

to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through May 4, 2004.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the appointment is approved. There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KIRK). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

ARMOR FOR SOLDIERS

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

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, a couple of weeks ago, some of my constituents who are currently serving in Iraq with the 419th Transportation Company learned that their deployment would be extended. These Army Reservists and their unit have already served with great distinction since March of 2003. Their families and loved ones are understandably concerned that these soldiers will not return home this week, as was originally planned, but instead will remain in Iraq.

The continued turmoil in Iraq obviously calls on greater sacrifices from members of the Armed Forces, but what is of particular concern is that these soldiers may not be adequately equipped for their mission. Though all members of the 419th have body armor, it has been reported to me that none of their vehicles have been armored. Given that this unit may travel along dangerous and challenging routes in southern and central Iraq, armored plating on all vehicles is not only common sense but it is imperative.

Congress has provided many defense resources via the appropriations process, as well it should; and it was my understanding that this funding was to ensure that all soldiers have body armor and armored vehicles. If not, I would hope that the Department of Defense would be quick to ask for additional support from the Congress, as I am certain that providing the best possible tools for soldiers in theater is of paramount priority for many in Congress, like myself.

I am well aware of the current demands faced by American soldiers and the sacrifices made by family members and loved ones. American soldiers have always excelled in their military duties at a time when many of our troops are deployed for a year or more. I think it is imperative that Congress and the Federal Government adequately provide for them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. CONYERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. MURPHY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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 addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. MCDERMOTT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. WYNN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

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. MATHESON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MATHESON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, April 30, 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:

7870. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revocation of Tolerance Exemptions for Certain Biopesticides [OPP-2003-0416; FRL-7353-5] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7871. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting Report on the quality of health care furnished under the health care programs of the Department of Defense covering FY 2002, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1071 Public Law 106—65, section 723; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7872. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's certification that the full-up, system level Live Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E) of the Department of the Navy's lead CVN 21 aircraft carrier would be unreasonably expensive and impracticable, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2366(c)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7873. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter

on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Edward G. Anderson III, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7874. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report presenting the specific amounts of staff-years of technical effort to be allocated for each defense federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) during FY 2005, pursuant to Public Law 108—87, section 8029(e); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7875. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting pursuant to section 2433 of title 10, United States Code, certification with respect to the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) major defense acquisition program that: such acquisition program is essential to the national security; there are no alternatives to such acquisition program which will provide equal or greater military capability at less cost; the new estimates of the program acquisition unit cost or procurement unit cost are reasonable; and the management structure for the acquisition program is adequate to manage and control program acquisition cost or procurement unit cost; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7876. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7877. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Sta., FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Natamycin [Docket No. 1995F-0221] received April 27, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7878. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Sta., FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Registration of Food Facilities Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Reopening of Comment Period [Docket No. 2002N-0276] received April 27, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7879. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Sta., FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Reopening of Comment Period [Docket No. 2002N-0278] received April 27, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7880. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Sta., FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption [Docket No. 2002F-0181] received April 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7881. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Sta., FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Bar Code Label Requirement for Human Drug Products and Biological Products; Correction [Docket No. 2002N-0204] received April 27, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7882. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, DEA, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Schedules of Controlled Substances: Extension of Temporary Placement of Alpha-Methyltryptamine (AMT) and 5-Methoxy-N, N-Diisopropyltryptamine (5-MeO-DIPT) in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act [Docket No. DEA-251E] received April 13, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7883. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Quality Designations and Classifications for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Early Action Compact Areas with Deferred Effective Dates [OAR-2003-0083; FRL-7651-8] (RIN: 2060-) received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7884. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Arizona [AZ 116-0059a; FRL-7651-1] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7885. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans, Finding of Attainment, and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; 1-Hour Ozone Standard, East Kern County, California [CA 118-PLANA; FRL-7641-7] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7886. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment of the 1-Hour Ozone Standard; Determination Regarding Applicability of Certain Clean Air Act Requirements; Approval and Promulgation of Oxone Attainment Plan; San Francisco Bay Area, California [CA258-0442(A); FRL-7645-7] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7887. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of RFP for Capacity Building Project in NIS — received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7888. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion [SW-FRL-7651-4] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7889. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Interim Final Action to Stay and Defer Sanctions Based on Attainment of the 1-hour Ozone Standard for the San Francisco Bay Area, California [CA258-0442(B); FRL-7645-8] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7890. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Kern County Air Pollution Control District [CA 218-0433a; FRL-7640-7] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7891. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA 083-0436a; FRL-7650-4] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7892. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District [CA 304-0446a; FRL-7651-3] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7893. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — South Dakota; Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7653-2] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7894. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("Appliance Labeling Rule") — received April 27, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7895. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the activities of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) and certain financial information concerning U.S. Government participation in that organization, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3425; to the Committee on International Relations.

7896. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment sold commercially to Israel (Transmittal No. DDTTC-001-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7897. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Japan (Transmittal No. DTC 009-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

7898. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

7899. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995; to the Committee on International Relations.

7900. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Tome H. Walters, Jr., United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7901. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2004-27 on Waiving Prohibition on United States Military Assistance to Parties to the Rome Statute Establishing the International Criminal Court, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 7421 et. seq; to the Committee on International Relations.

7902. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a letter to inform that the Departments of State, Defense, and Commerce are engaged in an ongoing review of the United States Munitions List (USML), resulting in the proposed removal from the USML, and transfer to the Commerce Control List, of items from Category XIV, as required by Section 38(f) of the Arms Control Export Act, as amended; to the Committee on International Relations.

7903. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting in compliance with the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998, Public Law 105-270, an inventory of commercial and inherently government activities for FY 2003; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7904. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting the Performance Report of the National Endowment for the Humanities for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7905. A letter from the Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the annual report required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) entitled "Managing Information Collection — Information Collection Budget of the United States Government," pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3504(e)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7906. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Adjustment of the Immigration Benefit Application Fee Schedule [CIS No. 2233-02] (RIN: 1615-AA84) received April 16, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7907. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the report for FY 2001 and 2002 on the status of correctional job training and placement programs in the United States and the activities of the Office of Correctional Job Training and Placement (OCJTP), as required by Section 20418 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7908. A letter from the Acting Assistant Director, Civil Division, Torts Branch, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Civil Division; Claims Under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2000; Amendments Contained in the 21st Century Depart-

ment of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act of 2002 [Docket No. CIV101F; AG Order No. 2711-2004] (RIN: 1105-AA75) received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7909. A letter from the Senior Staff Attorney, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (No. 03-9006 — In re Bankvest Capital Corp. (March 15, 2004)); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7910. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting notification of the belief that the report mandated by section 4630 of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997 would no longer be useful to Congress; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RENZI (for himself and Mr. PORTER):

H.R. 4247. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 3 circuits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

H.R. 4248. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to expand or modify existing comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. PELOSI (for herself and Mr. CASTLE):

H.R. 4249. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. LEE, Mr. BALLANCE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. FORD, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WATT, Mr. WYNN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. HOLT):

H.R. 4250. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require States to provide notice and an opportunity

for review prior to removing any individual from the official list of eligible voters by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. REYES, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BAKER, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASE, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HOFFFEL, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HAYES, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. LOBIONDO, and Mr. FERGUSON):

H.J. Res. 93. A joint resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GOODE (for himself, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland):

H.J. Res. 94. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to establish English as the official language of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. KIRK, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. LEE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. EVANS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. HOFFFEL, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. SNYDER, Ms. WATSON, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. DELAHUNT):

H.J. Res. 95. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CANTOR (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. FORBES):

H. Res. 612. A resolution recognizing and honoring the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses who responded to the devastating fire in Richmond, Virginia, on March 26, 2004; to the Committee on Government Reform.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 3921: Mr. PASTOR.