

say thousands. I do not know if there are thousands in INS, but at least hundreds, I am sure, who are dedicated to the cause, dedicated to doing a good job, and they are thwarted by an agency that is completely and totally out of control. It is corrupt and it is incompetent. I repeat that allegation, and I want someone to prove me wrong, because, unfortunately, we today give them the responsibility of keeping our borders safe and secure.

Does anybody feel good about that? The people who have e-mailed us at this e-mail address or faxed us at that number, most of them, I would say 90 percent of them, do not feel comfortable with that, Mr. Speaker. They do not like the fact that the INS ignores the responsibility for protecting the border, for not just the protection of the border, but then for internal investigations; what to do about the people who got here, who are here illegally. To ignore them completely is something that is akin to a death wish for the country.

Now, I know that most of the people who come into the United States illegally do not do so to do us harm. They do so mostly for personal benefit. Naturally. That is probably why most of our ancestors came.

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But we cannot be that unconcerned. We do not know. It is not in our ability to be able to stand at the border and say, I know you are coming across the border illegally, but you appear to have no ill intent. You appear to be just coming across to get a job, send some money back home, improve your own life, maybe go back, maybe not. And we cannot determine that from the person who is coming across with the purpose of killing as many Americans as he or she can possibly kill. We cannot really decide that at the borders. So we have to do the next best thing. We have to secure the border from all illegal immigration. We have to call up the National Guard in each of the States that border Mexico or Canada and ask them to please use their resources, the National Guard, in defense of our borders. If that is not good enough, then we should put our own active duty troops on the border. We should use all the technology available to us, the sensing devices. We should use air flight.

Mr. Speaker, we should do everything we possibly can to make sure that no one comes across that border that we do not know about. Hard? Absolutely. Foolproof? Absolutely not. No matter how hard we try, someone probably will get through. No matter how hard we try, someone with the intent to kill or commit acts of atrocity in the United States may get through. But that does not excuse us from trying.

We have laws on the books, Mr. Speaker, against any one of thousands of various kinds of human behaviors, and those laws are violated pretty regularly and yet, no one suggests that we

should simply ignore them because they are violated. We should do everything we can to protect our borders, everything we can. We should do everything we can to find the people who are here in the United States illegally and deport them. If we need workers, if we need workers in particular industries, fine. Establish a guest worker program that allows people to come in, allows their rights to be protected, and allows them to return home at the end of a contractual period of time, and an enforcement mechanism that makes sure that they do so, like a bond established for part of their wages or that the employer has to put up, part of the wages, that they can only be claimed once they return home. If we can convince this Congress, Mr. Speaker, that we need 10 million of these people every year, okay, that is fine, but bring them in here legally. Their lives are improved, their rights, they are not exploited by unscrupulous employers. That is fine with me. Then we determine how many people should be coming through just legally. Is it 1 million as it is today? I do not think so. It should be far fewer.

But regardless of what we determine to be the legal process whereby anybody gets into this country, we should do everything in our power to make sure that the illegal process that is used is slammed shut, at least to the best extent possible, to the greatest extent possible. Because as I have said oftentimes here on the floor of the House, and as I will repeat tonight, if, God forbid, another event of the nature of those that occurred on September 11, another event like that occurs, or like those occur and it is perpetrated by someone who comes across this border and is either here illegally at the time or enters illegally to do it, and we have not done everything in our power in this Congress to prevent that; I am not saying that it is foolproof, I emphasize that, it may still happen, but if we had not done everything in our power, then we are not just irresponsible, we are culpable. We have to live with that.

Mr. Speaker, I choose not to. I choose to know that I will do everything I could possibly do to bring to the attention of my colleagues and to the American people the seriousness of this debate on immigration reform. It is a matter now of life and death.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. MASCARA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker.

H.R. 2620. An act making appropriation for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, November 14, 2001, 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:

4567. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin [WI107-01-7337a; FRL-7064-4] received November 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4568. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Oxides of Nitrogen Regulations [IN 131b; FRL-7077-7] received November 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4569. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the, "Managerial Flexibility Act of 2001"; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform, Armed Services, International Relations, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Energy and Commerce, the Budget, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, the Judiciary, and House Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2269. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets; with an amendment (Rept. 106-262 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2776. A bill to designate buildings 315, 318, and 319 located at the Federal Aviation Administration's William J. Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, as the "Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex" (Rept. 107-279). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2841. A bill to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building" (Rept. 107-280). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2873. A bill to extend and amend the program entitled Promoting Safe and Stable Families under title IV-B, subpart 2 of the Social Security Act, and to provide new authority to support programs for mentoring children of incarcerated parents; to amend the Foster Care Independent Living program under title IV-E of that Act to provide for educational and training vouchers for youths aging out of foster care, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-281). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2546. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit States from requiring a license or fee on account of the fact that a motor vehicle is providing interstate pre-arranged ground transportation service, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-282). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3060. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to augment the emergency authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission (Rept. 107-283). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2828. A bill to authorize refunds of amounts collected from Klamath Project irrigation and drainage districts for operation and maintenance of the Project's transferred and reserved works for water year 2001, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 107-284). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1913. A bill to require the valuation of nontribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-285). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2976. A bill to provide for the issuance of a special entrance pass for free admission to any federally owned area which is operated and maintained by a Federal agency and used for outdoor recreation purposes to the survivors, victims' immediate families, and police, fire, rescue, recovery, and medical personnel directly affected by the September 11, 2001, terrorist hijackings and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pen-

tagon, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-286). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 286. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2500) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-287). Referred to the House Calendar.

Under Clause 2 of Rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2768. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief and contracting flexibility under the Medicare Program; with an amendment (Rept. 107-288 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2768. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than November 16, 2001.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CLAY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. GONZALEZ):

H.R. 3277. A bill to expand the moratorium on foreclosure on FHA single family mortgage loans of borrowers affected by the events of September 11, 2001, to employees of air carriers and aircraft manufacturers who are involuntarily separated after such date and to further extend such moratorium; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. STARK, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. BONIOR, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GORDON, Mr. SHIMKUS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, and Mr. EHLERS):

H.R. 3278. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of cholesterol and blood lipid screening under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 3279. A bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to ensure that sufficient stockpiles of potassium iodide tablets have been established near nuclear power plants and that appropriate plans for their utilization exist; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MINK of Hawaii:

H.R. 3280. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to reduce the number of consecutive days of deployment required before a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services is entitled to the higher rate of the basic allowance for housing; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. MINK of Hawaii:

H.R. 3281. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a temporary deduction for travel expenses for the costs of travel after September 11, 2001, and before September 12, 2002; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REHBERG:

H.R. 3282. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. LEE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. EVANS, and Mrs. CLAYTON):

H.R. 3283. A bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard under section 7(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act for each durable infant or toddler product, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 3284. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a complete transition period for the reduction of medicare beneficiary copayment for hospital outpatient department services furnished under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WEINER (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GRUCCI, Mr. KING, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SWEENEY, and Ms. HARMAN):

H.R. 3285. A bill to provide for the sharing of certain foreign intelligence information with local law enforcement personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), Financial Services, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WELDON of Florida (for himself, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. GOODE, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia):

H.R. 3286. A bill to provide for a temporary moratorium on visas for certain aliens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WYNN:

H.R. 3287. A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 Brentwood Road, NE, in Washington, D.C., as the "Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. PRITTS, and Mr. PLATTS):

H. Con. Res. 267. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress concerning the security of nuclear facilities in