

illegal for the Republic of China, Taiwan as we know it, to leave their country and they are still part of the mainland, according to this law.

So we wanted to make sure, and I think the chairman did an excellent job in his one-on-one discussion with several leading members of the European commission, of how important it was to us for stability in that region, for stability in the Middle East. I mean, I think that was, of all of the diplomatic things that we were able to accomplish, and there were many on this 10-day trip, but I thought that was real significant.

Mr. DREIER. Well, I thank my friend for his contribution. I want to say that he was very helpful in that effort as well.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that as we look at where we are headed in the future, it seems to me that we have gotten to the point where there is an understanding that freedom, economic freedom and political freedom, are interdependent. We need to do everything that we can to encourage people to choose their own leaders, to live under the rule of law, and at the same time, we need to encourage economic opportunity for people all over the world.

One of the things that we have learned from this trip that we took is that it is a God-given right and it is something that everyone aspires to. The arrogance that has existed in the past, believing that somehow, some people may not be educated enough or have an understanding or they may be tied to some tribe or some other entity, and so the notion of thinking that they might be able to play a role in choosing their own leaders is extraordinary arrogance on the part of people who hold that view, because I believe that every single person on the face of the earth should have that opportunity to be able to choose their own leaders, to be able to seek economic opportunity for themselves.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, if the chairman would yield, this is such an important point that the chairman is making, and I hope my colleagues are listening because that reaching out, as I have said earlier, that is so important. I do not think anybody could do it any better than the gentleman from California (Chairman DREIER), and this delegation showed them that we are very much willing to open our arms and our hearts and our support of the people in the Middle East in realizing, as the chairman pointed out, that they want to grasp hold to a little measure of that peace and liberty that, quite honestly, people in our country, Members of Congress as well, sort of fall into the trap of taking that for granted. It is not something to be for granted when we go to these countries, and we realize that they only have a very small measure of it. So I thought that was extremely beneficial.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is absolutely right, and when

one thinks about the lives that have been lost, the more than 1,500 lives that have been lost in Iraq, the lives lost in Afghanistan and the American lives lost throughout history, and of course, the coalition forces in our entire struggle in the global war on terror, all of this that has taken place is geared towards ensuring the safety and security of the American people, and that, again, it is in our interest to encourage and pursue these kinds of developments.

So I would like to just close by expressing my appreciation to my friend from Marietta who not only went on the trip but stayed into Thursday evening for us to have a chance to talk about this important mission, but I also want to express my appreciation to all of our colleagues who took time out from this traditional district work period to make sure that we continue to pursue and encourage the cause of freedom and stability throughout the world.

So I thank my friend for his participation, and I thank our colleagues and I thank the American people, Mr. Speaker, for the strong support that they have provided in our quest to ensure that we win this global war on terror and expand political pluralism and freedom for peoples throughout the world.

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

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MELANCON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHUSTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, April 26 and 27.

Mr. FEENEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 167. An act to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 25, 2005, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1709. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pistachios Grown in California; Establishment of Continuing Assessment Rate and Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV04-983-2 FR] received March 4, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1710. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Citrus Canker; Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 05-005-1] received February 28, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1711. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Possession, Use, and Transfer of Biological Agents and Toxins [Docket No. 02-088-4] (RIN: 0579-AB47) received March 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1712. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Community Reinvestment Act Regulations (RIN: 3064-AC82); Department of the Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency [Docket No. 05-XX] (RIN: 1557-AC86), Office of Thrift Supervision [No. 2005-06] (RIN: 1550-AB91); Federal Reserve System [Regulation BB; Docket No. R-1205] received April 5, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1713. A letter from the Legal Advisor/Chief, Wireless Telecom Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Part 22 of the Commission's Rules To Benefit the Consumers of Air-Ground Telecommunications Services [WT Docket No. 03-103] Biennial Regulatory Review — Amendment of Parts 1, 22, and 90 of the Commission's Rules; Amendment of Parts 1 and 22 of the Commission's Rules To Adopt Competitive Bidding Rules for Commercial and General Aviation Air — Ground Radiotelephone Service [WT Docket No. 05-42] Application of Verizon Airfone Inc. for Renewal of 800 MHz Air-Ground Radiotelephone License, Call Sign KNKG804 (File No. 0001716212) Received March 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1714. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment and Maintenance of Records Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Correction [Docket No. 2002N-0277] received March 10, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1715. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations [Docket No. 2000N-1596] received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1716. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations based on the 2004 Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary Agreements; Additions to the Entity List; Revisions to the Missile Catch-All Controls [Docket No. 050218043-5043-01] (RIN: 0694-AD42) received March 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

1717. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule — Technical Updating Amendments to Executive Branch Financial Disclosure and Standards of Ethical Conduct Regulations (RIN: 3209-AA00) received March 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1718. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to General Permit Procedures (RIN: 1018-AC57) received April 6, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1719. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 041126332-5039-02; I.D. 032305B] received April 5, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1720. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bycatch Limitation Zone 1 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 041126332-5039-02; I.D. 031505B] received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1721. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, NHTSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems [Docket No. NHTSA-04-19892] (RIN: 2127-AI63) received January 31, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1722. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Important Restrictions Imposed on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material from the Prehispanic Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador [CBP Dec. 05-10] (RIN: 1505-AB56) received March 4, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1723. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Training and Employment Guidance Letters 2-03, Change 1-Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) for Older Workers Questions and Answers, and Change 2-Requests for Certification Under the Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) Program for Certain Worker Groups Covered by Certified TAA Petitions, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1724. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Low-Income Housing Credit (Rev. Rul. 2005-16) received March 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1725. A letter from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Expanded Authority for Cross-Program Recovery of Benefit Overpayments [Regulations No. 4, 8, and 16] (RIN: 0960-AG06) received April 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 741. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for judicial deference to conclusions of law determined by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission with respect to an order issued by the Commission; with an amendment. (Rept. 109-50). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 748. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 109-51). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MANZULLO: Committee on Small Business. House Resolution 22. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights; with amendments (Rept. 109-52). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NORWOOD (for himself, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. LINDER, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. AKIN, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana):

H.R. 1748. A bill to require labor organizations to guarantee members the opportunity to vote on contracts prior to work stoppage; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. OTTER (for himself, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. TERRY, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. CANNON, Miss McMORRIS, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BERRY,

Mr. BAKER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. POMBO, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Mr. SALAZAR):

H.R. 1749. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to affirm that a permit is not required in certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BOEHLERT:

H.R. 1750. A bill to establish a Grand Canyon hydrogen-powered transportation research, development, and demonstration program; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. GOHMERT (for himself and Mr. WEINER):

H.R. 1751. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ADERHOLT:

H.R. 1752. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Polyethylene HE2591; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 1753. A bill to provide financial assistance to law school graduates who choose to accept employment in a public interest position; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 1754. A bill to ensure that interest accrues on overdue child support payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 1755. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to require that anticipated child support be held in trust on the sale or refinancing of certain real property of an obligated parent; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 1756. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the Hope and Lifetime Learning Credits refundable, and to allow taxpayers to obtain short-term student loans by using the future refund of such credits as collateral for the loans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 1757. A bill to provide that a person who brings a product liability action in a Federal or State court for injuries sustained from a product that is not in compliance with a voluntary or mandatory standard issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission may recover treble damages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. 1758. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide penalties for open air drug markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. 1759. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the use of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill to pay Federal student loans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services,