

termed it at the time that a war would break out after we made this dash to Baghdad which is, in fact, what happened, as much as I opposed that, we bear responsibility too. And I want to indicate to people that we are down on this floor not just because we need to hear ourselves talk; we are down on this floor because this Congress needs to be accountable too. The very questions that the gentleman from Washington (Mr. INSLEE) has been asking, this Congress should have been asking. We should not have allowed ourselves to be pushed into doing the most profound and fundamental thing that any Congress can do and that any President can do, which is take us into war. This should be a lesson to all of us, including and perhaps starting with the Congress.

The Constitution says only the Congress can declare war. When did it happen that we turned it over to the President to make his or her own decision on that issue? We have a responsibility, too; and I want to indicate to everybody, at least for this Member, and I think I am probably speaking for the other Members on the floor here, we intend to come back here, not because we are doing penance, but because we are doing oversight, the oversight that we should have done before. Maybe the same conclusion would have been arrived at, I do not know, I doubt it; but we should have been doing these things.

No commission should be looking into this right now. The plain fact is we should be looking into it, and that is what this Iraq Watch is going to do. We may not have the benefit of having the President in front of us or Mr. CHENEY or others, but we have the benefit of understanding what the revelations have been and what their meanings are and to search for the truth, and that is our obligation. And I hope that if nothing else comes out of all of this, that in future the Congress will take seriously its obligation and carry forward on the understanding that only the Congress can declare war; and it should be only done over the most thorough and complete examination as to what has taken place and what the strategic and moral interests of the United States are.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I am reminded of the words of Brent Scowcroft and others in the first Bush administration, those that served under President George Herbert Walker Bush, but particularly what Brent Scowcroft stated in a column that he wrote. He expressed a fear that a unilateral rush into a preemptive war would undercut worldwide support for the war on terror and cast America as an aggressor Nation for the first time in our history. Now, here is a gentleman, a lifelong Republican, presumably, a man well respected internationally, has an excellent reputation here in Washington as a serious person, a man of unimpeachable integrity. And I think we have all been saying in our own different ways what he said so elo-

quently. And sadly, we find ourselves in that very, very tragic moment where we are losing allies, we are losing the respect of the international community; friends are beginning to turn their backs on us. And, if that occurs, the war that we must win, the war on terror, is very much at risk.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CLYBURN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of official business.

Mr. TAUZIN (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical 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. MCDERMOTT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LYNCH, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today and March 24.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today and March 24 and 25.

Mrs. BLACKBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HULSHOF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today and March 24 and March 30.

Mr. BUYER, for 5 minutes, March 24.

Mr. HENSARLING, for 5 minutes, March 24.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 97. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 91st annual meeting of The Gar-

den Club of America; to the Committee on Government Reform.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, March 24, 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:

7220. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Alternative Fuel Transportation Program; Private and Local Government Fleet Determination [Docket No. EE-RM-03-001] (RIN: 1904-AA98) received March 1, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7221. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Sta., Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Establishment Registration and Listing [Docket No. 97N-484R] received March 16, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7222. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Sta., Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Establishment Registration and Listing; Correction [Docket No. 97N-484R] received March 16, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7223. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution and Public Law 107-243 and Public Law 102-1, to help ensure that the Congress is kept informed on the status of United States efforts in the global war on terrorism; (H. Doc. No. 108-175); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

7224. A letter from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting the Board's Performance Budget Justification for FY 2005; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7225. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act," pursuant to Public Law 107-273 section 202(a)(1)(c); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7226. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the 2002 Annual Report of the Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education, pursuant to Public Law 103-322; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7227. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the 2004 Trade Policy Agenda and 2003 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2213(a); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7228. A letter from the Board of Trustees, Federal Old-Age And Survivors Insurance

And Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting the 2004 Annual Report Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Federal Old-Age And Survivors Insurance And The Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 108-176); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

7229. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley Viticultural Area (2002R-046P) [T.D. TTB-9; Re: ATF Notice No. 947] (RIN: 1513-AA48) received March 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7230. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Br., Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—2004 Calendar Year Resident Population Estimates [Notice 2004-21] received March 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7231. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Guidance Under Section 1502; Application of Section 108 to Members of a Consolidated Group [TD 9117] (RIN: 1545-BC96) received March 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7232. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, first-out inventories. (Rev. Rul. 2004-35) received March 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7233. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Br., Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—New Markets Tax Credit Amendments [TD 9116] (RIN: 1545-BC02) received March 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7234. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Br., Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Definition of Real Estate Investments Trust (Rev. Rul. 2004-24) received March 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7235. A letter from the SSA Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Interrelationship of Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program with the Railroad Retirement Program (RIN: 0960-AF82) received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7236. A letter from the Board of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting the 2004 Annual Report Of The Boards Of Trustees Of The Federal Hospital Insurance And Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 108-177); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

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. HUNTER: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 3966. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to establish and maintain Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at institutions of higher education, to improve the ability of students to participate in Senior ROTC programs, and to ensure that institutions of higher education provide military recruiters entry to campuses and access to students that is at least equal in quality and scope to that provided to any other employer; with amendments (Rept. 108-443, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3971. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to credit the Highway Trust Fund with the full amount of fuel taxes, to combat fuel tax evasion, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-444). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 3873. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations, to improve children's nutritional health, and to restore the integrity of child nutrition programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-445). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. CUBIN (for herself and Mr. GIBBONS):

H.R. 4010. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. COX, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. CHABOT):

H.R. 4011. A bill to promote human rights and freedom in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia (for himself and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 4012. A bill to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permanently authorize the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. GINGREY:

H.R. 4013. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the approval of any drug that infringes the right to life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. NADLER, Mr. QUINN, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. CRANE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LEACH, and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 4014. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Brian Lamb; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ROTHMAN:

H.R. 4015. A bill to expand the applicability of daylight saving time; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself and Mr. STRICKLAND):

H.R. 4016. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the education and training of allied health professionals in exchange for a service commitment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

H.R. 4017. A bill to assure that development of certain Federal oil and gas resources will occur in ways that protect water resources and respect the rights of the surface owners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, 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. CASE:

H.R. 4018. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assure that immigrants do not have to wait longer for an immigrant visa as a result of a reclassification from family second preference to family first preference because of the naturalization of a parent or spouse; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr.

FORD, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. WATERS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WYNN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. ROSS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Mr. BACA, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. REYES, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, and Mr. CARDIN):

H. Con. Res. 394. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Citizens Bank, the Nation's oldest continuously operating minority-owned bank, and honoring the many contributions of the Nation's minority-owned banks; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. WATERS:

H. Con. Res. 395. Concurrent resolution honoring Donald J. Smith for his commitment to providing housing and economic assistance opportunities to Los Angeles-area low-income families; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BAIRD:

H. Res. 572. A resolution providing for the consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 83) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives; to the Committee on Rules.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 348: Mr. MCINTYRE.

H.R. 375: Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 601: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. FROST, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. GUTERREZ, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FORD, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. EMANUEL, Ms.