

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert L. Walker, who, after 4 years of outstanding service as chief counsel and staff director of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, is leaving to become chief counsel and staff director for the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

Rob served the committee under two different chairmen, myself and my colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH). I speak for the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH), the ranking minority member, the gentleman from California (Mr. BERMAN), and all of my colleagues on the committee, past and present, in thanking Rob for his nonpartisan dedication to the committee and to the House. We express gratitude to Rob for his tireless work, his sense of fairness, his judiciousness and, most importantly, his impartiality.

Mr. Speaker, Rob Walker is the epitome of the nonpartisan professional staff required by the House and by the Committee on the Standards of Official Conduct for the important position he held. Rob advised the members of the committee and guided the staff in an impartial and absolutely fair manner.

As our counsel, in all aspects of his work Rob brought a profound sense of wisdom and respect for the history and precedents of the committee, the House and the American tradition of equal justice under the law. He carefully and faithfully balanced the rights of the committee and the House with the important due process rights of respondents and witnesses.

Mr. Speaker, Rob came to the committee from the Senate Ethics Committee, where he previously served as counsel. Prior to coming to Capitol Hill, he was a prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and at the public integrity section of the Department of Justice. He has both a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree from Stanford University. Rob is married to Dr. Alice Weiss and they have three children: Aaron, Daniel, and Madeleine. Devotion to his family and his distinguished professional record have earned Rob the personal and professional respect and friendship of the members of the committee and his colleagues on the staff.

Mr. Speaker, we wish Rob Walker and his family well in his new position. Although this House and the Committee will miss him, we will long remember his distinguished service to the House of Representatives.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DOYLE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending a memorial service for *Columbia* shuttle astronaut Dr. Laurel Clark of Racine, Wisconsin.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 16. An act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 51, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. Friday, February 7, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the valiant crew members of the *Columbia* shuttle mission.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 51, the House adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the valiant crew members of the *Columbia* shuttle mission until Friday, February 7, 2003, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

511. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the transport of a chemical warfare agent, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1512(4); to the Committee on Armed Services.

512. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's determination and findings that it is in the public interest to use other than competitive procedures for a specific procurement, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(7); to the Committee on Armed Services.

513. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extension of DoD Pilot Mentor-Protege Program [DFARS Case 2002-D029] received January 9, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

514. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Trade Agreements Act — Exception for U.S.-Made End Products [DFARS Case 2002-D008] received January 9, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

515. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children: Exclusion of Military Housing Payments (RIN: 0584-AD34) received January 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

516. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, NHTSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Platform Lift Systems for Accessible Motor Vehicles Platform Lift Installations on

Motor Vehicles [Docket No. NHTSA-02-13917; Notice 1] (RIN: 2127-AD50) received December 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

517. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Emmetsburg, Sanborn and Sibly, Iowa and Brandon, South Dakota) [MM Docket No.01-65, RM-10078, RM-10188, RM-10189] received January 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

518. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's three report on nuclear nonproliferation in South Asia for the period of April 1 to September 30, 2001, October 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002 and April 1 to September 30, 2002, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2376(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

519. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Jordan (Transmittal No. 01-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

520. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 34-02 which informs you of our intent to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States, France the United Kingdom, and the NATO AEW&C Programme Management Organisation concerning Projects for the E-3 AEW&C Fleets, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

521. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Production or Disclosure of Official Information in Connection with Legal Proceedings (RIN: 1601-AA01) received January 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

522. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Procedures — received January 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

523. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

524. A letter from the Director, Information Security Oversight Office, transmitting a copy of the Information Security Oversight Office's (ISOO) "Report to the President" for 2001; to the Committee on Government Reform.

525. A letter from the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's inventory of inherently governmental and commercial activities; to the Committee on Government Reform.

526. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Retirement Coverage and Service Credit Elections Available to Current and Former Nonappropriated Fund Employees (RIN: 3206-AJ72) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

527. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, transmitting the quarterly report of