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#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3259. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3259) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KYL, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. GLENN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JOHNSTON, and Mr. ROBB; and from the Committee on Armed Services, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. NUNN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

#### PRIVATE CALENDAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is private calendar day. The Clerk will call the bill on the Private Calendar.

#### JOHN WESLEY DAVIS

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 1886) for the relief of John Wesley Davis.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 1886

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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(1) Department of Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$6,296.00;

(2) Department of the Navy in the amount of \$42,123.84;

(3) Department of the Treasury in the amount of \$12,508.20; and

(4) District of Columbia in the amount of \$174.97 for local tax refund.

The amounts due are represented by checks that were received but not negotiated by John Wesley Davis.

#### SEC. 2. DEADLINE

Section 1 shall apply only if John Wesley Davis or his authorized representative submits a claim pursuant to such subsection before the expiration of the 6-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

With the following committee amendment in the nature of a substitute:

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The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

#### WELCOME TO REV. CAM MCCONNELL

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

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure today that I welcome the Reverend Cam McConnell, a fourth-generation Presbyterian minister, to the House of Representatives and to thank him for leading this great body in prayer this afternoon.

I have known Reverend McConnell for over a decade as my pastor and as my best friend, and it is with great pride that I join him here on the floor today.

Reverend McConnell has meant a great deal to myself, my family, and hundreds more in the mid-Michigan community, serving as senior pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, MI.

His guidance and support throughout the years has been invaluable not only to me, but also to the community for which he and his family have served so faithfully and freely.

His optimism, dedication, and encouragement are matched only by his unwavering devotion to God and his people.

His humble words of faith and wisdom have warmed the hearts of so many in our community. And it is with great respect and admiration that I thank him for his words and presence here today.

DOLE CAMPAIGN'S ACT OF POLITICAL DESPERATION: THE SENATOR WHO WAS FOOLED IN BAGHDAD CRITICIZES THE PRESIDENT WHO BOMBED IT

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

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, before a campaign led by Senator Bob Dole lashes out at President Clinton's policy on Iraq, humility should compel him to admit how deeply he misread Saddam Hussein before Desert Storm.

When we were trying to pass sanctions on Iraq that would have stopped Iraqi imports of Kansas wheat, Dole tried to derail those sanctions.

It was Dole who assured his colleagues that Saddam Hussein has chemical weapons but "does not intend to use them" although the entire world knew he had already used nerve gas against the Kurds

Dole who said on TV shortly after the Iraqi invasion "We're a foreign power. We don't belong in that part of the world \* \* \* It ought to be settled by Arabs."

Dole who said in October 1990 "we are in the Midwest for three letters, oil, O-I-L."

President Bush responded that day, charging, "You know, some people never get the word. The fight isn't about oil. The fight is about naked aggression that will not stand."

In fact, conservative columnist William Safire called Dole's attitude cynical and labeled him "a prime appeaser of Saddam Hussein."

The Senator who was fooled in Baghdad is on weak ground criticizing the President who bombed it.

#### FLOATING HOLIDAYS

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

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, our Nation's holidays were established by the people of the United States to honor, to celebrate, to remember, and reflect on major events in American history and culture. The celebration of Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, and Independence Day is critical to our heritage, and truly brings Americans together.

Recently, however, a constituent of mine who works for a large corporation, has informed me that his employer is trying to make Independence Day a floating holiday through union negotiations. They have already eliminated Veterans Day as a designated holiday.

This trend is very disturbing. The Fourth of July celebrates the very founding of our Nation.

A proper respect for our heritage and our history demands that we firmly resist allowing our historic celebrations to degenerate into nothing more than