

this matter. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Best regards,

BILL THOMAS,
Chairman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3991, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3991, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

PLAN COLOMBIA SEMI-ANNUAL OBLIGATION REPORT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-198)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 3204(e), of Public Law 106-246, I am providing a report prepared by my Administration detailing the progress of spending by the executive branch during the last two quarters of Fiscal Year 2001 in support of Plan Colombia.

GEORGE W. BUSH,
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 9, 2002.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INDICATORS 2002—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together

with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Science:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by 42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1), I am pleased to submit to the Congress a report prepared by the National Science Board entitled, "Science and Engineering Indicators—2002." This report represents the fifteenth in the series examining key aspects of the status of science and engineering in the United States.

GEORGE W. BUSH,
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 9, 2002.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM MAKES AMERICA'S HOCKEY STATE VERY PROUD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Madam Speaker, I rise to salute the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers men's hockey team on winning their fourth national championship Saturday night in St. Paul.

Minnesota has a long and proud hockey tradition. This weekend, as one of our newspapers put it, we experienced a "Return to Glory." On Saturday night, right in our State's capital city, the University of Minnesota, my proud alma mater, added an illustrious new chapter to our State's proud hockey heritage.

Madam Speaker, in one of the most thrilling NCAA championship games ever played, the University of Minnesota defeated the University of Maine 4-to-3 in an overtime edge-of-your-seat nail-biter, a game that meant the 2002 NCAA men's ice hockey championship for the University of Minnesota. And, believe me, this was no ordinary hockey game. Both teams were fueled by powerful motivating forces that produced one of the most entertaining, hard-fought and memorable games ever played.

Last season, the Gophers lost to Maine in an overtime game in the NCAA Tournament, and that memory united this year's Gophers team and provided the motivation to fight to the very end of the season's championship game.

Maine had plenty of motivation also. The Black Bears had lost their longtime coach of 17 years, Shawn Walsh, to cancer just before the season started, and the Black Bears put forth a tremendous effort in memory of Coach Walsh.

Madam Speaker, this champion season has been a long time coming, and it

sure feels great to every Minnesota hockey fan. All of Minnesota is extremely proud of this talented, never-say-die team, which rallied to tie the championship game with just 52 seconds left in regulation on a goal by Matt Koalska, a St. Paul native playing in his hometown. The Gophers and Black Bears then battled through an intense 17 minutes of overtime before realizing the dream of all Minnesota hockey fans when Grant Potulny scored that winning goal.

By tying the game in the final seconds of regulation and then winning in overtime, the University of Minnesota hockey team joins the list of legendary teams.

Madam Speaker, there have been so many stars this season for the champion Gophers. I hesitate to mention any at risk of leaving out others, but they were a true team in the real meaning of that word. They came together in pursuit of a common goal, winning a national championship. Each player, each trainer, each coach, each manager, played a pivotal role during the season, picking each other up at the crucial time.

Goalie Adam Hauser made 42 saves in the championship game. Hauser had 83 victories in his career, breaking the WCHA record. Adam also set league and school records for games played, shutouts and saves.

All-American senior Johnny Pohl of Red Wing, Minnesota, ended his college career by leading the entire Nation in scoring.

Madam Speaker, each and every one of these Gophers hockey players gave the record crowd of 19,324 great fans plenty to cheer about Saturday night, and in fact all season long. Jordan Leopold, a graduate of Armstrong High School in my district, was a big part of this season's greatness. Leopold won the Hobey Baker Award, which is college hockey's version of the Heisman Trophy, for his outstanding play. He is the fourth Gopher to win college hockey's highest honor.

Madam Speaker, I also want to commend Coach Don Lucia for an outstanding job of coaching. The history of Golden Gophers hockey is reflected by its legendary coaches, and Coach Lucia joins this respected group: John Mariucci, Glen Sonmor, Doug Woog, Herb Brooks, a guy who knows a thing or two about miracles on ice.

Madam Speaker, these hockey Gophers join the University of Minnesota's title winning teams of 1974, 1976 and 1979, and will forever be etched in the annals of the greatest Minnesota hockey teams.

This year's team played with amazing consistency. They never lost consecutive games, and finished with a record of 32 wins, 8 losses and 4 ties. The team's six seniors improved their record each and every year and provided solid senior leadership.

Madam Speaker, the 2001-2002 Gophers hockey team will be remembered forever by Minnesotans and hockey