The sad story in America, in the American economy today, is that one of the fastest growing businesses in America, one of the fastest growing manufacturing and service industries in America today, you will not find traded on the NASDAQ. You will not find it traded on the New York Stock Exchange, you will not find it listed in NFI B as one of the fastest growing entrepreneurial companies in America or one of the fastest growing small businesses in America. The sad point is one of the fastest growing companies in America today is a company that pays 23 cents an hour, provides no benefits and pays no taxes and is run by the Federal Government and attacks American workers and their families each and every day.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1588, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. DREIER (during the Special Order of Mr. HOEKSTRA) from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108–120) on the resolution (H. Res. 245) providing for consideration of the bill (H. R. 1588) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Mr. BOSWELL (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official 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. HINCHHEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. BLACKBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BEAUPREZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JANKLOW, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CULBERSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CULBERSON, for 5 minutes, May 21.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, May 21.

Mr. NUSSLE, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost $5.720.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker’s table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 243. An act concerning participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

S. 870. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to extend the availability of funds to carry out the fruit and vegetable pilot program.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o’clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 21, 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:

2284. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review and Foreign Investment Disclosure Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Acreage Reporting and Common Provisions (RIN: 0560–AG79) received May 14, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.


2288. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Wisconsin [WI114–01–7344a, FRL–7484–2] received May 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.


2291. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California—Coachella Valley [CA–7257–2; FRL–7473–0] received May 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.