115 million in 1975, to \$450 million in 1985, and almost certainly to over \$1 billion in this election? Is it any wonder that voter turnout is at an all-time low, and that respect for Members of this institution seems to rise only when we are not in session?

In my relatively short time in Congress, I have seen how campaigns are financed, and how that distorts the decision making process. We would not have nearly the number of people who die each year from tobacco related deaths if it weren't for the influence of tobacco money in politics. I see negative ads from anonymous sources tearing at the fabric of our society. I see honest men and women trying to buck a system that distorts and creates negative consequences. And I see my colleagues, including Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MEEHAN and others, devoting enormous time and creativity to meaningful reforms that don't tilt in favor of Republicans or Democrats, don't unduly help incumbents, but does cut down the pursuit of campaign money.

We now know how cynically the deck has been stacked yet again against reform. Those who look at the current system and see nothing wrong have a rule that permits them to call up 258 non-germane amendments, essentially talking reform to death. Those who argue that we need more money in politics are using their control over the calendar to prevent a House bill—should one miraculously pass—from reaching the Senate before adjournment.

Despite these shenanigans, Mr. Chairman, we are not going to give up. The opponent of reform may succeed in pushing campaign finance reform into the 106th Congress, but reform is not going to die. The American people know the system is broken, and at the very least, we are going to give them a series of votes so after all the debate, after all the stalling tactics and parliamentary maneuvering, it will be perfectly clear who squandered this opportunity, and why.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PICKERING) having assumed the chair, Mr. GIBBONS, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2183) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PICKERING). The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule 1, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill today: S. 2282, to amend the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 2183.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CONYERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. HULSHOF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HULSHOF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. POMEROY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POMEROY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. MINGE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MINGE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FOX addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PETERSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PETERSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DAVIS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STRICKLAND) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. STRICKLAND addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. MCNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business in the district.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 7:00 p.m. on account of physical reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LEVIN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONYERS, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. POMEROY, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. MINGE, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. STRICKLAND, today, for 5 minutes.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. NORTHUP) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, July 15 and 16, for 5 minutes.

Mr. HULSHOF, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. MILLER of Florida, July 15, for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, today, for 5 minutes.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LEVIN) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. KIND.

Mr. FARR of California.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. HALL of Ohio.
 Mr. PASCARELL.
 Mr. BARCIA.
 Mr. TOWNS.
 Mr. HINOJOSA.
 Mr. FAZIO of California.
 Mr. LEVIN.
 Mr. TRAFICANT.
 Ms. LEE.
 Mr. SHERMAN.
 Ms. NORTON.
 Mr. HAMILTON.
 Mr. UNDERWOOD.
 Mr. VISCLOSKY.
 Mr. BLUMENAUER.
 Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.
 Mr. CONYERS.
 Mr. LAFALCE.
 Mr. BAESLER.
 Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. NORTHUP) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. TIAHRT.
 Mr. BEREUTER.
 Mr. RADANOVICH.
 Mr. RILEY.
 Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.
 Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
 Mr. WALSH.
 Mr. CUNNINGHAM.
 Mr. HORN.
 Mr. HYDE.
 Mr. HULSHOF.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

Bills and concurrent resolutions of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 439. An act to provide for Alaska State jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects, to address voluntary licensing of hydroelectric projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii, to provide an exemption for portion of a hydroelectric project located in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

S. 799. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 814. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 846. An act to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on Commerce.

S. 1976. An act to increase public awareness of the plight of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, to collect data to measure the magnitude of the problem, and to develop strategies to address the safety and justice needs of victims of crime with developmental disabilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2022. An act to provide for the improvement of interstate criminal justice identification, information, communications, and forensics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2294. An act to facilitate the exchange of criminal history records for noncriminal jus-

tice purposes, to provide for the decentralized storage of criminal history records, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to facilitate the fingerprint checks authorized by that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the rules of multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, should be amended to allow membership for the Republic of China on Taiwan and other qualified economies; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

S. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution affirming United States commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 651. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 652. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 848. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, and for other purposes.

H.R. 960. An act to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1184. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek Hydroelectric Project in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1217. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1635. An act to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2202. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the bone marrow donor program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2864. An act to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements.

H.R. 2877. An act to amend the Occupational Health Act of 1970.

H.R. 3035. An act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendation on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

H.R. 3130. An act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, to provide for a more flexible pen-

alty procedure for States that violate inter-jurisdictional adoption requirements, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 113. Joint resolution approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capitol.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 731. An act to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial, and for other purposes.

S. 2282. An act to amend the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

On July 7, 1998:

H.R. 960. An act to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, and for other purposes.

On July 8, 1998:

H.R. 652. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 651. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric plant located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 113. Joint resolution approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capitol.

H.R. 3130. An act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate inter-jurisdictional adoption requirements, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 848. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, and for other purposes.