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Sincerely,

SHEILA JACKSON-LEE,  
Member of Congress.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: More than 800,000 jobless Americans will lose their unemployment compensation three days before the New Year if Congress leaves town without passing extension legislation. Senate Republican Whip Don Nickles worked diligently last week to broker a compromise bill, H.R. 3529, which the House has the option of passing by unanimous consent tomorrow before it adjourns sine die. We can think of no reason why the House of Representatives, which is in session tomorrow, would be unable to pass the bipartisan compromise extension that was passed in the Senate last week. But we can think of 800,000 reasons for the House to act tomorrow.

The San Francisco Chronicle quoted White House officials as saying that "the President believes it's important to protect unemployed workers" and has been lobbying for a compromise to be reached. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3529 is that compromise. Not only would it ensure that workers receive their full thirteen weeks of extended compensation, but it would provide much needed relief to those who are about to exhaust their regular unemployment compensation and still have not found a new job.

When Members of the House left Washington last week, your spokesman responded to questions about whether the House will take up the Senate bill with: "We're done, we're closed up. Why don't they do [the House bill]? When the House finished its business last week, House Leadership admonished Senators that it was their responsibility to ensure that a Homeland Security bill was passed. Now, it is the responsibility of the House to ensure that an extended compensation bill gets passed and that 800,000 Americans can rest a little easier this holiday season.

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Ted Strickland; Charles B. Rangel; Tim Holden; Lucille Roybal-Allard; Marcy Kaptur; Gary L. Ackerman; Edward J. Markey; Dennis J. Kucinich; Rick Larsen; Neil Abercrombie; Danny K. Davis; Sherrod Brown; Maurice D. Hinchey; James L. Oberstar; Edolphus Towns; Rick Boucher; Bill Pascrell, Jr.; Stephanie Tubbs Jones; Vic Snyder; Darlene Hooley; Louise McIntosh Slaughter; Barney Frank; Lane Evans; Mark Udall; Anna G. Eshoo; Shelley Berkley; Jan Schakowsky; Patrick J. Kennedy.

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#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me just say, since the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) as a Member of this body was one of the first innovators of legislation with respect to homeland security, how very pleased I am to see the gentleman here today as Speaker pro tempore to drop the gavel on this matter. I am pleased for the gentleman, and I am proud to call the gentleman my friend.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of this side of the aisle, I want to say again, as this will be I suppose the last time in the gentleman's role as majority leader that the gentleman addresses the House, we want to congratulate the gentleman on his service. We obviously have had disagreements through the years, but the gentleman has handled himself as a gentleman, and for this side of the aisle, we want to wish the gentleman Godspeed as he enters into a new phase of his career. I know the gentleman's family is pleased to welcome him back to full-time association. I know that was one of the gentleman's prime motives, as he expressed so eloquently on the floor.

On behalf of the minority, we want to wish the gentleman every success and good health and happiness in the future.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce to this body that we have some new additions to our congressional family, a new addition to the Abel family. Williams James Abel arrived the night before last, yesterday, in the early hours of the morning, a beautiful baby boy, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

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Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) would detain for one moment. I want to share a moment with him before he leaves the floor.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the wonderful, beautiful William James Abell,

we have another addition to our congressional family, to the Halpern family, Ari Joseph Halpern, born on November 28. I can tell the Members, Mr. Speaker, that his father is very proud.

Mr. Speaker, I notice a colleague of ours for so many years, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), who has so ably served as whip on the other side of the aisle. If I could take a moment to say to the gentleman from Michigan from our side of the aisle, and I believe I dare speak in this case for the entire body, we thank him for his years of service. He has always been a gentleman. He has done his job well as a Member of Congress. I would say on behalf, I believe, of all of us in this body, I wish him Godspeed in his remaining activities.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, I want to join the distinguished majority leader. The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) has been one of the most distinguished Members of this body. He has reflected, I think, what the American public expects of each of us: the courage to state our convictions. He stood for those convictions and fought for those convictions, irrespective of their popularity or whether he found himself to be in the majority on any given proposition.

I think every Member of this body admires the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) for the courage of his convictions. We talk a lot about that, but I think few Members have displayed the courage of their convictions any more dramatically or faithfully than has our colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR).

He is still a very young man, and he has much to offer his country. He fought for his country in Vietnam, and he came here and fought for its ideals. He will continue to serve, I know, as a productive and extraordinary American citizen. We wish him the very best in whatever he may do.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, one final point which I am confident will be of particular interest to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, with us today is my brother, Charlie Arme, general manager of the Rams. Mr. Speaker, he and his associates are in town this weekend to take care of business. I am sure the gentleman from Maryland would like to make him welcome.

Mr. HOYER. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, we shall see. We shall see.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE 107TH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KERN) laid before the House the privileged Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 160) providing for the sine die adjournment of the One Hundred Seventh Congress, Second Session.

The Clerk read the Senate concurrent resolution, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 160

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),* That when the Senate adjourns at the close of business on any day from Wednesday, November 20, 2002 through Saturday, November 23, 2002, or from Monday, November 25, 2002, through Wednesday, November 27, 2002, or on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader, or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House of Representatives adjourns on any legislative day through the remainder of the second session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and the House, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### 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:

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL F. DiMARIO, 23RD PUBLIC PRINTER OF THE UNITED STATES

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, as the 107th Congress draws to a close, I want to pay tribute to a great public servant and dear friend whose Government service is also now drawing to a close. Michael F. DiMario, the 23rd Public Printer of the United States, will soon retire from his post now that the Senate has confirmed his successor. Mike has served as Public Printer since November 1993, and he leaves the Government Printing Office a much different and better place than when he took office nine years ago.

Mike's achievements as Public Printer are numerous and represent a sea-change in the way GPO produces and distributes government information to the American people. Mike's preeminent achievement has been the establishment and phenomenal growth of GPO Access ([www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess](http://www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess)), the GPO website established pursuant to a landmark 1993 act of Congress passed with his enthusiastic support. GPO Access today makes about 225,000 Federal titles available on-line, free of charge, to anyone with a computer and access to the Internet. Members of the public today use GPO Access to retrieve an average of 31 million documents each

month, over a million every day; more than 1.1 billion Federal documents have been retrieved via GPO Access since it went live in 1994. The GPO site also serves as host to 19 other Federal websites, including the Supreme Court's, and the databases GPO prepares for GPO Access are indispensable to the Congress's prominent legislative website, THOMAS, which is operated by the Library of Congress. GPO Access was the primary site for several major Federal-document releases of the past decade, including the Microsoft anti-trust decision, the Supreme Court's decision in the Florida election cases, and the Starr Report, as well as all annual Federal budgets. GPO Access has won multiple awards from the on-line, library, legal, government, and educational communities, and will undoubtedly continue to revolutionize the distribution of government information.

During his service, DiMario also strongly supported and successfully implemented the Congress' policy decision to transition the Federal Depository Library Program to a primarily electronic format. He worked closely with the library community to implement this transition in a way that met Congress' goals of economy and efficiency while continuing to serve the needs of the public. Today, more than 60 percent of the new titles going into depository libraries are electronic, and the program has realized sufficient savings to underwrite the costs of GPO Access without requiring substantial new appropriations.

DiMario also brought other new technologies to GPO, streamlining its operations. Notable among these advances are the capacity to move print copy directly from computer to plate, which is now used to produce 90–95 percent of all plates used in GPO; rolled on-demand printing; and new, smaller, more efficient presses. DiMario also enhanced GPO's electronic communications capabilities through establishment of an agency web site to facilitate online posting of most bid solicitations for printing contracts, and an office-wide Intranet. Working closely with the House, Senate and other Federal agencies, DiMario oversaw the successful Y2K transition at GPO with no disruption of service. On his watch, In-Plant Graphics magazine chose GPO as the top in-plant in the country for four consecutive years, and in 1999, PC Week magazine hailed GPO as one of the top technology innovators in the United States. GPO has received "clean" financial opinions on all independent audits conducted during DiMario's tenure, and a comprehensive management audit in 1998 found that GPO has strong support among its "customers," i.e., the Congress, Federal agencies, and the public. During last year's anthrax crisis, DiMario offered GPO facilities for the use of various House and Senate offices, and he made available GPO's loading docks to the Capitol Police when Congress' own delivery-screening facilities were unusable. Since that time, he has worked to establish off-site printing and web capabilities to prevent disruptions of service in future emergencies.

Throughout his tenure, DiMario has strived to cut costs at GPO, and as a consequence, GPO's appropriations have remained relatively flat. Total personnel strength has declined by more than 35 percent since 1993, and now stands at the lowest level in over a century. It is a testament to Mike DiMario's leadership that he achieved the reduction through attrition with no significant workforce dislocation. Dur-

ing his tenure, DiMario worked closely with GPO's unions to reach reasonable wage contracts and ensure the successful implementation of new technology and new ways of doing things.

Through changing times, Mike stoutly defended the GPO against shortsighted proposals to reinvest or privatize its operations, regardless of their source. He clearly articulated how valuable GPO is to Congress's legislative operations, to the economical and effective procurement of printing for executive agencies, and to the public's ability to access Government information in a comprehensive, equitable manner. In the past several months, his defense of GPO against the ill-advised printing proposal of the Office of Management and Budget has been just as determined. The fact that GPO continues to operate today is due in no small part to the fact that Mike believes in the agency and never shirked from defending it when necessary.

Mike DiMario has had the 4th longest consecutive term of service as Public Printer since it began operations in 1861. He resides in Bowie, Maryland, so he's not just my friend, he's also my constituent. As Mike departs the GPO for a well-deserved retirement following 40 years of Federal service, I am sure my colleagues join me in wishing him good luck, Godspeed, and offering him the thanks of a grateful Nation for a job well done.

#### TRIBUTE TO HON. DAVID BONIOR OF MICHIGAN, AND ISSUES FOR THE 108TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we just finished, I think, a very necessary debate and discussion involving the Homeland Security Department but, as well, some of the ailments that we will be facing as this Congress returns in the 108th session.

Before I comment on some of the issues that I believe leave us in a state of unreadiness, I would like to take this opportunity as well to again thank my colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), for the leadership that he has given to this Nation. I might say "to this Congress," but I believe his leadership goes far beyond these walls.

Having come in 1995, elected in 1994, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) is the leadership that I knew, which, in essence, I grew up under, legislatively. If I might say, there was not a time, although his work was as the whip in organizing the votes, that he did not have a listening ear and welcoming of different perspectives, being courageous enough to recognize that we do not always speak in one voice. We speak as Americans, but we do not always speak in one voice.

So my applause to him for always being willing to be of service and, might I add, for the special work that he has been engaged in, and that is working to bring people together. I know he has a special connection to the Faith and Politics Institute, bringing individuals of faith and political