

counseling for whatever their social or physical-medical problems may be, as well as health care and assistance with job placement.

I believe, Madam Speaker, that if America is to become the Nation that it has the potential of being, then we must seriously address the problems, needs, hopes, and aspirations of all our citizens, and even those who are mired down at the bottom.

I believe in the theory and the concept that a rising tide should lift all boats; and I am confident that as we lift and improve the lives of those at the bottom, as we help the American dream become more of a reality for all of our citizens, then America becomes that Nation that Langston Hughes talked about when he suggested that we ought to let America be America again, the land that it has never been, but yet must be.

In all of our greatness, we have not realized the fulfillment of our potential. It is my hope that as we deal with the issues of poverty and the issues of those who are the most needy among us, we will lift America to heights that it has never seen.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BALDACCI (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal reasons.

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

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. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GANSKE, for 5 minutes, February 27 and March 1.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, February 27.

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

SENATE BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A bill and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 980. An act to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5547. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rules Relating to Intermediaries of Commodity Interest Transactions (RIN: 3038-AB56) received February 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5548. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Listing Standards and Conditions for Trading Security Futures Products (RIN: 3038-AB87) received February 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5549. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sulfuryl Fluoride; Temporary Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-301166A; FRL-6823-4] (RIN: 2070-AC18) received February 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5550. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bentazon; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301215; FRL-6820-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received February 05, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5551. A letter from the Under Secretary, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act which occurred in the Department of the Air Force, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

5552. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the transport of a chemical warfare agent, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1512(4); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5553. A letter from the Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that certain major defense acquisition programs have breached the unit cost by more than 15 percent, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5554. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the decision to convert to contractor performance by the private sector the Transportation function at NADEP Cherry Point, NC, which was found to be the most cost-effective, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5555. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) to civilian sporting events in support of essential security and safety; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5556. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's report of activities for calendar year 2001; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5557. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Home Mortgage Disclosure [Regulation C; Docket No. R-1001] received February 19, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5558. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the Yucca Mountain site has met recommended approval for the development of a repository for the geological disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high level nuclear waste from the Nation's defense activities, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10134 nt.; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5559. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Report to Congress Regarding Number of Chimpanzees and Funding for Care of Chimpanzees, as required by Public Law 106-551; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5560. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District [CA 242-0316; FRL-7134-1] received January 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5561. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Full Approval of Operating Permit Program; State of New York [NY002; FRL-7137-7] received January 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5562. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Wyoming; Revisions to Air Pollution Regulations [WY001-0007a, WY-001-0008a, WY-001-0009a; FRL-7130-3] received January 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5563. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Allocation of Essential-use Allowances for Calendar Year 2002; and Extension of the De Minimis Exemption for Essential Laboratory and Analytical Uses through Calendar Year 2005 [FRL-7140-5] (RIN: 2060-AJ81) received February 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.