

churches and faith-based groups, to deliver rapid HIV tests to millions, end the stigma of AIDS, and come closer to the day when there are no new infections in America.

Fellow citizens, we have been called to leadership in a period of consequence. We have entered a great ideological conflict we did nothing to invite. We see great changes in science and commerce that will influence all our lives. And sometimes it can seem that history is turning in a wide arc, toward an unknown shore.

Yet the destination of history is determined by human action, and every great movement of history comes to a point of choosing. Lincoln could have accepted peace at the cost of disunity and continued slavery. Martin Luther King could have stopped at Birmingham or at Selma and achieved only half a victory over segregation. The United States could have accepted the permanent division of Europe and been complicit in the oppression of others. Today, having come far in our own historical journey, we must decide: Will we turn back, or finish well?

Before history is written down in books, it is written in courage. Like Americans before us, we will show that courage, and we will finish well. We will lead freedom's advance. We will compete and excel in the global economy. We will renew the defining moral commitments of this land. And so we move forward, optimistic about our country, faithful to its cause, and confident of the victories to come.

May God bless America.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

At 10 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m., the President of the United States, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Deputy Sergeant at Arms escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The Members of the President's Cabinet; Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States;

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

JOINT MEETING DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly, at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m., the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the message of the President be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed.

The motion was agreed to.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LYNCH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today before 5 p.m. on account of airline delays.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today before 5 p.m. on account of airline delays.

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today on account of illness.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 78. Concurrent resolution condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at 10 a.m.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE 109TH CONGRESS FIRST SESSION AND FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL EDITION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF THE 109TH CONGRESS FIRST SESSION

BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, after sine die adjournment of the First Session, 109th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

December 30, 2005

H.R. 2863. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3010. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4525. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4579. An act to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code

of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits.

H.R. 4635. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2006, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, after sine die adjournment of the First Session, 109th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

December 30, 2005:

S. 205. An act to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers.

S. 652. An act to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

S. 1238. An act to amend the Public Land Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes.

S. 1281. An act to authorize the Programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 1310. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and to extend the termination date of the National Park System Advisory Board to January 1, 2007.

S. 1481. An act to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to provide for probate reform.

S. 1892. An act to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date.

S. 1988. An act to authorize the transfer of items in the War Reserves Stockpile for Allies, Korea.

S. 2167. An act to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of that Act and the lone wolf provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to July 1, 2006.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5955. A letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Fees for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Terminal Market Inspection Services [Docket Number FV-04-310] (RIN: 0581-AC46) received January 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5956. A letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Termination of Marketing Order No. 931 [Docket No. FV05-931-1 FR] received January 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5957. A letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — USDA Farmers Market Operating Procedures [Docket No. TM-04-09] (RIN: 0581-AC39) received January 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5958. A letter from the Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Dried Prunes Produced in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV05-993-5 FIR] received January 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5959. A letter from the Administrator, FSIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Chile to the List of Countries Eligible to Export Meat and Meat Products to the United States [Docket No. 02-019F] (RIN: 0583-AD16) received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5960. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Biological Products; Bacterial Vaccines and Toxoids; Implementation of Efficacy Review [Docket No. 1980N-0208] received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5961. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for an emergency designation for FY 2006 budget amendments for the Department of Veterans Affairs; (H. Doc. No. 109-86); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

5962. A letter from the Acting Director, DPAP, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Financing [DFARS Case 2003-D043] received January 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5963. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Home Mortgage Disclosure [Regulation C; Docket No. R-1245] received January

3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5964. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5965. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5966. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-D-7579] received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5967. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-P-7646] received January 6, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5968. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5969. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5970. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7895] received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5971. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance [Docket No. FEMA-7782] received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5972. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7455] received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5973. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7899] received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5974. A letter from the General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7903] received January 4, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5975. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Electronic Submission of Applications for Grants and Other HUD Financial Assistance [Docket No. FR-4875-F-02] (RIN: 2501-AD02) received January 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5976. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Notice Regarding Charges for Certain Disclosures — received January 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5977. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revisions to Accelerated Filer Definition and Accelerated Deadlines for Filing Periodic Reports [Release Nos. 33-8644; 34-52989; File No. S7-08-05] (RIN: 3235-AJ29) received December 27, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5978. A letter from the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — State Charter School Facilities Incentive Program — received January 4, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5979. 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 December 27, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5980. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act — received January 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5981. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification stating that the emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2006, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 109-84); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

5982. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the export of defense articles and services to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DDTC 043-05); to the Committee on International Relations.

5983. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the export of defense articles and services to the Government of the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDTC 069-05); to the Committee on International Relations.

5984. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles and services to the Government of Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 065-05); to the Committee on International Relations.

5985. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles and services to the Government of Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 066-05); to the Committee on International Relations.

5986. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State,