on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that act, and for other purposes.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO MIGRATORY BIRD COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a) and the order of the House of Thursday, August 5, 1999, and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, the Speaker on Wednesday, August 11, 1999, appointed the following Member of the House to the Migratory Bird Commission:

Mr. DINGELL, Michigan.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ADVISORY COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to 22 U.S.C 262r and the order of the House of Thursday, August 5, 1999, the Speaker on Wednesday, August 11, 1999, appointed the following individual on the part of the House to the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. Lee Hoskins, Nevada.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Jack Katz, Office of Payroll of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, August 24, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I received a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

JACK KATZ,
Office of Payroll.

EARTHQUAKES AND NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORIES, NOT A GOOD MIX

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the two major earthquakes that hit Nevada on the morning of August 1 are further examples of why nuclear waste repositories should not, should not, be built at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

Nevada officials that oversee the DOE operations at Yucca Mountain stated, and I quote, ''In our minds, it sort of speaks to the fact that DOE, or anyone else, cannot really predict with any confidence what is going to happen in the future,'' end quote.

The large earthquakes, registering between 5.6 and 5.2 in magnitude, occurred a relatively short distance from Yucca Mountain.

Mr. Speaker, there are 32 separate earthquake faults in the area and scientists have concluded that Yucca Mountain is capable of a magnitude 8.5 earthquake and poses too many risks and variables for adequate seismic design.

Clearly, common sense tells us one does not store nuclear waste in an area that ranks third in the country for seismic activity, an area that had more than 630 earthquakes in the last 20 years.

A recent editorial summed it up well when it stated, quote, ''Anyone who believes that it is safe to dump nuclear waste into that type of environment needs a brain scan,'' end quote.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of any time I may have, and the brains of the DOE that may be left to scan.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT AND DESERVE A FAIR AND RESPONSIBLE TAX CUT

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, the American people want and deserve fair and responsible tax relief for all taxpaying citizens. This balanced plan sets aside 75 cents of every dollar from the $3.3 trillion surplus to the important task of strengthening Social Security, reforming Medicare and paying down the national debt.

Our tax relief proposal also rebuilds our military and pays for other vital programs. Despite the demagoguery, the Republican tax relief bill does not, I repeat, it does not cut existing programs to pay for itself. The fact is that 25 cents of each overpaid surplus tax dollar is returned back to the American people. It is their money, and they very much deserve to be refunded for a part of the surplus over the course of the next 10 years.

This is very important, too. I remind my colleagues that none of this tax relief will be realized if first the surplus does not materialize. With taxes at an all time high, with the Government in the black, I urge the administration to embrace this responsible approach and rethink their veto strategy on behalf of the American taxpayers. It is not too late for this administration to do the right thing.

THE BARBAROUS OPPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR IS INTOLERABLE

(Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, the government of Indonesia should be made to understand the terrible consequences it will pay if it continues the barbarous oppression of the people of East Timor. It is simply intolerable for the world to stand by and allow people to be slaughtered wantonly because they express their democratic right to claim their independence.

I have spent a great deal of my time as a Member here on matters involving the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. I want to serve notice now, I know I speak for many of my colleagues who have similarly worked on those issues, that if the IMF and the World Bank do not immediately tell the Indonesian government that all aid will be suspended until order and peace are restored to East Timor, then they will have grave difficulty when they come here again for financial assistance. We will not be party to the funding of slaughter.

To those who say we must withhold, let us look at Serbia and Kosovo. The moral case for an international force intervening in East Timor is as great as the moral case was in Kosovo, and the legal case is greater. We ignored Serbia's claim of sovereignty over Kosovo and gave in to the moral imperative to save people.

In Indonesia, the government in power held a referendum. Overwhelmingly, in the face of great intimidation, the brave people of East Timor voted for independence. That gives us an even stronger right to send a multinational force in there, so the Indonesian government must cease. The international funding agencies must cut off aid if they do not; and, if there is the need, an international force must go in, lest we show the world that we consider human rights to be a matter for Europeans only.

The people of East Timor have a strong moral claim on our assistance.

THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE REINSTATED

(Mr. PAUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, later today we will be dealing with the VA HUD bill; and I want to compliment the Committee on Appropriations for deleting the $24.5 million for the selective service system. There will be an attempt to put that money back into the bill. I think that is a serious mistake.

The military has not asked for the selective service to continue. We do not need it. It is a serious abuse of civil liberties of all 18- and 19-year-old to continue this registration. The registration is totally unnecessary. This $24.5 million could be better spent on veterans' affairs or some other worthy cause, but to put the money back in is a serious mistake.

I would like to remind my conservative colleagues that Ronald Reagan had a very strong position on the draft and selective service. He agreed that it was a totalitarian notion to conscript young people and strongly spoke out against the draft whenever he had the opportunity.

I also would like to remind my conservative colleagues that if somebody came to the House floor and asked that we register all the guns of America, there would be a hue and cry about why this would be unconstitutional and unfair, and yet they are quite willing to register their 18- and 19-year-olds. I do not understand why there is less respect given for 18- and 19-year-olds than they give for their own guns.

I strongly urge that we not fund the selective service system today.

WACO, THE FBI LIED AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES LIED

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, in 1993, 86 civilians were killed in Waco, Texas. Twenty-four of them were innocent children. Most of them burned to death. Until this day, no one knows the truth about Waco, and the reason is quite clear. The FBI lied and the Attorney General of the United States lied. They lied and they covered it up. And after all of these lies, no one, nobody, has been held accountable for the massacre at Waco.

□ 1015

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker; an America that turns its back on Waco is an America that turns its back on freedom and justice. An independent investigation is absolutely warranted to solve this cover-up and get to the truth.

I yield back all the lies at the Justice Department.

REGARDING FY 2000 VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the community development block grant program. This program has put local development decision in the hands of those who know best, those who live and work in the community. This long-term commitment to responsible flexibility has paid off leveraging $2.31 for every Federal dollar spent. Unfortunately, Republicans have chosen to commemorate 25 years of job creation and increased affordable housing by stripping the block grant program of $250 million in the Fiscal Year 2000 VA HUD appropriations bill.

In Lorain, Ohio, a community struggling with loss of industry and experiencing rents as much as 50 percent of income these cuts instantly translate into a loss of jobs, jobs that would have been created next year through mutually beneficial community improvement and construction projects. It defies common sense to deny people in Lorain, Ohio and across the country the chance to support their families and improve their communities just so Republicans can afford to give more tax breaks to the rich.

I encourage my colleagues to vote against this legislation.

THE CRISIS IN EAST TIMOR

(Mr. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, a tragedy has occurred and is occurring at the hands of Indonesia. The people of East Timor are people that have been subjected to the colonial yoke for over 325 years finally lifted their destiny up from the ashes of oppression and voted for the very first time in history to become an independent Nation. But all of this has been tarnished by the reprehensible inaction by the administering government of Indonesia. Jakarta has missed a golden opportunity to prove the world wrong, that the multi-cultural fabric of Indonesian society could peacefully withstand a sovereignty movement in one of her incorporated colonies. Sadly, the skeptics were right. Pro-Indonesia militias have been on a bloody rampage since the voting results were announced, and what has Jakarta done? Nothing. Thus it appears that the Indonesian authorities want to punish the East Timorese for exercising their inalienable right to self-determination despite promising to provide law and order regardless of the outcome.

The time has come, Madam Speaker, to defend liberty. Our government must condemn the violence in East Timor and the Indonesian government for allowing it to happen. The United States must insist that a multinational peacekeeping force be granted entry to East Timor to restore order, peace and hope. Liberty, the principle of self-determination must not be allowed to be casualties at the hands of Indonesian forces.

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 10 o'clock and 22 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1230

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1175. An act to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, a United States citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action.

H.R. 1833. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 199. An act for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son, Vladimir Malofienko.

S. 275. An act for the relief of Suchada Kwong.

S. 452. An act for the relief of Belinda McGregor.

S. 620. An act to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

S. 632. An act to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers.

S. 800. An act to promote and enhance public safety through use of 9–1–1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9–1–1 service, support of States in upgrading 9–1–1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, and for other purposes.

S. 1072. An act to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.).

S. 1255. An act to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution relating to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALSH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.