

There is one quote here from Governor Tom Pawlenty, a Republican from Minnesota; and he says that the FDA will sue somebody or throw somebody in jail over this, the pharmaceutical companies choke off supply, or the FDA comes to their senses. He is very concerned about what the administration is trying to do to stop the supply of drugs going into Minnesota, which he believes are safe.

It goes on and on and talks about all of the things that the FDA is trying to do to cut the supply; that the drug companies are sending fewer drugs to Canada and are trying to choke off the supply. Everything is being done to try to help the pharmaceutical companies not have to provide lower-cost drugs. The actions of my fellow Congressman and the Bush administration officials in this regard are just outrageous. I think it is imperative to keep speaking out against what is going on, against those Republican officials within the administration and in our case the chairman of our committee who are now taking jobs with these companies after they negotiated this legislation, this bad bill. Somehow the public has to be made aware, Mr. Speaker, of all these activities. I know that I am going to be back again on another night talking about this and have some of my colleagues on the Democratic side of the aisle join with me.

Before I close, I just wanted to move to another topic which is totally unrelated to this, but it is timely. I would like to take 5 minutes to switch to this topic that relates to foreign policy, not only to U.S. foreign policy, but also to activities at the U.N.

Tomorrow, President Bush is meeting with the Prime Minister of Turkey, and I know there are a number of things that they are going to discuss; but I would like to discuss this evening what I would like our President to do, which is to basically have President Bush exert pressure on the Turkish Government to convince the Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash, to return to the negotiating table on Cyprus and truly work for a peace settlement over the Cyprus issue.

I was in Cyprus this summer. Some may know that Cyprus is about to join the European Union as of May 1 of this year; but Cyprus is still a divided island. The Turkish Government invaded Cyprus in 1974. They occupy about a third of the northern part of the island; and every effort that has been made over the last few years, and it really came to the point where we thought there was really a possibility last spring that there would be an agreement between the Turkish Cypriot government and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus to unify the island and have the Turkish troops leave before Cyprus joined the European Union. So far that has not happened, but I still think there is an opportunity for that to happen.

I would like to see if President Bush can put some pressure on the Turkish

Prime Minister tomorrow to have him essentially exert some influence over the Turkish Cypriot government in the northern occupied part of Cyprus to come to agreement and unify the island under one government before Cyprus' accession to the European Union.

This weekend, before his trip to the United States, the Turkish Prime Minister said he would allow the United Nations to "fill in the blanks" of a settlement to the Cyprus issue. The Prime Minister also urged U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan to appoint a new Cyprus negotiator and said he would urge the Turkish Cypriot leader to go along with settlement proposals. While these words are encouraging from the Prime Minister, one has to remember they were made right before his trip to the United States. In the past, Turkish leaders have made statements showing the importance of a peace settlement; but, unfortunately, these words have not translated into action.

In fact, just days before Prime Minister Erdogan made this pledge, Denktash continued his intransigence, stating that the whole world is trying to take Cyprus away from the Turks. Denktash even joked in reference to the Turkish Government when he said, "Come, give Cyprus away to the Greek Cypriots and get over with it."

Mr. Speaker, Denktash is not just going to listen to Turkish leaders. But Denktash's comments show an uneasiness with the perception that Turkey is finally willing to agree to a settlement with the framework created by the U.N. Now would be the perfect time for Turkey to exert pressure on Denktash and his government, and this is something that President Bush should strongly urge during his meeting tomorrow.

At a time when Turkey is interested in joining the European Union, its lack of cooperation in the efforts to solve the Cyprus problem can only result in a setback for Turkey's candidacy. On May 1, Cyprus will join the European Union. Last week, the European Enlargement Commissioner, Genter Verheugen, warned that the status quo would damage everyone, whereas a solution would be a clear win/win situation for Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, and Europe as a whole. In an article in the Financial Times, it was pointed out by the European Enlargement Commissioner that "the absence of a solution when we reach May 1 would deepen the island's division." He stressed that a settlement of the Cyprus problem does not constitute an additional criterion for Turkey's bid to join the European Union, but also questioned whether it would be likely that all 25 member states, including the Republic of Cyprus, will decide unanimously at the end of this year to start accession negotiations with Turkey as long as the island remains divided.

Again, I would stress being particularly for Turkey, which wants to join and hopes by the end of this year that there will be some movement towards

its own accession to the European Union. There is really very little time for Turkey to play a role to settle the Cyprus issue. I would hope with a little pressure from President Bush tomorrow, the Turkish Prime Minister will return to Ankara and stress to Denktash like never before the importance that the Turkish Cypriot leadership put aside unreasonable and unacceptable demands and finally negotiate in good faith with the leadership of the Republic of Cyprus.

Ultimately, the victims of these shortsighted policies from Ankara and the Turkish Cypriot leadership are the people of Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot community, who will continue to be deprived of an opportunity to share in the economic, social, and other benefits of European Union membership.

Again I would say that the statements made by the Turkish Prime Minister over the weekend and the Turkish military seem to indicate that they want the Turkish Cypriot government to move ahead with the settlement that could be accomplished possibly by May 1. But we have heard this before. I think the best course is if our President Bush can really make it clear to the Turkish Prime Minister tomorrow how important this is and how timely it is that some action be taken to achieve a unified Cyprus by May 1. I know that President Bush is interested in accomplishing this, and I hope that he does put sufficient pressure on the Prime Minister of Turkey so we can see some progress.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ALEXANDER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. FROST (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of family matters.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of weather-related travel problems.

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Ms. SLAUGHTER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of weather-related travel problems.

Ms. WATERS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of weather-related travel problems.

Mrs. BONO (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal family matters.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. ROYCE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. WAMP (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of his flight being canceled due to inclement weather on the east coast.

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 of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FARR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HOFFEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, January 28.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and January 28.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, January 28.

Mr. SHUSTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, January 28.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 28, 2004, 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:

6366. A letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's

final rule—Export Sales Reporting Requirements—received January 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6367. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fire and Rescue and Other Community Facilities Projects (RIN: 0575-AC53) received December 9, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6368. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Artificially Dwarfed Plants in Growing Media from the People's Republic of China [Docket No. 98-103-5] received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6369. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Eucalyptus Logs, Lumber, and Wood Chips From South America [Docket No. 02-097-2] received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6370. A letter from the Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rules, Policies, and Procedures for Corporate Activities; Bank Activities and Operations; Real Estate Lending and Appraisals [Docket No. 03-24] (RIN: 1557-AB97) received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6371. A letter from the Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Electronic Filings [Docket No. 04-01] (RIN: 1557-AC13) received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6372. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Commission Guidance Regarding Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations [Release Nos. 33-8350; 34-48960; FR-72] received December 22, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6373. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Processing Requirements for Cancelled Security Certificates [Release No. 34-48931; File No. S7-18-00] (RIN: 3235-AH94) received December 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6374. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Regulatory Services Division, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Title I—Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged (RIN: 1810-AA95) received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6375. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Head Start Program (RIN: 0970-AC16) received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6376. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Dept., Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying

Benefits—received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6377. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Dept., Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Disclosure to Participants; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-employer Plans—received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6378. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Dept., Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age—received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6379. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants) (RIN: 1991-AB56) received December 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6380. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Acesulfame Potassium [Docket No. 2002F-0220] received January 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6381. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Scientific Peer Review of Research Grant Applications and Research and Development Contract Projects (RIN: 0925-AA) received December 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6382. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC-UMS Revision (RIN: 3150-AH25) received January 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6383. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—December 2002 Wassenaar Arrangement Plenary Agreement Implementation: Categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Commerce Control List, and Reporting Requirements [Docket No. 031017263-3263-01] (RIN: 0694-AC85) received December 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

6384. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations: Electronic Submission of Declarations and Reports through the Web-Data Entry System for Industry (Web-DESI) [Docket No. 031211331-3311-01] (RIN: 0694-AC97) received January 16, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

6385. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Circular 2001-18; Introduction—received January 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6386. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Highly