

same thing after World War II about Japan, another area that had no democratic tradition, that had fought a bitter war. But we were successful in our efforts of reforming that area, changing the system and moving forward.

May I quote with just some words from Mr. Gross, who once again, whose returned and his experience first-hand in Iraq, by saying some people would say, "Rather than fight in Iraq, we should fight terrorism. Well, terrorism has moved to Iraq. It is the center of that war on terrorism. Iraq is the pivotal point. Terrorists had either tacit or direct support from Saddam, and the U.S. and coalition forces have created a tremendous problem for the terrorists. And now the Jordanians and the Syrians and the Saudis will have to rethink their relationship with terrorists. Iraq is the linchpin."

We are moving forward in Iraq. It is important as a key element in this fight against the war on terror. It is possible to create a democracy in Iraq, which will have immense effects on assisting the United States in our relationship in the entire Middle East, and it is one of those things that we are going to have to fight and work through looking at history, not necessarily referring only to the mass media, which has different kinds of agendas of their own.

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, I am most impressed by the gentleman from Utah's understanding of the Spanish-American War. In fact, I would only add that there were also front page stories about American troops and captured insurgents in that war as well.

The gentleman brings up a very good point that I would welcome the opportunity to address, as my district has many constituents who are Iraqi and Arab American and, more importantly, many of my friends are.

One of the things we have heard repeatedly throughout this debate is the Iraqi people will not take to democracy, that they have suffered too long under a totalitarian yoke.

Well, what country could you not say that about in this world? Half have suffered under totalitarianism with no history of democracy, including up until the fall of the Soviet Union, Russian people themselves? How many Eastern European countries never knew full freedom, only knew serfdom and feudalism?

So I would like to add to my list of requests for plans one final one: Those people who believe that there are some human beings that cannot take to democracy, I would like your test and your complete list of those who you deem unfit for freedom.

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, I thank both the gentlemen from Utah and Michigan, and am always compelled to understand that this institution is inhabited by people with great insights and great skills in communicating them, and they are demonstrating that tonight.

Mr. Speaker, as we conclude our time, I would like to mention that not only do we have the 9/11 Commission that has contradicted both Richard Clarke and former Vice President Al Gore, but also the Butler Report and the Senate Intelligence report which just came out had several conclusions, and I will just briefly go through those, because we have so many things to cover in the last 5 minutes.

But Conclusion 1, Iraq was procuring dual use equipment that had potential nuclear applications, this from the U.S. Senate Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence reporting on the U.S. pre-war intelligence assessment on Iraq.

Also the intelligence reporting did support the conclusion that chemical and biological weapons were within Iraq's technological capability, that Iraq was trying to procure dual-use materials.

Conclusion 91, that the CIA assessment that Iraq had maintained ties with Palestinian terrorist groups was supported by intelligence. The CIA was also reasonable in judging that Iraq appeared to have been reaching out to more effective terrorist groups, such as Hizbollah and Hamas.

Conclusion 92, that the indicators of a possible Iraq-al Qaeda relationship was a reasonable and objective approach to the question.

Conclusion 93 was the CIA reasonably assessed that there were several likely instances of contacts between Iraq and al Qaeda throughout the 1990s.

Conclusion 94 supports it.

Conclusion 95 supports it.

But if we go back to the news media, again looking at the news media's flip-flop on this issue, back in 1999, many in the news media were publicly reporting the ties and contacts between Iraq and al Qaeda.

Newsweek Magazine, the January 11, 1999 issue entitled "Saddam plus bin Laden," which read in part, "Saddam Hussein, who has a long record of supporting terrorism, is trying to rebuild his intelligence network overseas, assets that would allow him to establish a terrorism network. U.S. sources say he is reaching out to Islamic terrorists, including some who may be linked to Osama bin Laden, the wealthy Saudi exile accused of masterminding the bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa last summer."

That article from Newsweek, January 11, 1999.

ABC News, on January 15, 1999, reported that intelligence sources say bin Laden's long relationship with the Iraqis began as he helped Saddam's fundamentalist government in their efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction. It continues that ABC News has learned in December an Iraqi intelligence chief named Faruq Hijazi, now Iraq's ambassador to Turkey, made a secret trip to Afghanistan to meet with bin Laden. Three intelligence agencies tell ABC News they cannot be certain what was discussed, but almost cer-

tainly they say bin Laden had been told they will be welcome in Baghdad.

NPR reporter Mike Shuster reported in an interview with Vincent Cannistraro, who was the former head of the CIA's counterterrorism center, he says that Iraq's contacts with bin Laden go back some years to at least 1994, according to one U.S. Government source. Hijaz met with him when bin Laden lived in Sudan.

Mr. Speaker, when the news agencies declare these contacts under one President and disaffirm them under another, it makes them appear to have no more credibility than the National Enquirer.

Mr. Speaker, we have got several quotes here from Senators, and I recognize that my time has drawn to a close.

Liberating Iraq was the right thing to do. The war on terror, al Qaeda, have close relationships with Iraq.

We will continue the discussion next week, Mr. Speaker.

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004, AT PAGE H5617

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3575

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, due to a clerical error, the sponsor of H.R. 3575 inadvertently added my name as cosponsor; and I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3575.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DOGGETT (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 1:00 p.m. on account of a death in the family.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 4:00 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. QUINN (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of family 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. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, July 22.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, July 19.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, July 19 and 20.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 15. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures.

S. 1167. An act to resolve boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock midnight), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 19, 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:

9096. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Wyoming [Docket No. 04-009-2] received July 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9097. A letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of User Fees for 2004 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [Doc. No. CN-03-007] (RIN: 0581-AC34) received July 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9098. A letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Program: Rules and Regulations [No. LS-02-05] received July 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9099. A letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Program: Rules and Regulations [No. LS-02-05] received July 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9100. A letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Milk in the Mideast Marketing Area: Order Amending the Order [Docket No. AO-361-A35; DA-01-04] received July 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9101. A letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Revision of Current Procedures for Handlers To Receive Exempt Use/Diversion Credit for New Product and New Market Development Activities [Docket No. FV03-930-5-IFR] received July 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9102. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for FY 2005 budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, and Labor. In addition a FY 2004 language proposal for the Departments of Housing and Urban Development; (H. Doc. No. 108—200); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

9103. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Written Assurance of Technical Data Conformity [DFARS Case 2003-D104] received June 23, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9104. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Use of FAR Part 12 for Performance-Based Contracting for Services [DFARS Case 2003-D111] received June 24, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9105. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Designated Countries — New European Union Members [DFARS Case 2004-D006] received June 24, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9106. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Fire-fighting Services Contracts [DFARS Case 2003-D107] received June 24, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9107. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Information Assurance [DFARS Case 2002-D020] received June 24, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9108. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Community Reinvestment Act Regulations [Regulation BB; Docket No. R-1205] Department of the Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency [Docket No. 04-17] (RIN: 1557-AC86); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (RIN: 3064-AC82); Department of the Treasury, Office of Thrift Supervision [No. 2004-28] (RIN: 1550-AB9) received July 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9109. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Investment Advisor Codes of Ethics [Release Nos. IA-2256, IC-26492; File No. S7-04-04] (RIN:

3235-AJ08) received July 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9110. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Participation in Education Department Programs by Religious Organizations; Providing for Equal Treatment of All Education Program Participants (RIN: 1890-AA11) received July 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9111. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Three Class III Preamendments Devices [Docket No. 2003N-0468] received July 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9112. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Child Restraint Systems; Anthropomorphic Test Devices; Hybrid III Six-Year-Old Weighted Child Test Dummy [Docket No. NHTSA-04-18075] (RIN: 2127-A158) received July 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9113. 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 July 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9114. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Rules Under the FACT Act (RIN: 3084-AA94) received June 24, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9115. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations to Remove Certain Regional Stability and Crime Control License Requirements to the New North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Member Countries [Docket No. 040614182-4182-01] (RIN: 0694-AD11) received July 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

9116. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Export and Reexport Restrictions on Cuba [Docket No. 040610179-4179-01] (RIN: 0694-AD17) received July 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

9117. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Posting Regulations (RIN: 3206-AJ73) received June 24, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

9118. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Extended Assignment Incentives (RIN: 3206-AK01) received June 24, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

9119. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States and