

My money is still on the old saying that honesty is the best policy. Where simple honesty is concerned, there is no such thing as executive privilege. Sooner or later, straight answers will have to come out. The longer the White House waits, the greater the harm to themselves and to their bond of trust with the American people.

The sooner we hear the truth, the sooner they will regain public trust and respect. Let me repeat that, Mr. Speaker, not mere approval or popularity but trust and respect. Leaders do not live by polls alone. Without trust and respect, they are nothing, and any title they hold is a mockery.

On his way to Washington for the 1993 inauguration, the President-elect, Bill Clinton, made a stop at Monticello to pay homage to Thomas Jefferson. It was Jefferson who offered, perhaps, the most prophetic comment of the next 6 years of this presidency. No man will ever bring out of the presidency the reputation which carries him into it.

Something is amiss when a president receives almost as many bills from his lawyers as from Congress. The judicial proceedings will run their course regardless of this White House stonewalling. But if the President would just tell the truth to the American people, it would go a long, long way toward bringing this ordeal to an end. The truth, the truth is the only thing now that can preserve the dignity of the presidency.

That is what it is all comes down to, Mr. Speaker, is the truth. The Independent Counsel must pursue it. Congress must expect it. The public must hear it. The President must tell it. Then, finally, we can put this sad chapter behind us and move on.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through noon on Wednesday, March 25, on account of official business in the district.

Mr. MARTINEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of an unexpected 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 extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EWING, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHENOWETH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. YOUNG of Florida and to include extraneous material notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$1,055.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. KIND.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Ms. STABENOW.

Mr. DIXON.

Mr. PAYNE.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. TIAHRT) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. REDMOND.

Mr. PORTMAN.

Mr. BLILEY.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. WEYGAND.

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. BLILEY.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Mr. PORTMAN.

Mr. THOMPSON.

Mr. EDWARDS.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

Mr. KIND.

Mr. DIXON.

Mr. HALL of Texas.

Mr. CLYBURN.

Mr. DOOLEY of California.

Mr. CLAY.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. DELAY) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. MCCOLLUM.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. GALLEGLY.

Mr. McDERMOTT.

Mr. WELLER.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. PAYNE.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 23, 1998, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8099. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida and Imported Tomatoes; Final Rule to Change Minimum Grade Requirements [Docket No. FV98-966-1 FR] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8100. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 1997-1998 Crop Natural (Sun-Dried) Seedless and Zante Currant Raisins [FV98-989-1 IFR] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8101. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Titanium Dioxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300632; FRL-5779-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8102. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Distribution of Customer Property Related to Trading on the Chicago Board of Trade-London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange Trading Link [17 CFR Part 190] received February 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8103. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of March 1, 1998, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 105-232); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8104. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Veterans Employment Emphasis [DFARS Case 97-D314] received March 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

8105. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report regarding actions to combat terrorism, pursuant to Public Law 105-85; to the Committee on National Security.

8106. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Housing Improvement Program (RIN: 1076-AD52) received February 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8107. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Mergers or Conversions of Federally Insured Credit Unions to Non Credit Union Status; NCUA Approval [12 CFR Part 708a] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8108. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to repeal and streamline a wide range of programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8109. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Assistance Regulations; Acquisition Regulations; Revisions to Rights in Data Regulations (RIN: 1991-AB33) received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8110. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Petroleum Refineries [AD-FRL-5976-3] received March 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8111. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Ambassador Frank Wisner's report on Russian-Iranian missile cooperation; to the Committee on International Relations.

8112. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 1999, pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8113. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8114. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule—Amendments to the Office of Government Ethics Rules under the Equal Access to Justice Act (RIN: 3209-AA20) received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8115. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

8116. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure [Docket No. 980129023-8023-01; I.D. 030498B] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8117. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 971208295-7295-01; I.D. 030998A] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8118. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the Eastern Regu-

latory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 971208295-7295-01; I.D. 030698D] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8119. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 1998 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish [Docket No. 971208297-8054-02; I.D. 112097A] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8120. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 24 [Docket No. 971030259-8039-02; I.D. 101497C] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8121. A letter from the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Periods of Lawful Temporary Resident Status and Lawful Permanent Resident Status to Establish Seven Years of Lawful Domicile [INS No. 1748-96; AG Order No. 2063-96] (RIN: 1115-AE27) received March 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8122. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Taxation of fringe benefits [Revenue Ruling 98-14] received March 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8123. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Low-Income Housing Credit [Revenue Ruling 98-13] received March 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8124. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Interest Rate [Revenue Ruling 98-17] received March 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8125. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Copyright/Trade-mark/Trade Name Protection; Disclosure of Information [T.D. 98-2] (RIN: 1515-AB28) received March 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8126. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—General Enforcement Provisions; Removal of Agency Management Regulations [T.D. 98-22] (RIN: 1515-AC02) received March 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8127. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Customs Service Field Organization; Designation of Kodiak,

Alaska, as a Customs Port of Entry [T.D. 98-24] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8128. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Publication of Filer Codes [T.D. 98-25] (RIN: 1515-AB27) received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3113. A bill to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (Rept. 105-455). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. POMEROY (for himself, Mr. KOLBE, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. GREEN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. FROST, Mr. YATES, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. TORRES, Mr. EVANS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 3503. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the portability of retirement benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for condition of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR) (both by request):

H.R. 3504. A bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and to further define the criteria for capital repair and operation and maintenance; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DOOLEY of California (for himself and Mr. BOYD):

H.R. 3505. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for the implementation of the revised ozone and particulate matter standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. EHLERS (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr.