

ment of the House to a bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 3292. An act to authorize appropriations to the Atomic Energy Commission in accordance with section 261 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill (S. 1486) entitled "An act to regulate commerce by authorizing and establishing programs and activities to promote the export of American goods, products, and services and by increasing the recognition of international economic policy considerations in Federal decision-making, and for other purposes."

#### REV. WILLIS E. LUCAS

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

Mr. HILLIS. Mr. Speaker, I should like to acknowledge the words this morning of the Reverend Willis E. Lucas, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kokomo, Ind. Reverend Lucas is an outstanding Midwest theologian who most recently was associated with the American Baptist Churches Evangelistic Association and formerly was a member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

His prayer this morning reminded me of the words of Matthew Henry when he wrote:

Let prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.

It is a privilege to have Reverend Lucas with us.

#### PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO FILE A PRIVILEGED REPORT ON APPROPRIATION BILL FOR SPECIAL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations may have until midnight tonight to file a privileged report on an appropriation bill for special energy research and development for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

Mr. CEDERBERG reserved all points of order on the bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS TO FILE REPORT

Mr. REUSS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House Committee on Government Operations I ask unanimous consent that the committee may have until midnight tonight to file a report.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

#### PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION TO FILE REPORTS ON TWO PRIVILEGED RESOLUTIONS

Mr. THOMPSON of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration may have until midnight tonight to file reports on two privileged resolutions.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

#### AMENDING WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT BY DESIGNATING CHATTOOGA RIVER AS COMPONENT OF NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's desk the bill (H.R. 9492) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Chattooga River, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments to the House amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

Page 1, line 4, of the House engrossed amendment, after "(b)" insert "(1)".

Page 3, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out lines 11 to 15, inclusive, and insert:

(3) In section 7(b) delete clause (1) and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(1) during the ten-year period following enactment of this Act or for a three complete fiscal year period following any Act of Congress designating any river for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, whichever is later, unless, prior to the expiration of the relevant period, the Secretary of the Interior and, where national forest lands are involved, the Secretary of Agriculture, on the basis of study, determine that such river should not be included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and notify the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress, in writing, including a copy of the study upon which the determination was made, at least one hundred and eighty days while Congress is in session prior to publishing notice to that effect in the Federal Register, and"

Page 3, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out lines 20 to 26, inclusive.

Page 4, line 1, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out "(d)" and insert "(c)".

Page 4, line 4, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out "including the protection of" and insert "for the purpose of protecting".

Page 4, line 7, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out "(e)" and insert "(d)".

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

The Senate amendments were concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### FIGHT INFLATION WITH WHAT?

(Mr. SIKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute, to revise and extend his remarks, and include extraneous matter.)

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, there has been speculation that the United States will get a new czar to fight inflation. A more pertinent question would appear to be, fight it with what?

The United States currently suffers from a 12-percent rate of inflation. The jobless rate is edging upward. Every housewife knows the cost of living is at an all-time high and still going up. Yet all price controls are being dropped and even standby control authority is apparently being allowed to die. Administration leaders appear to favor as little Government interference as possible in economic operations. This would indicate that inflation is to be allowed to run its course.

The average American feels that inflation is the Nation's No. 1 problem today. There is little to indicate a return to stability in prices within the foreseeable future. This points toward recession and there are many who state we already are in a recession.

It will be recalled that the administration's bold action in August 1971 in freezing prices had a salutary stabilizing effect. Subsequently, however, controls were abandoned in first one area and then another. Now we are back in a free running market and the situation is worse than before controls were undertaken. This is a situation that cannot indefinitely be ignored.

The standby price control authority should be continued in law and the administration should be preparing stronger steps against inflation.

#### WELCOME TO VISITORS FROM GRAND RAPIDS

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

Mr. VANDER VEEN. Mr. Speaker, I have been a Member for approximately 2 months now. During my incumbency, the citizens of Grand Rapids have started a program involving bus trips to Washington—trips of the people to see "where the people govern."

While the rules of the House do not permit me to call attention to the presence of these traveling Michiganites, I am delighted they have been able to make the trip to Washington, visit some of the historic shrines and monuments, and spend some time seeing how the Congress works.

I am sure they have been impressed, as I still am, with the actuality of the people's voice controlling their own Government. I want to thank the leadership and you, Mr. Speaker, for the courtesies extended to these visitors from Grand Rapids.