

What about demanding a transition to democracy as the Burmese people have asked for? What about saying, Enough is enough. If Burma's regime does not heed 10 consecutive U.N. resolutions calling for Burma to simply participate in a dialogue with the democracy movement, then refer this issue to the U.N. Security Council and call for international economic sanctions.

Unfortunately, with Kofi Annan's track record as seen with the 14 plus resolutions alone on Iraq and his lack of action on the genocide in Sudan and other examples of ineffectiveness, Kofi Annan seems to be not willing to demand consequences, and there is no action. For the sake of the millions of people around the world and especially in Burma that are subject to slaughter and rape, displacement, starvation and victimization at the hands of their government, specifically the evil tyrants of Burma, we should stop talking in the United Nations and start doing something about it. Why do we have the United Nations? Is this not its mission? Is this not why the United Nations started, to help these tortured people?

But enough about the broken and ineffective United Nations. There is a voice for freedom in Burma, the lady, Aung San Suu Kyi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this question. Why are those 400,000 Burmese soldiers consistently afraid of the lady? The answer is, because she wants a democracy in her nation. Simple. She wants her people to be free, a free country like our country. The forces of evil in this world always fear the forces of good. Forces that promote life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are the forces that make all of us desire to be free. Every human being is created down in our soul with these God-given desires and rights.

So, Mr. Speaker, on this birthday of Aung San Suu Kyi, I am here to assure her that the United States has not forgotten her and her people. Even though the United Nations has dreadfully forsaken her cause, this country stands firm for all freedom-loving people, people who just want to control their own lives and their own country. Even though Burma's neighbors look the other way while making money in shady business deals, the United States is watching and I hope the United States does not abandon this nation of Burma. The United Nations and Burma's neighbors might be able to sleep at night while the people of Burma are beaten and pillaged, some slaughtered, but we hope that the United States will take note. Liberty's blaze burns bright and burns strong in this nation of Burma and her people.

So in closing, I am sending a special birthday greeting to this lady who is under house arrest, this lady, Aung San Suu Kyi, on her 60th birthday, wishing her a respite of peace in the darkness that surrounds her. The United Nations may do nothing but hopefully the

United States is standing with her and the United States remembers her on her 60th birthday.

May God bless you, Aung San Suu Kyi, and God bless Burma and the people who desire freedom, freedom that all of us desire no matter who we are, what we look like, male or female, anyplace in this world.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for the evening of June 16 and today on account of important matters in the district.

Mr. GINGREY (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending to family commitments.

Mr. WALSH (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today until 12:30 p.m. on account of attending the funeral at Arlington National Cemetery of Spc. Louis Niedermeier of Largo, Florida, who died in Iraq on June 1, 2005.

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:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, June 24.

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today and June 20.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 20, 2005, 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:

2413. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of User Fees for 2005 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [CN-05-001] (RIN: 0581-AC43) received June 3, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2414. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Milk in the Upper Midwest Marketing Area; Interim Order Amending the Order [Docket No. AO-361-A39; DA-04-03A] received June 15, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2415. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Malaysia To List of Regions in Which Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Subtype H5N1 Is Considered to Exist [Docket No. 04-091-2] received June 10, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2416. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oregon State Plan; Final Approval Determination [Docket No. T-027A] (RIN: 1218-AC13) received June 3, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2417. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received June 15, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2418. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Permits; Determination that Falconry Regulations for the State of Connecticut Meet Federal Standards (RIN: 1018-AT63) received June 10, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2419. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Rebuilding Plan [Docket No. 040804227-5143-02; I.D. 072604A] (RIN: 0648-AP02) received June 9, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2420. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Spiny Dogfish; Open Access; Routine Management Measure; Closure Authority [Docket No. 050302053-5120-03; I.D. 042605G] (RIN: 0648-AT38) received May 23, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2421. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fishery; Amendment 2 [Docket No. 041229366-5088-02; I.D. 122304D] (RIN: 0648-AQ25) received May 19, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2422. 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 in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 041126332-5039-02; I.D. 051705F] received June 9, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

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

H.R. 68. Committee on Ways and Means discharged; Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

H.R. 358. Committee on Ways and Means discharged; Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PITTS, and Mr. PENCE):

H.R. 2957. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide for the establishment of centers for the treatment of obstetric fistula in developing countries; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. MURPHY:

H.R. 2958. A bill to require notification of appropriate emergency response authorities when damage to underground pipeline facilities occurs or is discovered; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. EVANS (for himself, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. PICKERING, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 2959. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. WU, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. HOLT, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BARROW, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. MATSUL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MICHAUD, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. STARK, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. STRICKLAND):

H.R. 2960. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (for himself and Mr. TANNER):

H.R. 2961. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend and improve protections for sole community hospitals under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 2962. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the eligibility criteria for presumption of service-connection of certain diseases and disabilities for veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 2963. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COLE of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. BOREN):

H.R. 2964. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail historic cattle-drive trails for study and for potential addition to the National Trails System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COBLE, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. KINGSTON, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. UPTON, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. OLVER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. CAMP, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. NEY, Mr. CARTER, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. WEINER, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MCKEON, Ms. HART, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. LATHAM, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. LEACH, Mr. SHADEGG, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WAMP, Mr. FERGUSON, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. PORTER, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. TIBERI, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. HAYES, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. PLATTS, and Mr. CANTOR):

H.R. 2965. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a five-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its manda-

tory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations and other public service programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HONDA:

H.R. 2966. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the availability of emergency medical care for veterans in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (for herself, Mr. WATT, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HONDA, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. WATSON, Mr. CAMP, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HOLT, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. KNOLLENBERG):

H.R. 2967. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. LAHOOD):

H.R. 2968. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow penalty-free withdrawals from individual retirement plans for adoption expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KUCINICH (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. ANDREWS):

H.R. 2969. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code to exclude all employment contracts from the arbitration provisions of chapter 1 of such title; and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. KUHL of New York:

H.R. 2970. A bill to provide public safety officer disability benefits to officers disabled before the enactment of the Federal public safety officer disability benefits law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MUSGRAVE:

H.R. 2971. A bill to provide for parental notification and intervention in the case of a minor seeking an abortion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MYRICK:

H.R. 2972. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2-Naphthalenesulfonic acid, 6-[(2,4-diaminophenyl)azo]-3-[[4-[[[7-(2,4-diaminophenyl) azo]-1-hydroxy-3-sulfo-2-naphthalenyl]azo]phenyl]amino]-3-sulfophenyl]azo]-4-hydroxy-, trisodium salt; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MYRICK:

H.R. 2973. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Methylene Bis-Benzotriazolyl Tetramethylbutylphenol; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MYRICK:

H.R. 2974. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Bis-Ethylhexyloxyphenol Methoxyphenol Triazine; to the Committee on Ways and Means.