

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 1

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That pursuant to clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, during the One Hundred Eighth Congress the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, may notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to assemble at a place outside the District of Columbia whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to 40 United States Code, 175 and 176, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) as members of the House Office Building Commission to serve with himself.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 7, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Ms. Martha C. Morrison, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House which she would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

If Ms. Morrison should not be able to act in my behalf for any reason, then Mr. Gerasimos C. Vans, Assistant to the Clerk or Mr. Daniel J. Strodel, Assistant to the Clerk should similarly perform such duties under the same conditions as are authorized by this designation.

These designations shall remain in effect for the 108th Congress or until modified by me.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL.

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COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF HON. JOHN M. SHIMKUS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) laid before the House the fol-

lowing communication from Craig Roberts, Chief of Staff of the Honorable JOHN M. SHIMKUS, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, 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 our office has been served with a subpoena *duces tecum* issued by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, we have determined that compliance with the subpoenas is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

CRAIG ROBERTS,
Chief of Staff.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair customarily takes this occasion on the opening day of the Congress to announce his policies with respect to particular aspects of the legislative process. The Chair will insert in the RECORD announcements by the Speaker concerning: first, privileges of the floor; second, introduction of bills and resolutions; third, unanimous consent requests for the consideration of bills and resolutions; forth, recognition for 1-minute speeches, morning hour debate, and special orders; fifth, decorum in debate; sixth, conduct of votes by electronic device; seventh, distribution of written material on the House floor; and, eighth, use of personal, electronic office equipment on the House floor.

These announcements, where appropriate, will reiterate the origins of the stated policies. The Speaker intends to continue in the 108th Congress the policies reflected in these statements. The policy announced in the 102nd Congress with respect to jurisdictional concepts related to clause 5(a) of rule XXI, tax and tariff measures, will continue to govern but need not be reiterated, as it is adequately documented as precedent in the House Rules and Manual.

The announcements referred to follow and, without objection, will be printed in the RECORD:

There was no objection.

1. PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

The Chair will make the following announcement regarding floor privileges. Rule 4 strictly limits those persons to whom the privileges of the floor during sessions of the House are extended, and that rule prohibits the Chair from entertaining requests for suspension or waiver of that rule. The Speaker's instructions to the former Doorkeeper and the Sergeant-at-Arms announced on January 25, 1983, and on January 21, 1986, regarding floor privileges of staff will apply during the 108th Congress. In accordance with the change in this Congress of clause 2(a) of rule 4 regarding leadership staff floor access, the Speaker announces that only designated staff approved by the Speaker shall be granted the privilege of the floor. The Speaker intends that his approval be narrowly granted on a bipartisan basis to staff from the major-

ity and minority side and only to those staff essential to floor activities.

The rule strictly limits the number of committee staff permitted on the floor at one time during the consideration of measures reported from their committees. This permission does not extend to Members' personal staff except when a Member has an amendment actually pending. To this end, the Chair requests all Members and committee staff to cooperate to assure that not more than the proper number of staff are on the floor, and then only during the actual consideration of measures reported from their committees. The Chair will again extend this admonition to all properly admitted majority and minority staff by insisting that their presence on the floor, including the areas behind the rail, be restricted to those periods during which their supervisors have specifically requested (and the Speaker has approved) their presence. The Chair has consulted with and has concurrence of the Minority Leader with respect to this policy and has directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to assure proper enforcement of the rule. The Speaker's policy announced on August 1, 1996, regarding floor privileges of former Members will also apply during the 108th Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER, JANUARY 25,
1983

The SPEAKER. Rule IV strictly limits those persons to whom the privileges of the floor during sessions of the House are extended, and that rule prohibits the Chair from entertaining requests for suspension or waiver of that rule. As reiterated as recently as August 22, 1974, by Speaker Albert under the principle stated in Deschler's Procedure, chapter 4, section 3.4, the rule strictly limits the number of committee staff permitted on the floor at one time during the consideration of measures reported from their committees. This permission does not extend to Member's personal staff except when a Member has an amendment actually pending during the five-minute rule. To this end, the Chair requests all Members and committee staff to cooperate to assure that not more than the proper number of staff are on the floor, and then only during the actual consideration of measures reported from their committees. The Chair will again extend this admonition to all properly admitted majority and minority staff by insisting that their presence on the floor, including the areas behind the rail, be restricted to those periods during which their supervisors have specifically requested their presence. The Chair stated this policy in the 97th Congress, and an increasing number of Members have insisted on strict enforcement of the rule. The Chair has consulted with and has the concurrence of the Minority Leader with respect to this policy and has directed [the Doorkeeper and] the Sergeant-at-Arms to assure proper enforcement of the rule.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER, JANUARY 21,
1986

The SPEAKER. Rule IV strictly limits those persons to whom the privileges of the floor during sessions of the House are extended, and that rule prohibits the Chair from entertaining requests for suspension or waiver of that rule. As reiterated by the Chair on January 25, 1983, and January 3, 1985, and as stated in chapter 4, section 3.4 of Deschler-Brown's Procedure in the House of Representatives, the rule strictly limits the number of committee staff on the floor at one time during the consideration of measures reported from their committees. This permission does not extend to Members' personal staff except when a Member's amendment is actually pending during the five-minute rule. It also does not extend to personal staff of Members who are sponsors of