

laws that are already in existence. I am not convinced we need a whole lot more new laws as far as the criminal behavior is concerned. What we need are more resources out there to these agencies to enforce the laws that exist.

So the President today made it very clear, and I think it would be to our benefit in both the House and the other side, in the Senate, to follow this lead. And this week I hope we can accomplish with some strong firm legislation an enforcement of a policy in this country that makes your punishment from stealing from the shareholders, from stealing from the public, for misappropriating, from lying on your accounting, from cooking the books, makes those offenses much more serious consequences than you would face if you went out and shoplifted a candy bar from the local retail store.

Our business system in this country depends on integrity. Now we know that not everybody is going to be honest. It cannot happen. Any time you get a group of people together, you will have a bad apple. It is the same thing in Congress. It happened in the Catholic priesthood. It has happened in the corporate world. So we have to build in, we have to anticipate that you will have a crooked corporate executive here and there. But the key to it is not to pretend that it is not going to happen or to depend totally on honesty. Our society has never totally depended on honesty. We have always had law. It is to put the laws in place. It is not just to put the laws in place. It is to enforce the laws that you have in place.

Let me conclude by saying this, I hope that we give the support to the President that he has asked; that we give the resources to the Securities and Exchange Commission that they need to police this problem; that we crack down hard on corporate governance; that we crack down hard on the auditing and audit oversight for companies like Arthur Andersen. And, by the way, the five major auditing firms in this country, all of them have been named in some of these transactions. It is clearly a mess out there that can be cleaned up. It has to be cleaned up.

Do not let us forget that what is being highlighted here, and appropriately, I think we need to focus a lot of attention on it, but sometimes when we focus all our attention on the misdeeds by a few, it tars everybody else. I mean, look at the Catholic priesthood. You get a few bad priests and all priests out there are being tarnished unfairly. Let me say we have people out there who do run ethical business. We have people that deliver good products. We have people that care about their shareholders. We have people that are responsible to their board of directors and we have boards of directors that are responsible to the people that they represent and we have a lot of good workers out there. That is what has made the American system great and the American system will stay great as long as we jump on top of people who have committed misdeeds.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a speaking engagement.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

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

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

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending a funeral.

#### 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 extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Member (at the request of Mr. BASS) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BASS, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 803. An act to enhance the management and promotion of electronic Government services and processes by establishing an Office of Electronic Government within the Office of Management and Budget, and by establishing a broad framework of measures that require using Internet-based information technology to enhance citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2578. To amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 56 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 9, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7731. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's draft bill entitled, "To amend sections 3, 7D, 16(i)(2), and 19 of the United States Grain Standards Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to recover through user fees the costs of standardization activities"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

7732. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Nicotine; Tolerance Revocations [OPP-2002-0035; FRL-6836-7] received May 16, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7733. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of the intention to reallocate funds previously transferred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from the Emergency Response Fund; (H. Doc. No. 107—237); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7734. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his request for an FY 2003 budget amendment for the Department of Defense; (H. Doc. No. 107—241); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7735. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Daniel G. Brown, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7736. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Study on Impact of Foreign Sourcing of Systems" required by Section 831 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7737. A letter from the Senior Paralegal, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Risk-Based Capital Standards: Claims on Securities Firms [No. 2002-5] (RIN: 1550-AB11) received June 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7738. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) 2000-01 Overview of Student Progress, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 924; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7739. A letter from the Legal Advisor, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Operation of NGSO FSS Systems Co-Frequency with GSO and Terrestrial Systems in the Ku-Band Frequency Range; Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Authorize Subsidiary Terrestrial Use of the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band by Direct Broadcast Satellite Licensees and Their Affiliates; and Applications of Broadwave USA, PDC Broadband Corporation, and Satellite Receivers, Ltd. to Provide A Fixed Service in the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band [ET Docket No. 98-206, RM-9147, RM-9245] Received June 27, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.