

He proposed accomplishing this through accountability, through more school choice, and through flexibility, and I regret to say that the Congress really denied the President two of those three objectives in the education bill that the President proposed. All we passed was the accountability, or the national testing provisions. The President is committed to continue fighting and moving forward on the school choice components of his education vision.

This tax credit proposal is really the next step in accomplishing that for the President, so I am grateful for his passion and commitment to these children in America. I am grateful for his commitment to the education tax credit proposal that we have developed. I am grateful for our Speaker and our majority leader, and our leadership here in the House, and the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means and the chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for all of their help and support in making this tax credit proposal a reality, because it will allow us to bypass this bureaucracy with just a small amount of money to begin to show in America how making the connection between taxpayer and school child will improve education dramatically throughout the country and begin to treat children like they matter, and also begin to expose American education to more of a free market approach.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, the end result is the shared vision that we have with the President, that we have with our Speaker, and with the chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce to make sure we leave no child behind; that every child in America gets a first class education, and that they can compete on a worldwide basis.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 5:30 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of her son's graduation.

Mr. LYNCH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family matters.

Mr. MENENDEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 1:30 p.m. on account of being Democratic County Chair, State statute obligates him to conduct reorganizational meeting in which a new Chair is chosen.

Mr. OWENS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and June 13 on account of a family emergency.

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. PALLONE) to revise and ex-

tend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ISRAEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LANTOS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SOLIS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock midnight), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 13, 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:

7339. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Silica, Amorphous, Fumed (Crystalline Free); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-2002-0031; FRL-6835-5](RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7340. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticides; Removal of Duplicative or Expired Time-limited Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-2002-0037; FRL-6835-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7341. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the Defense Environmental Technology Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7342. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District [CA 261-0337a; FRL-7171-3] received May 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7343. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approvals Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Technical Amendment [FRL-7173-6] received May 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7344. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Interim Final Determination that State has Corrected a Deficiency in the California State Implementation Plan,

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA 261-0337c; FRL-7171-5] received May 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7345. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans South Carolina: Approval of Miscellaneous Revisions to the South Carolina State Implementation Plan [SC 42-200220(b); FRL-7207-2] received May 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7346. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Nitrogen Oxides Budget Program [WV 060-6019a; FRL-7288-4] received May 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7347. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Minnesota [MN63-01-7288a; FRL-7165-7] received May 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7348. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Tehama County Air Pollution Control District [CA 260-0339a; FRL-7174-5] received May 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7349. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois Emission Reporting [IL214-1a; FRL-7164-4] received May 9, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7350. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to India [Transmittal No. DTC 08-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7351. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to India [Transmittal No. DTC 09-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7352. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to India [Transmittal No. DTC 50-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7353. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to India [Transmittal No. DTC 02-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7354. A letter from the Chair, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the semi-annual report on activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2001, through March 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.