

the incentive for the Senate vote. And there are multiple Members of the Senate who are potential principal sponsors in the other body.

Mr. KINGSTON. But the reality is this has a long, long way to go. As far as the gentleman from Oklahoma has gone with it, he is only at the starting gate still.

Mr. ISTOOK. But we are at a key position, because this amendment has been approved by the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the Committee on the Judiciary, and approved by the House Committee on the Judiciary. That is the first time a committee of this House has ever approved an amendment on voluntary school prayer. Only one other time, in 1971, did we have a vote in this body on such a proposal, and that was done with a mechanism that bypassed the committee process.

So even though, as the gentleman correctly notes, the Constitution establishes a deliberately difficult process for any constitutional amendment, we have come through the necessary stages to bring it to a vote in this House. And it will be the first vote in this body since 1971.

And that is something that, frankly, ought to embarrass the many Congresses that have met year after year since then. Because if we look at public opinion polls since 1962, consistently three-fourths of the American people say we want a constitutional amendment to make it possible to have voluntary prayer in public schools again. Not compulsory, but not with the kind of restrictions they put on efforts to have prayer in public schools today. So it is long overdue for this body to act.

And I want to make note, too, that this is what has happened before, when the U.S. Supreme Court went in one direction and the Congress and the American people said it is the wrong direction. The most prominent of the constitutional amendments that have been adopted to correct the Supreme Court was the 13th amendment to abolish slavery, because the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott decision had said Congress and the States do not have the power and do not have the right to abolish slavery. That took a constitutional amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the time and the opportunity this evening to address this important issue to restore the full range of religious freedom that the Founding Fathers intended; that the first amendment in its simple terms was meant to represent before it was twisted, unfortunately, by the court decisions. And I certainly look forward to the vote that we will be having in this House in a month, and I hope that the citizens who are represented by the Members of this Congress will talk to the Members of this Congress and tell them that they need to be supporting the religious freedom amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

Mr. DOYLE (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of family illness.

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 2 p.m., on account of official business.

Mr. PARKER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week, 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. STENHOLM) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BENTSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STENHOLM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DOGGETT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BRADY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. KIND.

Mr. ORTIZ.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. BAESLER.

Mr. MCGOVERN.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. BOYD.

Mr. CUMMINGS.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. LEVIN, in two instances.

Ms. STABENOW.

Mr. ALLEN.

Mr. TOWNS.

Ms. LOFGREN.

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.

Mr. MANTON.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

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

Mr. GEKAS.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, in two instances.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.

Mr. COLLINS.

Mr. EHRLICH.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. BONILLA.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG.

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

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. MATSUI.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. LANTOS.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

Mr. GORDON.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. GEKAS.

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon.

Mr. LOBIONDO.

Mr. CONYERS.

Mr. ALLEN.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), under its previous order the House adjourned until Monday, May 11, 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:

9006. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 1997-1998 Marketing Year [FV98-985-2 IFR] received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9007. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Pine Shoot Beetle; Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 97-100-2] received May 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9008. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Peroxyacetic Acid; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300654; FRL-5789-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9009. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hydrogen Peroxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300655; FRL-5789-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9010. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the

Agency's final rule—Post Bankruptcy Loan Servicing Notices (RIN: 0560-AE62) received May 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9011. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting notice of the Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1998-1999 for four Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers and two Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9012. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1998-1999 for Certain Centers and Projects—received May 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9013. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Conditional Limited Approval of the Pennsylvania VOC and NORACT Regulation; Correction [PA041-4069; FRL-6009-3] received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9014. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Oregon [OR-67-7282, OR-70-7285; FRL-5976-5] received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9015. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Indian Springs, Nevada, Mountain Pass, California, Kingman, Arizona, and St. George, Utah) [MM Docket No. 96-171 RM-8846 RM-9145] received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9016. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Ashdown and DeQueen, Arkansas) [MM Docket No. 97-223 RM-9014] received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9017. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Listing of Color Additives for Coloring Sutures; D&C Violet No. 2 [Docket No. 95C-0399] received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9018. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Lipase Enzyme Preparation From *Rhizopus Niveus*; Affirmation of GRAS Status as a Direct Food Ingredient [Docket No. 90G-0412] received May 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9019. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Radiology Devices; Classifications for Five Medical Image Management Devices [Docket No. 96N-0320] received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9020. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State,

transmitting a report of political contributions by nominees as chiefs of mission, ambassadors at large, or ministers, and their families, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3944(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

9021. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

9022. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-331, "Juvenile Curfew Amendment Act of 1998" received May 1, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9023. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9024. A letter from the Acting 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; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Vermilion Snapper Size Limit [Docket No. 970804190-7190-01; I.D. 070997A] (RIN: 0648-AJ89) received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9025. A letter from the Acting 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; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the Recreational Red Snapper Component [Docket No. 970730185-7206-02; I.D. 111297D] received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9026. A letter from the Acting 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; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the Commercial Red Snapper Component [I.D. 040998A] received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9027. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder and Scup Fisheries; Readjustments to 1998 Quotas; Commercial Summer Period Scup Quota Harvested for Maryland [Docket No. 971015246-7293-02; I.D. 041398A] received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9028. A letter from the Senior Attorney, Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Administrative Wage Garnishment (RIN: 1510-AA67) received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9029. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Falcon 2000 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-130-AD; Amendment 39-10507; AD 98-09-26] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9030. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries Models H-36 "Dimona" and HK 36 R "Super Dimona" Sailplanes [Docket No. 97-CE-134-AD; Amendment 39-10505; AD 98-09-24] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9031. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Greenwood Lake Powerboat Classic, Greenwood Lake, New Jersey [CGD01-98-015] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9032. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Renewable Electricity Production Credit, Publication of Inflation Adjustment Factor and Reference Prices for Calendar Year 1998 [Notice 98-27, 1998-18 I.R.B.] received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9033. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Golden Belt Telephone Cooperative v. Commissioner [T.C. Docket No. 21677-95] received May 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9034. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 98-26] received May 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1023. A bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 105-465 Pt. 2). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. H.R. 3534. A bill to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-515). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2416. A bill to provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the United States Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-516). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2730. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 309 North Church Street in Dyersburg, Tennessee, as the "Jere Cooper Federal Building" (Rept. 105-517). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2225. A bill to designate the Federal Building and United States Courthouse to be constructed on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bridger Avenue and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (Rept. 105-518). Referred to the House Calendar.