

side, and as Abba Eban, the late Foreign Minister of Israel, used to say, you could have a resolution at the United Nations saying that the Earth is flat, and if it were put forward by an Arab country, it would automatically get 70 or more votes.

The fence that Israel has put up is a fence that any nation would put up to defend its people and keep terrorism away. Just as we in the United States are doing everything possible to prevent another terrorist attack on our country, Israel has every right to do the same thing to prevent terrorist attacks on its country. Terrorism is a terrible tool that some think can be used as a negotiating tool. We must stomp out this scourge of terrorism wherever it rears its ugly head.

I commend Israel for the security barrier, and I condemn the "International Court of Injustice" for once again showing that they are nothing more than a travesty of justice.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:30 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. BOYD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:00 p.m. on account of family responsibilities.

Mr. EMANUEL (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Ms. LOFGREN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 12:30 p.m. on account of a family commitment.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:10 p.m. on account of official business.

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

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

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today after 11:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. on July 13 on account of the death of his father.

Mr. TAUZIN (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for the week of July 6 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:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, July 13.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OXLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SAXTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS 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. 2634. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to provide funds for campus mental and behavioral health service centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 12, 2004, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8976. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Kevin P. Green, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8977. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Michael D. Malone, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8978. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the grade indicated in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8979. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting two enclosed reports, the first report is the Department of Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Defense Program Annual Report, the second is the Department of Defense CBRN Defense Program Performance Plan for Fiscal Years 2003-2005, as required by H. Rpt. No. 106-945 and S. Rpt. 108-46, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1523; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8980. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's FY 2002 report entitled, "Implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act" required under Section 23(a)(2) of the Act; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Armed Services.

8981. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 7(a) of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-45), a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2004-36 suspending the limitation on the obligation of the State Department Appropriations contained in sections 3(b) and 7(b) of that Act for six months as well as the periodic report provided for under Section 6 of the Act covering the period from December 16, 2003, to the present; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8982. A letter from the Director, National Film Preservation Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's Report to the U.S. Congress for the Year Ending December 31, 2003, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 5706; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and House Administration.

8983. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft bill "To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, life insurance benefits, memorial benefits, and education benefits, and for other purposes"; jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services.

8984. A letter from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a report on the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system, including any recommendations for financing changes, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f-1; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

8985. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting proposed legislation to authorize the transfer of the Nebraska Avenue Complex (NAC) from the U.S. Navy to the General Services Administration (GSA) for the use of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Homeland Security (Select).

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. BARTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4600. A bill to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibition on junk fax transmissions; with an amendment (Rept. 108-593). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Energy and Commerce

discharged from further consideration. S. 1146 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

S. 144. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than July 31, 2004.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. JOHN:

H.R. 4790. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the importation of prescription drugs from Canada and certain other countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HUNTER:

H.R. 4791. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a three-reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water supply reliability and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. LANTOS,

Mr. WEXLER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RUSH, Ms. WATERS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BELL, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. OLVER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. WATSON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. WYNN, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. DICKS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. SERRANO):

H.R. 4792. A bill to require the President to establish a comprehensive, integrated, and culturally appropriate HIV prevention strategy that emphasizes the needs of women and girls for each country for which the United States provides assistance to combat HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. LEACH, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BACHUS, Ms. LEE, and Mrs. MALONEY):

H.R. 4793. A bill to provide for the cancellation of debts owed to international financial institutions by poor countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. FILLNER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. ISSA, and Mrs. DAVIS of California):

H.R. 4794. A bill to amend the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 2000 to extend the authorization of appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. ANDREWS:

H.R. 4795. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to exclude cooperative employing units from multiple employer welfare arrangements; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. PLATTS):

H.R. 4796. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. HOYER, Mr. NORRIS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. KUCINICH):

H.R. 4797. A bill to provide for a demonstration project to enhance the ability of Federal agencies to continue to operate during an extended emergency situation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. FORD:

H.R. 4798. A bill to improve post-traumatic stress disorder treatment for veterans of service in Afghanistan and Iraq and the war on terror; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. GORDON (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. STUPAK):

H.R. 4799. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to provide funds for campus mental and behavioral health service centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon:

H.R. 4800. A bill to support specialty crop producers and production in the United States, to improve the program of value-added agricultural product market development grants by routing the grant funds through State departments of agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. ISRAEL:

H.R. 4801. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order regarding secondary cockpit barriers; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MEEHAN:

H.R. 4802. A bill to require information on railroad tank cars containing hazardous ma-

terials to be available to first responders; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MICHAUD:

H.R. 4803. A bill to designate the memorial to Edmund S. Muskie located in Rumford, Maine, as a national memorial; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MICHAUD:

H.R. 4804. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the memorial to Edmund S. Muskie located in Rumford, Maine, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, and Mr. GINGREY):

H.R. 4805. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a demonstration program under which the Secretary offsets the costs of electronic prescribing systems of Medicare health care providers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. NEUGEBAUER:

H.R. 4806. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. OSE (for himself, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. POMBO, Mr. HERGER, Ms. LEE, Ms. WATSON, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. FARR, Mr. NUNES, and Mr. HONDA):

H.R. 4807. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Sacramento Street in Rio Vista, California, as the "Adam G. Kinser Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 4808. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin:

H.R. 4809. A bill to make permanent the reduction in taxes on dividends and capital gains; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California:

H.R. 4810. A bill to require that 50 percent of the amounts provided under certain grants provided by the Department of Homeland Security for first responders shall be distributed directly to local entities, and for other purposes; 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.