

and focusing our attention on this horrible blight on our history.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915 to 1923.

Today, we are marking the anniversary of a terrible time for the Armenian people, a time of tragic oppression and horrific suffering. April 24, 1915, marks the date when many Armenians were uprooted and deported from Turkish Armenia, dying of starvation, disease, and massacres. An estimated one and a half million people died during the period 1915–1923, the victims of the last years of the Ottoman Empire.

In recalling those awful days, we are also commemorating the strength of the Armenian people whose fortitude of character and culture gave them the will to triumph over their tragedy. In our own country, Armenian-Americans have flourished. Their individual accomplishments have contributed greatly to the wealth of our Nation. Their achievements are a moving testimony to the truth that tyranny cannot extinguish the human spirit.

In remembering this tragedy, we are remembering as well other acts of savagery and genocide in human history. Murder and destruction have not been eliminated from this Earth. In Bosnia today evil men and women still seek to exterminate a people and eliminate their culture. We end this century as we began it: with the death of innocents on the altar of tyranny.

By marking this day the Armenian genocide, we, the American people, are renewing our commitment to oppose the persecution of any people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in remembering the tragedy of the Armenian people and in renewing our commitment to human rights.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues today in remembrance of the tragedy that overtook the Armenian people in the years 1915–23.

Extensive massacres of Armenians took place in eastern Anatolia during the latter years of the Ottoman Empire. Those events have indelibly and permanently marked the consciousness of many Americans, including Americans of Armenian descent, who commemorate April 24, 1995, as a national day of remembrance of man's inhumanity to man and a special day of remembrance for the Armenian victims of these tragic events in the early years of this century.

April 24 this year marks the 80th anniversary of this calamity. It is appropriate on this occasion to direct our attention and prayers to the memory of the men, women, and children—most scholars believe more than 1 million—who died in these tragic events.

It is in the interest of all of us and in the interest of mankind that this type of tragedy not occur again. The leading organizations of the Armenian-American community have been seeking to work within our political system for a statement concerning these critical events in their heritage. I feel we should work with them in a constructive fashion and this is why it is important for us to recognize this day of remembrance. No one can deny these events and the centrality of these events in modern Armenian history. I am proud to be associated today with my colleagues in this important day of remembrance.

The Republic of Armenia, a country of 3.3 million people, is developing important ties with the United States. Americans have an interest in the economic development of Armenia, its progress toward a free-market economy, and its development of democratic institutions. We want to work for the earliest possible end to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. We want to work with Armenia and its neighbors to promote peace, stability, and economic progress in the Caucasus region. As a small step in this direction, I welcome Turkey's decision to restore an air corridor to Armenia for humanitarian relief. I hope that the Government of Turkey will take additional steps to reopen a land corridor to Armenia. There is no better way to honor the misdeeds of the past than to rededicate ourselves to a better future, for Armenia and all the people and states of the region.

We should also use this occasion to rededicate ourselves to the cause of human rights. I commend those governments, private organizations, and individuals, including Armenians and the Armenian-American community, who are working toward this end. I hope that their efforts will make the world a safer place, where innocent people no longer suffer the unspeakable crimes of war and terror.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the special order just given.

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

There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SAXTON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today on account of preparation for Base Realignment and Closure Commission hearing.

Mr. ROGERS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of illness in the family.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of illness in the family.

Mr. MENENDEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. BAESLER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. MORAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 2:30 p.m. and tomorrow, on account of illness in the family.

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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MFUME, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MINETA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HAMILTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GIBBONS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, for 5 minutes today.

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

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. BERMAN in two instances.

Mr. HAMILTON in three instances.

Mr. OBERSTAR.

Mr. MOAKLEY.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mrs. MALONEY in three instances.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

Mr. TOWNS in eight instances.

Mr. MENENDEZ in four instances.

Mr. BEILSEN.

Mr. GEJDENSON.

Mr. COLEMAN.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. GEPHARDT.

Mr. NADLER in two instances.

Mr. COSTELLO.

Ms. KAPTUR.

Mr. GONZALEZ.

Mr. BONIOR in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WAMP) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. LARGENT.

Mr. CLINGER.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. BAKER of California in three instances.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. BUNNING.

Mr. WOLF.

Mr. SOLOMON in two instances.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

Mr. ZELIFF.

Mr. BOEHLERT.

Mr. COBLE.

Mr. SPENCE.

Mr. MARTINI.

Mr. ZIMMER.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
Mr. NEY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. LOWEY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. OWENS.
Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.
Mr. GILLMOR in five instances.
Mr. GREENWOOD.
Mr. MFUME.
Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.
Mr. THOMAS.
Mr. QUINN in two instances.
Mr. TAUZIN.
Mr. LOFGREN.
Mr. ENGEL.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 421. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for the purchase of common stock of Cook Inlet region, and for other purposes;

H.R. 517. An act to amend title V of Public Law 96-550, designating the Chaco Culture Archaeological Protection Sites, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1380. An act to provide a moratorium on certain class action lawsuits relating to the Truth in Lending Act.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 3, 1995, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

701. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to recover costs of carrying out Federal marketing agreements and orders; to the Committee on Agriculture.

702. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his request to make available emergency appropriations totaling \$142 million to address urgent needs arising from the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, and to designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107 (H. Doc. No. 104-62); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

703. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting amendments to the fiscal year 1996 appropriations requests for the Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Health and Human Services, Justice, Labor, and Transportation; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Information Security Oversight Office; the Federal Trade Commission; the Interstate Commerce Com-

mission; and the National Archives and Records Administration, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(b) (H. Doc. No. 104-63); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

704. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, transmitting a review of the President's fourth special impoundment message for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685 (H. Doc. No. 104-60); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

705. A letter from the Mayor, District of Columbia, transmitting the District of Columbia Government's report on Anti-Deficiency Act violations for fiscal year 1994 covering the period October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

706. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of April 1, 1995, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 104-61); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

707. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act which occurred in the National Guard Bureau, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

708. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act which occurred in the Department of the Air Force, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

709. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled, the "Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996", pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on National Security.

710. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting a report regarding House Resolution 80; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

711. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report regarding House Resolution 80; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

712. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to the People's Republic of China, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

713. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to Turkey, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

714. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to Bermuda, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

715. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to Chile, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

716. A letter from the General Counsel, National Security Agency, transmitting a report regarding House Resolution 80; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

717. A letter from the Assistant Trade Representative for Legislative Affairs, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, transmitting a report regarding House Resolution 80; to

the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

718. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Israel for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-22), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

719. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Israel for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 95-21), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

720. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning a cooperative project with France (Transmittal No. 05-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

721. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to the United Nations for use in Rwanda (Transmittal No. 19-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

722. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to the United Nations for use in Rwanda (Transmittal No. 20-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

723. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed sale of significant military equipment to Israel (Transmittal No. DTC-15-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

724. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the provision of defense hardware and services to Taiwan (Transmittal No. DTC-16-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

725. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed technical assistance and manufacturing license agreements for the provision of defense hardware and services to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. OTC-22-95 and OTC-24-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

726. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the bi-monthly report on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus problem, including any relevant reports from the Secretary General of the United Nations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

727. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the sixth monthly report on the situation in Haiti, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1541 note; to the Committee on International Relations.

728. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting copies of the original report of political contributions by Donald K. Steinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola; by A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and to the Republic of Maldives; by David C. Litt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates; by Patrick Nickolas Theros, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to