

also very concerned about reports which suggest that the reconstruction of Iraq is being done in a cost efficient manner through the utilization of local Iraqis in the rebuilding process, for example, which is apparently being rejected in favor of very expensive projects that only certain companies can do. It is important that the American people have the assurance that we are not, through this process, just making friends of the Administration wealthy or more wealthy, which appears to be the current goal.

If the President truly needs this money, then there should be no problem or barrier to his giving the Congress and the American people an accounting of how previously appropriated funds for Iraq were spent, a plan for future spending and an exit strategy. And the administration should be willing to pay for it out of the high end of the tax cut.

It is irresponsible for the President and his supporters to continue to call for and threaten to increase tax cuts after getting us into this war and rebuilding effort on flimsy evidence and with so many needs here at home going unaddressed.

This Body gave a blank check before without adequate information. We cannot and must not do it again.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KIND (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for October 7 and 8 on account of official business.

Ms. KAPTUR (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

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. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEK of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. ENGLISH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BOEHLERT, for 5 minutes, October 15.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today and October 15.

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. 2152. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 10, 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:

4693. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Ohio Regulatory Program [OH-249-FOR] received September 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4694. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing Eriastrum hooveri (Hoover's woolly-star) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Species (RIN: 1018-AG41) received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4695. A letter from the Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Delisting of the Berberis (=Mahonia) sonnei (Truckee barberry) (RIN: 1018-AH47) received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4696. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service/NWRS, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2003-2004 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations (RIN: 1018-AI63) received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4697. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [PA-144-FOR] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4698. A letter from the Acting Assisting Secretary of Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Permits; Regulations for Double-Crested Cormorant Management (RIN: 1018-AI39) received October 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4699. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Envi-

ronment, Safety, and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Compliance With Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements (RIN: 1901-AA94) received September 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4700. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure [Docket No. 001005281-0369-02; I.D. 092303A] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4701. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Fisheries by Vessels using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 021122286-3036-02; I.D. 092403G] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4702. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District [Docket No. 021212307-3037-02; I.D. 092403F] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4703. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 021212307-3037-02; I.D. 092403D] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4704. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL [CGD09-03-261] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4705. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zones; San Francisco Bay, California [COTP San Francisco Bay 03-002] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4706. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Choptank River, Cambridge, MD [CGD05-03-124] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4707. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; St. Johns River, mile 24.7 at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida [CGD07-03-131] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4708. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulated Navigation Area; Reporting Requirements for Barges Loaded with Certain Dangerous Cargoes, Illinois Waterway System Within the Ninth Coast Guard District [CGD09-03-241] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4709. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Milwaukee, Menomonee, and Kinnickinnic Rivers and South Menomonee and Burnham Canals, Milwaukee, WI [CGD09-03-215] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4710. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone for Outer Continental Shelf Facility in the Gulf of Mexico for Viasca Knoll 915 [CGD08-02-045] (RIN: 1625-AG54) received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4711. A letter from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30371; Amdt. No. 442] received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4712. A letter from the FMCSA Regulatory Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Miscellaneous Technical Amendments, received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4713. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2004 [CMS-1233-N] (RIN: 0938-AM67) received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

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. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1598. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-306). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 3076. A bill to amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-307). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 3077. A bill to amend title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enhance international education programs; with an amendment (Rept. 108-308). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 135. A bill to establish the "Twenty-First Century Water Commission" to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs; with an amendment (Rept. 108-309 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. HART (for herself and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD):

H.R. 3259. A bill to provide effective training and education programs for displaced homemakers, single parents, and individuals entering nontraditional employment; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 3260. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities for health care services and reporting dates and to augment certain health care business practices or programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COBLE (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. TAUZIN, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER):

H.R. 3261. A bill to prohibit the misappropriation of certain databases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAKER:

H.R. 3262. A bill to amend section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, to provide for the arming of cargo pilots against terrorism; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BEREUTER (for himself, Mr. TANNER, Mr. GILLMOR, and Mr. HEFLEY):

H.R. 3263. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Lord Robertson of Port Ellen; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 3264. A bill to amend subtitle IV of title 40, United States Code, regarding county additions to the Appalachian region; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma:

H.R. 3265. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey a parcel of land at the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. COX:

H.R. 3266. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to first responders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security (Select), and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, 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. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 3267. A bill to eliminate certain inequities in the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees' Retirement System with respect to the computation of benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, nuclear ma-

terials couriers, members of the Supreme Court and Capitol police, and their survivors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 3268. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that the health benefits program for Federal employees covers screening for glaucoma; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H.R. 3269. A bill to require certain actions to be taken against countries that manipulate their currencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DUNN (for herself, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. HAYES, Mr. QUINN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. MCHUGH, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BAKER, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, and Mr. SWEENEY):

H.R. 3270. A bill to extend the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GEPHARDT (for himself, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. FROST, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. FARR, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. REYES, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 3271. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for permanent resident status for certain long-term resident workers and college-bound students, to modify the worldwide level of family-sponsored immigrants in order to promote family unification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. GRANGER:

H.R. 3272. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish separate campaign medals to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and subsequent campaigns of similar significance in the Global War on Terrorism; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 3273. A bill to amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to allow States and localities to provide primary and preventive care to all individuals; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KINGSTON (for himself, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. WICKER, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MICA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. ROSS):

H.R. 3274. A bill to enhance homeland security by encouraging the development of regional coordination plans for emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, 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 Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. HINCHEY):

H.R. 3275. A bill to require transparency, increased competition in contracting, and the increased use of Iraqi contractors in Iraq; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. KUCINICH):