

of you there and only one of you voted. I'm throwing out the judgment against Ernst & Young. This is the watchdog that the President has ultimate confidence in, a man who is so conflicted from his previous work, who represented many of these same securities firms, many of these same accounting firms, many of these same corporations and CEOs, he is so conflicted that when he was asked recently was it not a conflict of interest for him to meet with some officials from Xerox while there was an ongoing investigation, this is Harvey Pitt, our watchdog, our public servant. He said, If I recuse myself from meeting with everybody who I had represented or had personal relationships with, I wouldn't be able to meet with anybody. That is the man in whom President Bush is supposedly going to invest more authority to investigate and prosecute, a man who just came from representing these people and as soon as he is done with his public service will return to representing these same miscreants.

This certainly does not give me a great deal of confidence in the independent role and the aggressive role of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and it does not give me a great deal of confidence that the President is really serious about what he is doing here. Certainly there is a lot of political butt to be covered. Yes, he is doing a good job of that. But will he get serious? If he does not announce that he is removing Mr. Pitt, that he is going to have people who do not have conflicts of interest in charge of investigating and prosecuting these companies, people who could actually vote to prosecute, who would not have to recuse themselves because of those conflicts, then we will know he is serious. In 10 minutes we will hear.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 18 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord our God, protect us and guide us as a free people who turn to You in faith and prayer and who strive to grow in virtue and integrity. At this time of cultural, economic and social change, be with the Members of the House of Representatives in all their undertakings today. May the recent celebra-

tion of the birth of this Nation 226 years ago renew all hearts in the same spirit that guided the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Framers of this country's Constitution. May their goals and purposes still serve and guide every informed decision here today and across this Nation.

"Let us, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity." Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, June 27, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House, Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed are copies of resolutions adopted on June 26, 2002 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Copies of the resolutions are being transmitted to the Department of the Army.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

Enclosures.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2684)

BIG SUAMICO RIVER, WISCONSIN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Big Suamico River, Wisconsin, published as House Document 498, 74th Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications to the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of navigation improvements to Big Suamico River, Wisconsin, to include extension of navigation channel up the Big Suamico River for use by shallow draft craft.

Adopted: June 26, 2002.

Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2685)

OCONTO HARBOR, WISCONSIN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Oconto Harbor, Wisconsin, published as House Document 538, 61st Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications to the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of navigation improvements to Oconto Harbor, Wisconsin, to include extension of navigation channel up the Oconto River for use by shallow draft craft.

Adopted: June 26, 2002.

Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2686)

MILLIKEN-SACRO-TULOCAY BASIN, CALIFORNIA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Napa River Basin, California, published as House Document 222, Eighty-ninth Congress, First Session, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of ecological recovery of the Milliken-Sacro-Tulocay groundwater basin, environmental restoration and protection of the Milliken-Sacro-Tulocay basin streams and Napa River, as well as flood damage reduction and other purposes.

Adopted: June 26, 2002.

Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2687)

LOWER WILLAMETTE RIVER WATERSHED,
OREGON

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Columbia and Lower Willamette Rivers below Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon published as House Document Number 452, 87th Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine the feasibility of providing ecosystem restoration measures in the Lower Willamette River watershed from the Willamette Locks to confluence of the Willamette River with the Columbia River through the development of a comprehensive restoration strategy development in close coordination with the City of Portland, Port of Portland, the State of Oregon, local governments and organizations, Tribal Nations and other Federal agencies.

Adopted: June 26, 2002.

Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

RESOLUTION (DOCKET 2688)

MISSISSIPPI RIVER PROJECTS, ILLINOIS AND MISSOURI

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Mississippi River between Coon Rapids Dam, Minnesota, and the Mouth of the Ohio River, published as House Document 669, 76th Congress, 3rd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of environmental restoration and protection, aquatic habitat restoration, regional trails and greenways, public access, water quality, recreation and related purposes along the Mississippi River