

could be spent here and that life could be saved. And I would like to know what happened to the Republican Party that used to question our involvement overseas, that used to worry about how much we spent, that used to worry about how many lives would be lost, that suggested that we should only be involved in overseas wars if our national interest was at stake? I do not hear about that Republican Party anymore.

War is supposed to be a last resort. Many Republicans used to say that. They do not say that anymore.

So I will say to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, it is not the Democratic Party that has changed. The Democratic Party is still looking out for the little guy. The Democratic Party is still concerned about our economy and our jobs and putting America first. It is the Republican Party that, in fact, has lost sight of that with the Republican leadership that we see here running the House of Representatives.

And I could go on and on. I do not really seek to, because I am not interested in being negative. I would rather be positive. I would like to see the day when we get together and work on issues together. But the only way that that can happen is if the Republican majority and its leadership allows the Democrats to participate, allows the Democrats to provide ideas, allows Democrats to speak, allows Democrats to propose amendments. That is not what we are seeing.

It was very interesting tonight because when we had the first Special Order and we began to read the names of those soldiers who had died in Iraq, there were both Democrats and Republicans on the floor. It was my colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) who voted for the war but says now that it is time to get out. And I think what is beginning to happen here is that there are some Republicans who are beginning to realize the Democrats are right; that it is time for us to get out of Iraq; that we have to have an exit strategy; that there is too much abuse of power on the part of the Republican majority; that in fact too much of Republican policy is aimed towards helping the millionaire and the big-shot rather than the little guy; that there is too much emphasis on the Republican side in terms of Republican policy about worrying about free trade and whether or not we can get something cheaper done overseas instead of trying to protect a job for Americans here at home.

And there are some Republicans who have expressed interest and concern about the deficit and the crippling impact it has on the economy and, in fact, that the economy is not that good. So there is hope here.

I would like to end on a positive note because I do believe that there are members of the Republican Party, my colleagues on the other side, that now realize that on many of these policy

issues Democrats are right. And, hopefully, we can forge a bipartisan leadership that will address some of these issues in a positive way. But it is only going to begin when my colleagues on the other side realize that they have to give an opportunity for Democrats to speak, that they cannot abuse the power of their majority. And we are not there yet, but hopefully we can be in the next few weeks or the next few months before this session of Congress is over.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:00 p.m. and the balance of the week.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:45 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of business in the district.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. BASS (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today after noon on account of attending his daughter Lucy's graduation from the eighth grade.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today after 3:00 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of attending a hearing at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico, with members of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

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

Mr. CHANDLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, June 30.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today. Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today. Mr. KELLER, for 5 minutes, today. Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today. Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, June 24, 2005, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2444. A letter from the Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and Subpart D — 2005-06 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations (RIN: 1018-AT70) received June 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2445. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the biennial report regarding the activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Chesapeake Bay Office Activities, pursuant to Section 307(b)(7) of the NOAA Authorization Act of 1992; to the Committee on Resources.

2446. 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 Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No. 041110317-4364-02; I.D. 030305D] received May 19, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2447. 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 Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for North Carolina [Docket No. 031119283-4001-05; I.D. 122204F] received May 19, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2448. 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; Alaska Plaice in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Managements Area [Docket No. 041126332-5039-02; I.D. 050605D] received May 19, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2449. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 40B [Docket No. 050314072-5126-02; I.D. 030705D] (RIN: 0648-AS33) received June 9, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2450. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Galveston Channel, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Galveston, Texas [CGD08-05-035] received June 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2451. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 1012.6, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, FL. [CGD07-05-041] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received June 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2452. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; White River, Augusta, Arkansas [CGD08-05-030] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received June 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2453. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Port Allen Canal, Morley, Louisiana [CGD08-05-036] received June 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2454. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Presque Isle Bay, Dobbins Landing, Erie, PA [CGD09-05-016] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received June 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2455. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Rochester Harbor Fireworks, Rochester, NY [CGD09-05-017] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received June 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 362. A bill to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 109-149). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1797. A bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; (Rept. 109-150). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BOEHLERT: Committee on Science. H.R. 2364. A bill to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research, and satellite programs; with an amendment (Rept. 109-151). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TIBERI (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 3043. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a pilot program to insure zero-downpayment mortgages for one-unit residences; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California:

H.R. 3044. A bill to amend chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Justice), to provide standards for the use of military commissions for the trial of offenses under the law of war or in furtherance of international terrorism; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DELAY (for himself and Mr. JEFFERSON):

H.R. 3045. A bill to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Ms. ROSE LEHTINEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. McGOVERN):

H.R. 3046. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to deem certain training in geriatric medicine or geriatric psychiatry to be obligated service for purposes of the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Mr. PLATTS):

H.R. 3047. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for expanded coverage of paramedic intercept services under the Medicare Program; 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. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 3048. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to retain indefinitely records (including images) of redeemed savings bonds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin:

H.R. 3049. A bill to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, popularly known as the Lacey Act, to add certain species of carp to the list of injurious species that are prohibited from being imported or shipped; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. BONO, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. SIMMONS, and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 3050. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide grants to promote innovative outreach and enrollment under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KOLBE:

H.R. 3051. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Pima County, Arizona, for the purpose of consolidating Federal land ownership within the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. ANDREWS):

H.R. 3052. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand the capability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for the medical care needs of veterans in southern New Jersey; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCKEON:

H.R. 3053. A bill to remediate groundwater contamination caused by perchlorates in the city of Santa Clarita, California; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SAXTON:

H.R. 3054. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 to require appropriations to cover the estimated subsidy costs of monetary resources provided by the United States Government to the International Monetary Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Financial 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. STARK (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. LEE, Mrs. McCARTHY, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. McGOVERN, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 3055. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to guarantee comprehensive health care coverage for all children born after 2006; 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. MILLER of Florida (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. WATSON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mr. SHAW, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. HERGER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HAYES, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. McCaul of Texas, Mr. WAMP, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. TURNER, Mr. RADANOVICH, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. AKIN, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. TIAHRT, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BUYER, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ORTIZ, and Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee):

H. Con. Res. 188. Concurrent resolution honoring the members of the United States Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. INSLER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. WU, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. DICKS, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Miss McMORRIS, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. REICHERT, and Mr. BAIRD):

H. Con. Res. 189. Concurrent resolution honoring the Native American tribes of the