

Back in my State of New York we are seeing more and more illegal guns coming into my city. It is probably happening in a lot of other States. It is only a small percentage of those bad people that are buying these illegal guns that we can stop.

Madam Speaker, there are so many things we could do to stop gun violence in this country, to make a difference. And I know it is not on the top of the list of everybody in this country. I know the majority of people are struggling to just get through their day, working, coming home, taking care of the family, doing everything that a family should be doing because they honestly feel that we as politicians are down here protecting them.

We talk about homeland security. We talk about possible terrorists in this country, and yet we make it so easy for those out there to buy guns.

Madam Speaker, I hope we can make a difference. I hope we can change the dialogue. I hope we can save lives. I hope we can prevent injuries.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. McDERMOTT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. DELAURO addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. MCKINNEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ addressed the House. Her remarks will

appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. KENNEDY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge Brain Awareness Week, which reminds us that neuroscience research is critical to the health of U.S. global competitiveness and much of this research is done by the National Institutes of Health.

As Members of Congress, many of us from both sides of the aisle make a commitment to doubling the NIH budget, and many of us now wonder what do we get for what we paid for.

Some are asking this and I have asked them to look at www.SFN.org, which stands for the Society of Neuroscience which has produced 24 separate brain research success stories. Behind me here you see some of the incredible technology that is giving rise to research in the brain by helping us through PET scans and fMRIs, looking into the brain as we have never been able to do before.

These discoveries have allowed us to develop treatments that reduce the severity of symptoms for those suffering from Parkinson's, those suffering from affective disorders. We have seen a whole new class of anti-depressants that produce fewer side effects than their predecessors. We have also seen great breakthroughs in the identification of new stroke treatment and prevention methods, and we have seen the creation of ways to help prevent epileptic seizures, as well as expansion of treatments for psychotic symptoms and schizophrenia. Research brings hope and improves the lives of millions of Americans.

Madam Speaker, in this country mental illnesses comprise the second leading cause of lost work days in our country. Suicide in this country is twice the rate of homicide. We lose 34,000 people a year to suicide. The fact of the matter is we have 1,300 young people every single day who try to take their lives in this country. And yet we can reach into this brain science, find and discover ways to help reduce the severity of mental illness and address the needs that people have that cause them to suffer so greatly.

Madam Speaker, I would just point once again to the fact that we have had technology thanks to the National Institutes of Mental Health, the National Institute of Drug Addiction, the National Institute of Alcoholism that has demonstrated to us that we are going to see great promise. But we need the American people to call their Members of Congress and say to their Members of Congress, we want full funding for mental health research and neuroscience.

We have come too far to step back now. Anybody watching this program

needs to call their Members of Congress, their Senator and their Representative, and say we do not want to take a step backward in brain research. We want us to go forward to help solve the many mysteries of the brain and the suffering that is going out around this country from those who are suffering from mental illness.

Madam Speaker, we also need them to ask for parity for mental health coverage, which means equal insurance coverage for mental illness as every other physical illness. You cannot look at these poster boards and not tell me that mental illness is physical illness.

It is not a sign of a character defect if they are depressed, if they are suffering from mental illness. It is a sign that they need the kind of attention to the organ, which is their brain, the organ which is their brain that too often has been associated with stigma and stereotype that has guided our policymaking too much of the time; and as a result we spend less than four of every 100 of your dollars at NIH studying brain diseases even though they comprise the second leading cause of lost days in this country.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Brain Awareness Week and join me in helping to continue the research, the very promising work that is going on in our institutes of health that help us find the discoveries that we need in order to relieve the suffering of millions of Americans.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. DAVIS of California (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

Mr. SHIMKUS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of overseeing elections in Belarus.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. VAN HOLLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. POE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mrs. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a joint resolution of the House of the following title, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 47. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of today, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Accordingly, pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, March 20, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 361, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House adjourned until noon on Monday, March 20, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 361, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6721. A letter from the Administrator, FSIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Changes in Fees for Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products Inspection Services—Fiscal Years 2006-2008 [Docket No. 03-027F; FDMS Docket Number FSIS-2005-0025] (RIN: 0583-AD12) received February 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6722. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Add Kazakhstan, Romania, Russia, Turkey, and Ukraine to List of Regions in Which Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Subtype H5N1 is Considered to Exist [Docket No. APHIS-2006-0010] received February 15, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6723. A letter from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final

rule—TRICARE; Revision of Participating Providers Reimbursement Rate; TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) [DOD-2006-OS-002] (RIN: 0720-AA92) received February 22, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6724. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Delegation of Insuring Authority to Direct Endorsement Mortgages; Announcement of Information Collection Effective Date [Docket No. FR-4169-F-04] (RIN: 2502-AG87) received February 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6725. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Market Risk Measure; Securities Borrowing Transactions [Regulation H and Y; Docket No. R-1087] received February 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6726. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revised Regulations Governing Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities [Docket No. RM05-36-000; Order No. 671] received February 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6727. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Microbiology Devices; Reclassification of Hepatitis A Virus Serological Assays [Docket No. 2003P-0564] received February 28, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6728. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Clarification to the Export Administration Regulations; General Order to Implement the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Act [Docket No. 051230351-5351-01] (RIN: 0694-AD68) received February 22, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

6729. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-293, "DC-USA Economic Development Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6730. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation [AAG/A Order No. 004-2006] received February 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6731. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation [AAG/A Order No. 019-2005] received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6732. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Termination of Federal Enforcement for Parts of the Missouri Permanent Regulatory Program and Return of Full Regulatory Authority to the State of Missouri [Docket No. MO-738] received January 26, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6733. A letter from the Director, NIST, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Gai-thersburg and Boulder Programs; Avail-

ability of Funds [Docket No. 051222346-5346-01] received February 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

6734. A letter from the Office of Regulations Policy and Management, VBA, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dependency and Indemnity Compensation: Surviving Spouse's Rate; Payments Based on Veteran's Entitlement to Compensation for Service-Connected Disability Rated Totally Disabling for Specified Periods Prior to Death (RIN: 2900-AL86) received February 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6735. A letter from the Assistant Director, Directives and Regulations Branch, Office of Regulatory and Management Services, USDA Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Travel Management; Designated Routes and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use (RIN: 0596-AC11) received January 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Resources.

6736. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Medicare Secondary Payer Amendments [CMS-6272-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AN27) received February 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and 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. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 4709. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen protections for law enforcement officers and the public by providing criminal penalties for the fraudulent acquisition or unauthorized disclosure of phone records (Rept. 109-395). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia: Supplementary Report and Document Annex by the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (Rept. 109-396). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HUNTER: Committee on Armed Services. House Resolution 685. Resolution requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to any entity with which the United States has contracted for public relations purposes concerning Iraq; adversely (Rept. 109-397). 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. KIRK:

H.R. 4972. A bill to permit certain school districts in Illinois to be reconstituted for purposes of determining assistance under the Impact Aid program; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 4973. A bill to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.