

day before because his friend had gotten high and committed suicide. And he said, "I don't want to do that." He said, "I'm scared. I hope I can get off." And he said, "I wish my friend was still here."

When are we going to try to identify these high-risk kids and try to help them, as opposed to sometimes it seems we are more concerned about giving out little rulers or having a skit than actually tackling the very hard cases of the prevention.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was a leader in passing legislation which we now have, in northeast Indiana almost every county now has a community-based group that is trying to pull the different organizations together. Sometimes schools feel like there are 23 different groups hitting them up to try to do anti-drug programs. We need community-wide organized efforts and we are trying to stimulate some of that through the Portman bill.

The gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) has an amendment that we have in the Higher Education Act that says that if students want a subsidized student loan, then they have an obligation to stay clean. If they do not stay clean for one year, the first time they are suspended from their student loan and they have to go into treatment.

And I want to offer tomorrow an amendment that also says that drug testing be included to make sure they are clean for two years, then they can get reinstated. The second offense, they are off for two years. Definitely, three strikes and they are out. We do not want to have high-risk people not have the opportunity to get an education. Self-esteem and education are critical to keeping them off of drugs. But at the same time, taxpayers should not have to fund behavior that is contrary to the law.

There needs to be a give-and-take with this, and we want to encourage people to get clean. The best thing we can do for them, the college education is a waste of money if they are on drugs. We have to get them clean. If they sold, it is a suspension of two years for first offense and indefinitely for second offense. So this will be up tomorrow.

The gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) who has been a leader in the needles issue, along with the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) will be working with that. We will work aggressively on prevention and treatment.

Let me reiterate, the difference that is seen here is a concentrated effort, not a dribbling of a bill here and a bill there. I am willing to criticize the Speaker when I have disagreements, and I want to make sure I praise him when I think he has taken the commendable leadership in this, as has the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT) along with his cochairs, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN)

with the anti-drug task force. I think we are going to see a difference.

Mr. Speaker, we need this administration to join with us. This needs to be a bipartisan effort. This cannot be divided and have a bunch of people on the other side posturing with this. This needs to be a joint effort, a drumbeat from every source saying this is unacceptable.

As a goal we ought to say by the Year 2000 we are going to have a 50 percent reduction, and the President of the United States and others should join with us and say we are going to have a 50 percent reduction. A 50 percent reduction in two years sounds like a lot, but that would only take us to the place where we were when this President took office.

Mr. Speaker, the least he could do is, when he leaves, get it back to the level of when he came. Then we can start to get rid of the drug abuse that we had which was already there when he got here. We need his help so that when he exits, we are at least back to the level that it was when he came. He owes that to the American people, and hopefully we can work together with that.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for his comments, and again for his dedication to this subject. I honestly cannot think of any other issue before the Congress as far as the social impact on our Nation. We have been successful in the last 36 or 40 months getting our finances in order, but now the number one priority must be to tackle the illegal narcotics problem, the crime that it does rain upon this country.

This week we have launched another stage in the battle, a new offensive. It is going to take both Democrats and Republicans working together to get that passed.

But we I think also tonight have documented that the policy from this point, 1993, when he took office, to 1995, did not work. It was a failed policy. The results are dramatic. Since 1992 drug use among teens has skyrocketed, the latest statistics indicate by 70 percent. Half of the high school seniors in a recent survey think it is easy to obtain cocaine and LSD; and now eighth graders, where drug use has increased by 150 percent since 1992. These are the latest statistics. One in four high school seniors is a current user of illegal drugs.

This has had a dramatic impact on our young people. If we took out the areas of tough enforcement such as Mr. Giuliani in New York, and some of the other areas where some tough enforcement and prosecution and zero tolerance has taken place, we can see that we still have a very dramatic problem with tremendous cost to the taxpayers of this Nation, not to mention the insecurity of individuals who fear going from their car to the supermarket, from their community, from street to street at night, or even in the daylight being accosted by someone who is on drugs.

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Or the loss in our community just within the last 24 hours, as I left one of the communities, Oviedo, where a young woman was found dead, 21 years old, who worked in a local bank, either of an overdose of cocaine or heroin, just again within the last 24 hours in my community.

The incident we had in my community and the college reunion festivities over the weekend in Daytona Beach, the young man from Orlando who attacked the police with a gun was a habitual drug user and had a record of cocaine use.

Almost every incident of crime, of social problem that we see today is drug related, so we are committed to launch this campaign this week. We have not just spoken in the past 36 months but also acted in putting back together the pieces of an effective multifaceted war on drugs. You can call it whatever you want, but it is going to be indeed a national effort.

We beg the administration to get the resources to Colombia, to other programs that are effective, to treatment programs that work. We are not against treatment, but when you have them come before our committee and testify, folks testify that these are failed programs, and then you learn that sometimes the religious or faith-based programs are the most effective, or the private sector, non-Federally or publicly funded programs are most effective, you begin to wonder. We have been spending more and more in treating these wounded.

So today we take up arms, and this week I know I will be joined by everyone on this side of the aisle, and I know we will have many from the other side of the aisle, to make a meaningful effort to turn around this situation in our country, and again the dramatic cost to young people and citizens of every age, race, and color across our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) again for his leadership in taking time tonight. I know he and I would rather be with our families at home, but this is such an important issue. It is not to be made light of.

It will not be on the front page of tomorrow's paper, except it will be there in the obituary page and the page of abuse, the page of murders and crimes in our community, and the social costs and disruption to each of our communities throughout this land. So that is part of our agenda. It is part of our program. I thank the gentleman for his leadership.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BATEMAN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. DIXON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. SANDLIN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of family medical reasons.

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

Mr. DOGETT, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, today, for 5 minutes.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. STRICKLAND, today, for 5 minutes.

Ms. CARSON, today, for 5 minutes.

Ms. DELAURO, today, for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, today, for 5 minutes.

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

Mr. PAUL, on April 28 and 29, for 5 minutes each.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, today, for 5 minutes.

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

Mr. LATHAM, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. RIGGS, on April 29, for 5 minutes.

Mr. LATOURETTE, today, for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES, on April 29, for 5 minutes.

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

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. ROEMER.

Mr. BERRY.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. TRAFICANT.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. MCDERMOTT.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. KIND.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. CLAY.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. GEPHARDT.

Mr. FROST.

Mr. PAYNE.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. BORSKI.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

Mr. COYNE.

Mr. BROWN of California.

Mr. OBERSTAR.

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. LEWIS of California.

Mr. WELDON of Florida.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. HASTERT.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. RILEY.

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

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Ms. STABENOW.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. BRYANT.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

Mr. ETHERIDGE.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 29, 1998, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8767. A letter from the the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, transmitting a review of the President's first special impoundment message for fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685; (H. Doc. No. 105-242); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8768. 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 to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DTC-61-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8769. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of VOR Federal Airway; CA [Airspace Docket No. 97-AWP-17] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8770. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of the Atlantic High Offshore Airspace Area [Airspace Docket No. 97-ASO-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8771. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Topeka, Forbes Field, KS; Correction [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-1] received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8772. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Valentine, NE [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-39] received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8773. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Chadron, NE [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-38] received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8774. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Model GV Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-114-AD; Amendment 39-10480; AD 98-09-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8775. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA—Groupe AEROSPATIALE Model TBM 700 Airplanes [Docket NO. 97-CE-42-AD; Amendment 39-10476; AD 98-08-27] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8776. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Avions Pierre Robin Model R3000/160 Airplanes [Docket No. 97-CE-88-AD; Amendment 39-10477; AD 98-08-28] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8777. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Twin Commander Aircraft Corporation 500, 680, 690, and 695 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 96-CE-54-AD; Amendment 39-10474; AD 98-08-25] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC 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. 2807. A bill to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 to prohibit the sale, importation, and exportation of products labeled as containing substances derived from rhinoceros or tiger; with an amendment (Rept. 105-495). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. S. 231. An act to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-496). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 409. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3717) to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for the distribution of needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of illegal drugs (Rept. 105-497). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 410. Resolution providing