

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS).

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, let me just say in regards to what the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) just said, just this evening, Mr. Speaker, we held a conference, a teleconference, with student leaders from all over the country. And it was such an exciting event. We have already come to an agreement that we are going to take all of that energy that they had back here on April 1 and we are going forward.

As our first Vice Chair has said, we will be traveling from campus to campus and organizing here in Washington and across the country, because we realize that all of our young people, that one day it should not end there, but it must go forward. So we will be doing that.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would say to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS), Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you for what you are suggesting, your recommendation and your plan of action. It reminds me of another period in our history when we just got out there and did what we had to do.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will allow me, there is a saying I love. It says, "In our time, in our space, we will make a difference, with God's grace."

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MEEK).

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to say that not only all of the Members here, but the Members who could not be here that did place information in the RECORD, it is such an honor to be here, coming from Florida. So many of you were involved in that effort there to save and work towards a better affirmative action in Florida and this country.

Words are inadequate to even describe the kind of work that is going to have to be done for the understanding of this country of how important affirmative action is. I tell every American, if you have a daughter and a mother, and obviously we all do, you are for affirmative action.

I commend those individuals that came before us, and the NAACP and other organizations that organized to get them here. I look forward to working with the gentleman and the members of the Congressional Black Caucus as we continue to work with these young people and younger people that have done so well for us.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, we will work together and pull together and push together to make it all happen.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. EVERETT (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for April 7 on account of attending to district business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HOEFFEL) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOEFFEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. NORWOOD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, April 9.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, April 9.

The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 164. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of César Estrada Chávez and the farm labor movement; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 212. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plans Aquifer States in conducting a Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, and Modeling Program for the High Plans Aquifer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 278. An act to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 328. An act to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 347. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint resource study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 397. An act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construc-

tion of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois

H.R. 672. An act to rename the Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in honor of Navy Commander William "Willie" McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 9, 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:

1702. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Lactic acid, ethyl ester and Lactic acid, n-butyl ester; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Correction [OPP-2002-0-217; FRL-7298-4] received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1703. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Modified Acrylic Polymers; Revision of Tolerance Exemption [OPP-2003-0079; FRL-7297-8] received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1704. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report for purchases from foreign entities for Fiscal Year 2002, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 827 (110 Stat. 2611); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1705. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report regarding assured access to space for the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1706. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Development of Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Programs and Activities Beginning in FY 2004"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1707. 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 Contract Goal for Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Certain Institutions of Higher Education [DFARS Case 2002-D038] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1708. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the President approved changes to the 2002 Unified Command Plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1709. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Foreign Acquisition [DFARS Case 2002-D009] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.