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Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) who also, if I might add, celebrated his birthday in Fayetteville last Sunday night. So we appreciate his sacrifice in that regard too.

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and pointing out to the Nation that I am older. I appreciate that.

I just wanted to very briefly say, first of all, I deeply from the bottom of my heart thank the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. TAUSCHER) for her gracious comments and to state for the record two things: first of all, this Nation should know that she intended to go to Fort Bragg on her own if that was necessary. Fortunately for us who gained from her participation, we were able to put together a subcommittee visit; but her concern is unequaled, certainly unsurpassed with respect to the cherished feeling she has towards the military and, in this instance, towards those who are the victims of violence.

I should also note, as she did, that we had more spouses show up that day than had been scheduled. It was a very tight schedule. It began at 6:30 in the morning with the first event that some of us were scheduled to do and went through until we left that early evening. She was very insistent and very appropriately so that we stay and listen to all of those spouses who again as she had noted had made the very painful decision to come and to share with us their stories that were so emotional. I have rarely, in my much older life including that recent birthday, spent a more moving, more emotional 3 hours. And thanks to her, we were able to hear all of them. So I just wanted to rise again and to underscore my deep admiration for her and to underscore as well the fact that military families have a real hero in the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. TAUSCHER).

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute for closing remarks.

Let me again thank the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. TAUSCHER) for her very well put, meaningful words; and I identify myself with her remarks. I would too like to take a brief moment to identify with and to thank personally the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE), my geographic Congress mate in the seventh, and myself in the eighth, for his participation and his consistent and constant service on behalf of our military in our State of North Carolina.

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The moving testimony of these women, I cannot begin to tell my col-

leagues how heartwarming, but also how moving this testimony was. As I recall, one lady came on her own expense all the way from Kansas City. And in particular, one lady, Laura Sandler, I would like to pay particular tribute and thanks to her, whose written testimony I think burned a real moving, heartfelt impression on all of our hearts as she had the courage, along with her other colleagues, to come forward and bring us into a much clearer understanding of this problem.

Again, thanks to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and all of those involved, and I would strongly encourage unanimous support of this legislation.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5590.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will alert Members to the possible resumption of legislative business later today, but any record votes, if ordered, would be taken tomorrow. The entertaining of Special Order speeches would be without prejudice to the possibility of further legislative business.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, 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 gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LINDER) at 6 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 123, MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-755) on the resolution (H. Res. 585) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 123) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-756) on the resolution (H. Res. 586) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during the third quarter of 2002, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows: