

in decades. A perfect election, no; an historic election, yes; and one filled with great promise and potential for the future.

I have also talked today about the threats we face to our future right here at home, through frivolous lawsuits, what we can do to address that. Just today we found out that McDonald's is yet again going to court to defend itself from the claims of a family who ate too much McDonald's food and now wants to blame the restaurant.

We also heard from my colleague today from North Carolina, also talking about the threat of frivolous lawsuits and the threat that we may lose doctors in our most underserved communities.

We also talked about the threat to that most important property right in America, the right to own one's home, posed by a recent IRS ruling.

And finally, not to trivialize it, but finally the threat being faced by those communities who may not have access to Louisiana's fine seafood.

**CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005, AT PAGE H140**

**OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF THURSDAY JANUARY 6, 2005, AT PAGE H129**

The tellers delivered to the President of the Senate the following statement of results.

**JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS FOR THE COUNTING OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OFFICIAL TALLY**

The undersigned, TRENT LOTT and TIM JOHNSON, tellers on the part of the Senate, ROBERT W. NEY and JOHN B. LARSON of Connecticut, tellers on the part of the House of Representatives, report the following as the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning on the Twentieth day of January, two thousand and five.

Electoral votes of each State	For President			For Vice President	
	George W. Bush	John F. Kerry	John Edwards	Dick Cheney	John Edwards
Alabama—9	9			9	
Alaska—3	3			3	
Arizona—10	10			10	
Arkansas—6	6			6	
California—55		55			55
Colorado—9	9			9	
Connecticut—7		7			7
Delaware—3		3			3
District of Columbia—3		3			3
Florida—27	27			27	
Georgia—15	15			15	
Hawaii—4		4			4
Idaho—4	4			4	
Illinois—21	4	21		4	21
Indiana—11	11			11	
Iowa—7	7			7	
Kansas—6	6			6	
Kentucky—8	8			8	
Louisiana—9	9			9	
Maine—4		4			4
Maryland—10		10			10
Massachusetts—12		12			12
Michigan—17		17			17
Minnesota—10		9	1		10
Mississippi—6	6			6	
Missouri—11	11			11	

Electoral votes of each State	For President			For Vice President	
	George W. Bush	John F. Kerry	John Edwards	Dick Cheney	John Edwards
Montana—3	3			3	
Nebraska—5	5			5	
Nevada—5	5			5	
New Hampshire—4		4			4
New Jersey—15		15			15
New Mexico—5	5			5	
New York—31		31			31
North Carolina—15	15			15	
North Dakota—3	3			3	
Ohio—20	20			20	
Oklahoma—7	7			7	
Oregon—7		7			7
Pennsylvania—21		21			21
Rhode Island—4		4			4
South Carolina—8	8			8	
South Dakota—3	3			3	
Tennessee—11	11			11	
Texas—34	34			34	
Utah—5	5			5	
Vermont—3		3			3
Virginia—13	13			13	
Washington—11		11			11
West Virginia—5	5			5	
Wisconsin—10		10			10
Wyoming—3	3			3	
Total—538	286	251	1	286	252

TRENT LOTT,  
TIM JOHNSON,  
*Tellers on the part of the Senate.*  
ROBERT W. NEY,  
JOHN B. LARSON,  
*Tellers on the part of the House of Representatives.*

The state of the vote for President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

The whole number of the electors appointed to vote for President of the United States is 538, of which a majority is 270.

George W. Bush, of the State of Texas, has received for President of the United States 286 votes;

JOHN F. KERRY, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has received 251 votes;

JOHN EDWARDS, of the State of North Carolina, has received 1 vote.

The state of the vote for Vice President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

The whole number of the electors appointed to vote for Vice President of the United States is 538, of which a majority is 270.

DICK CHENEY, of the State of Wyoming, has received for Vice President of the United States 286 votes;

JOHN EDWARDS, of the State of North Carolina, has received 252 votes;

This announcement of the state of the vote by the President of the Senate shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President of the United States, each for the term beginning on the twentieth day of January, two thousand and five and shall be entered, together with the list of the votes, on the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Note: The certificate from the State of Minnesota reflected that one elector cast ballots for JOHN EDWARDS, of the State of North Carolina, for both President and Vice President.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. BERKLEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and January 26 on account of official business—congressional delegation to Poland.

Ms. ESHOO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for January 6.

Mr. ISRAEL (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and January 26 on account of official business.

Mr. LANTOS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and January 26 on account of official business.

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and January 26 on account of a family emergency.

Mr. EHLERS (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness.

Mr. FOLEY (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Mr. MCCOTTER (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of his leading a congressional delegation to the 60th anniversary of liberation of Auschwitz.

Mr. ROHRBACHER (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness.

Mr. WAMP (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of family 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. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUELLAR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MURPHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, January 26.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NUSSLE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOHMERT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Ms. KAPTUR and to include extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$3,224.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 26, 2005, 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:

199. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Multiple Chemicals; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-2004-0392; FRL-7688-6] received December 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

200. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Bacillus pumilus* GB34; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-2004-0175; FRL-7382-6] received December 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

201. A letter from the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, USMC, Department of Defense, transmitting Notice of decision to convert the Real Property Management and Grounds Maintenance functions at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina to contractor performance, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

202. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Housing — Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting results of a study on housing needs of grandparent-headed and relative-headed families, pursuant to (117 Stat. 2691); to the Committee on Financial Services.

203. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Housing — Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Federal Housing Administration's Annual Report On Initiatives to Address Management Deficiencies Identified in the Audit of FHA's FY 2002 and 2003 Financial Statements; to the Committee on Financial Services.

204. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting a copy of the NCD's "National Disability Policy: A Progress Report," as required by Section 401(b)(1) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, covering the period from December 2002 through December 2003; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

205. A letter from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting a report, entitled "Activities and Expenditures of the Independent Television Service (ITVS) for

FY 2003," pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 396(k)(3)(iii)(v); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

206. A letter from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting a report, entitled "Public Broadcasting and The Needs of Minority and Diverse Audiences and Public Broadcasting's Services to Minorities and Other Groups," dated December 2004, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 396(m)(2); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

207. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York State Implementation Plan Revision [Region 2 Docket No. R02-OAR-2004-NY-0001; FRL-7852-5] received January 12, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

208. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — New York: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7857-8] received January 12, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

209. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revision to the 1-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area to Reflect the Use of MOBILE6 [PA217-4232; FRL-7845-6] received December 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

210. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Minnesota: Minneapolis-St. Paul Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan Update [R05-OAR-2004-MN-0002; FRL-7846-7] received December 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

211. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York State Implementation Plan Revision; 1-Hour Ozone Control Program [Region 2 Docket No. NY70-279, FRL-7845-8] received December 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

212. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Louisiana [R06-OAR-2004-LA-0001; FRL-7847-8] received December 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

213. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — North Carolina: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7847-9] received December 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

214. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of VOC Emissions from Yeast Manufacturing; Correction [MD170-3113a; FRL-7851-5] received December 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

215. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Michigan: Oxides of Nitrogen [R05-OAR-2004-MI-0002; FRL-7849-1] received December 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

216. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Availability of Federally-Enforceable State Implementation Plans for All States [FRL-7852-2] received December 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

217. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department; Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District; Disapproval of State Implementation Plan Revisions, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District [AZ 134-082, CA 250-0453, CA 310-0465; FRL-7847-6] received December 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

218. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, transmitting the second report of 2004, as required by the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, Public Law 100-203, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10268; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

219. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergency 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 terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995; to the Committee on International Relations.

220. 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 of the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on International Relations.

221. 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 the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000; to the Committee on International Relations.

222. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting a report entitled "The International HIV/AIDS Workplace Program," submitted in accordance with the Conference Report of the FY 2004 Labor-HHS-Education appropriation; to the Committee on International Relations.

223. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to Paragraph (5)(D) of the Senate's May