

offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. DAN SCHAEFER).

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

For consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. BLILEY,
DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado,
BARTON of Texas,
DINGELL, and
HALL of Texas.

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3534, MANDATES INFORMATION ACT OF 1998

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-529) on the resolution (H. Res. 426) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3534) to improve deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 512, NEW WILDLIFE REFUGE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-530) on the resolution (H. Res. 427) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 512) to prohibit the expenditure of funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the creation of new National Wildlife Refuges without specific authorization from Congress pursuant to a recommendation from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to create the refuge, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 10, FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT OF 1998

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-531) on the resolution (H. Res. 428) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

COMMUNICATION FROM FORMER STAFF MEMBER OF HON. SAM GEJDENSON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from Donald N. Mazeau, former staff member of the Hon. SAM GEJDENSON, Member of Congress:

DONALD N. MAZEAU,
46 FENWOOD DRIVE,
Old Saybrook, CT, May 5, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena ad testificandum issued by the Superior Court for the District of New London, Connecticut, in the case of FDIC v. Caldrello, No. 0511581. After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

DONALD N. MAZEAU,
Former Congressional Aide to
Congressman Sam Gejdenson.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CANADA-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Canada-United States Inter-parliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman, appointed on April 27, 1998:

Mr. GILMAN of New York,
Mr. HAMILTON of Indiana,
Mr. CRANE of Illinois,
Mr. LAFALCE of New York,
Mr. OBERSTAR of Minnesota,
Mr. SHAW of Florida,
Mr. LIPINSKI of Illinois,
Mr. UPTON of Michigan,
Mr. STEARNS of Florida,
Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and
Ms. DANNER of Missouri.

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TRIBUTE TO STERLING, COLORADO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. BOB SCHAEFER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the hardworking people that live, work, and recreate in Sterling, Colorado. Sterling is the center of economic activity, professional services, and recreation for northeastern Colorado. The city is situated 2 hours northeast of Denver on the South Platte River. With a population of 11,000, the county seat of Logan County boasts a good environment and a strong, safe community. The community enjoys modern telecommuni-

cations technology and a solid infrastructure.

Sterling is easily accessible by plane, rail, and car. Located off I-76, the city is the hub of activity in northeast Colorado. With a regional medical center and a fully accredited junior college, Sterling provides valued medical and educational services to thousands of my constituents.

Recreational opportunities add to the high quality of life in this admirable community, including public and private golf courses, reservoirs, parks and portions of the Pawnee National Grasslands. Logan County contains rural farms which provide a good environment for people and wildlife alike and a vibrant agricultural economy.

Mr. Speaker, Sterling was recently named one of 30 finalists for the All-American City Award. Representatives from the community will appear soon before a panel in Mobile, Alabama in June to highlight the reasons why Sterling deserves such an award. The National Civic League and Allstate Insurance Company present the award each year to 10 outstanding communities around the Nation. Such recognition exemplifies the western spirit and strong values that bind this community together. Good schools, good services, and a good environment make Sterling ideal for new businesses and economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of those that live in and around Sterling, Colorado.

ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING IMPROPER CONDUCT BY MR. STARR ARE AT LEAST AS CREDIBLE AS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST LABOR SECRETARY ALEXIS HERMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I have just asked the Attorney General to investigate the possibility that independent counsel Kenneth Starr may have improperly shared information and coordinated their activities with the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), my friend, or his staff.

In support of this request, I point out that Chairman BURTON coincidentally released his selectively edited transcripts on the same day that Judge Starr announced his new punitive indictments of Mr. Webster Hubble. According to published reports, "The transcription and editing process of the tapes was a crash project aimed to coincide with last week's new indictment of Hubble." Recent reports have also made it clear that members of Chairman BURTON's staff had developed several close contacts in Judge Starr's office and communicated with them regularly.

For example, it was reported that several Republican sources confirmed that the gentleman from Indiana (Mr.

BURTON), this is a quote, "refused to release the transcripts until the week Hubble was indicted for tax evasion and fraud, a committee source said. Mr. Bossee, one committee staffer, has several friends close to independent counsel Kenneth Starr and urged Burton to withhold the tapes until last week."

Yesterday, a Republican aide on Mr. BURTON's committee was quoted in the press as admitting that the timing looked "fishy," but he denied there was any coordination. Well, I agree that it looks bad and that it deserves investigation.

These facts raise a simple question: Did Judge Starr let Chairman BURTON's staff know in advance that he was returning an indictment on Webster Hubble? If so, what other kinds of information is he sharing with Republican investigators? If Judge Starr has been sharing information with Chairman BURTON, these would constitute violations of law by the independent counsel himself.

Frankly, I believe these allegations are far more specific and credible than those which today compelled Attorney General Reno to seek an independent counsel for Miss Herman.

The Attorney General admitted that she found "no evidence clearly demonstrating Secretary Herman's involvement." Nevertheless, a counsel was appointed.

It disturbs me greatly that the independent counsel law can produce this kind of result. Department of Justice investigators worked for 5 minutes and found no clear evidence of wrongdoing by Ms. Herman. Nevertheless, Attorney General Reno felt compelled to appoint an independent counsel.

Now, if the Attorney General can appoint an independent counsel, a person with unlimited resources and time and money to spend investigating these kinds of allegations, then surely it is appropriate for the Attorney General to at least investigate some of the disturbing coincidences that surround Chairman BURTON's release of the Webster Hubble tapes at the beginning of the month.

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By the way, what was the purpose of Chairman BURTON subpoenaing tapes from the Department of Justice and then releasing them to the public? What was his point? What service was he providing, or thought that he was providing?

Judge Starr has said that the rule of law is supreme, and on that he is right. The law applies to all equally, including him, the Independent Counsel.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD a communication that I have from Attorney Stuart F. Pierson, counsel for Marsha Scott, who says that he has found that the questions put to him by the Burton committee were extraordinary in that they were virtually identical to the questions put to her less than 2 months ago before a Federal grand jury.

The material referred to is as follows:

LEVINE PIERSON SULLIVAN AND KOCH,
Washington, DC, May 8, 1997.

RICHARD D. BENNETT, Esq.,
Chief Counsel, Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, U.S. House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

KENNETH W. STARR, Esq.,
Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel, Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. BENNETT AND MR. STARR: As counsel for Marsha Scott, I am writing to advise you of a concern which has arisen in connection with deposition questions propounded by majority counsel of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs (the "Burton Committee").

Ms. Scott has appeared five times before federal grand juries under subpoena by the Independent Counsel, once in Little Rock and the remainder in Washington, D.C. The last appearances were on March 26 and 31, 1998.

Prior to her appearances in March, Ms. Scott had been examined by the Independent Counsel about a wide variety of subjects, including her relationship with Webb Hubbell, her communications with Mr. Hubbell and people in the White House while he was in prison, his business activities following his resignation from the Justice Department, his financial condition, and conversations in the White House concerning him, his family and his financial condition. Ms. Scott answered all of those questions to the best of her ability.

Ms. Scott has also appeared at numerous depositions under subpoena by the committees of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives. On April 1, 1998, as a consequence of her withdrawal from a deposition that had become repetitious and vexatious, as taken by counsel for the House Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight (the "McIntosh Subcommittee"), Ms. Scott was required forthwith to appear at a closed-door hearing called by Mr. McIntosh. At that hearing, Ms. Scott agreed to return to complete the deposition by counsel for the McIntosh Subcommittee. Within ten days of that agreement, counsel for the Burton Committee called informally to advise that she intended to take deposition testimony in addition to that to be taken for the McIntosh Subcommittee.

On April 28, 1998, Ms. Scott returned for the completion of her deposition by the McIntosh Subcommittee. Following all testimony taken by counsel for that subcommittee, counsel for the Burton Committee appeared and conducted further examination of Ms. Scott over objection. It is that further examination that has raised the concern to which I refer.

While relatively short, the questioning by counsel for the Burton Committee was in at least five respects virtually identical to examination taken of Ms. Scott by the Independent Counsel before a federal grand jury on March 26, 1998. Specifically, both examinations addressed: (1) whether Ms. Scott was aware of any displeasure expressed by or for the First Lady about the possibility that Mr. Hubbell might sue the Rose law firm concerning his billing dispute; (2) whether Mr. Hubbell ever discussed the nature or extent of his cooperation with the Independent Counsel; and (3) what knowledge Ms. Scott had of conversations with, and the activities of Mr. Hubbell's accountant, Mike Schamfele. Additionally, both examinations repeated questions about any conversations Ms. Scott had with Mr. Hubbell concerning

his clients after leaving the Justice Department, and any discussions in the White House that Ms. Scott was aware of concerning Mr. Hubbell's financial condition. The identity of such examination was particularly remarkable considering that Burton Committee counsel had asked to take it without any formal notice less than a month after the Independent Counsel has conducted its examination.

At the close of the examination by counsel for the Burton Committee, I asked that the committee and the subcommittee be advised that I found it extraordinary that the questions asked of Ms. Scott were virtually identical to questions put to her less than two months before in a federal grand jury. I reiterate that observation by this letter, and I request that a responsible representative of the Independent Counsel and the Burton Committee advise me by return letter whether the examination of Ms. Scott is a consequence of the sharing of any information, documents or consultation between the Office of Independent Counsel and the Burton Committee.

Sincerely,

STUART F. PIERSON,
Counsel for Marsha Scott.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CLAIR A. HILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a great loss with my colleagues. On April 11 of this year our country lost Clair Hill, a man I was privileged to call a personal friend. Clair Hill's death is an incredible loss to our community, State, and Nation. He was a legend in his own time.

Clair Hill was an internationally renowned engineer who was the major contributor to California's water supply planning and management. Mr. Hill worked on California's water issues most of his great life, and he is one of the principal authors of the original California water plan developed in the 1940s.

Clair Hill was born in 1909 in Redding, California, located within my congressional district. A personal friend of mine, Mr. Hill was the founder and president of Clair A. Hill & Associates, an engineering firm that merged with CH2M in 1971 to form CH2M Hill.

Mr. Hill, who spent much of his life in Redding, died there on April 11, 1998, at the age of 89. The father of two sons, he was married to his wife, Joan, since July of 1935. Clair Hill was an avid outdoorsman, horse enthusiast, and world traveler. Clair Hill studied forestry at Oregon State University, working in the northern California logging camps during the summers. However, engineering was his eventual calling, and Mr. Hill graduated with a civil engineering degree from Stanford University in 1934.

Clair Hill worked with the Standard Oil Company in San Francisco and the California Bridge Department, now Caltrans, before returning to Redding in 1938 to found his engineering firm,