

is a cyclical correction that also leads to the recovery of an economy. We here in the United States Congress will be acting on a stimulus package. In fact our fine chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), will be chairing the Committee on Ways and Means upon which I sit tomorrow to consider debate and to report out a bill for some type of stimulus package. The government cannot do it all. I think our constituents understand that. We do not need to lecture our constituents. They understand the government cannot do it all, but the government can help. Alan Greenspan has helped by putting more money in, by lowering interest rates. Any of our constituents that are out there that are paying credit card interest that is at all above 10 percent in my opinion, I would consider it excessive. I mean, Greenspan has lowered those rates so dramatically that every American, every American that uses credit, whether it is on your credit card or whether it is for your house ought to be seeing the benefit. And if you are not seeing the benefit, if your constituents are not seeing the benefit of lower interest rates from their credit card companies, tell them to dump that company and go with a company that is going to be fair with them, that is going to give them a rate that fairly evaluates the risk that is involved in doing business with them.

There are a lot of things out there that are going to work in our favor. One of the things that I think that can come out of that stimulus package tomorrow is broad based tax cuts, not tax

cuts for one specific individual or one specific industry but broad based. We need to get consumer confidence back in an upward mode. A stimulus package cannot do it all, as I said, but we can go a long ways, in putting incentive out there in the system so that once again our economic engine warms up and begins that climb up the hill. I know I can; I know I can. We know that that is going to happen. So I feel confident about our economy.

To wrap it up, I want to first of all thank my colleague the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) for the discussion, I thought a very thorough discussion we had this evening on missile defense. I think the President did a very commendable job. And I, like many, many hundreds of thousands of Americans, and I like most of my colleagues, if not all of my colleagues on this House floor, stand in gratitude for the leadership that the President has shown to this country, to the leadership that Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld and Condoleezza Rice and the other Cabinet members and our national security team and our military leaders and our military personnel, all across this country, thank God we have got these kind of people that are dedicated, in many cases with their lives, are dedicated to the cause of the United States of America. Thank God we have got people who are willing to make it their entire focus, in a patient, strong but dedicated way to make sure that the United States of America continues to prevail for the next generation in the good way that it has prevailed for our generation. Thank good-

ness we have got a country that recognizes all types of different religions, that allows people of different ethnic backgrounds to thrive in this country. We are equal under our laws around here. There are some countries in this world that will not allow foreign people to come in and be citizens. Many countries do not have open borders at all. They have closed borders. There are a lot of countries in this world who discriminate very clearly against other religions. But in the United States of America, whether you practice Islam, whether you are a Catholic, whether you are a Methodist, Episcopalian, a Mormon, even being an atheist in this country is protected by our Constitution. It is the strength of that Constitution that will increase the strength of this country. It is being respected by this President and his team.

My final remark is that I stand tall with all my colleagues in backing the President and his team. Let us go out there and let us eradicate the cancer that has fallen upon us. We owe it to ourselves. We owe it to future generations. It is an obligation and a responsibility of our job. And, frankly, we can get the job done.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SCHROCK). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

#### NOTICE

*Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.*

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4206. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit (Texas and States Other Than Florida, California and Arizona); Grade Standards [Docket Number FV-00-304] received September 25, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4207. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Changes to the Handling Regulation for Producer Field-Packed Tomatoes [Docket No. FV01-966-1 FR] received September 25, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4208. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Papayas Grown in

Hawaii; Suspension of Grade, Inspection, and Related Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV01-928-1 FIR] received September 25, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4209. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301169; FRL-6801-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4210. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyhalofop-butyl; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301167; FRL-6800-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4211. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Truth in Savings—received September 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4212. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Operations of Federal Credit Unions—received September 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4213. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—California: Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Program [FRL-7065-7] received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4214. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Missouri: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7068-1] received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4215. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and