

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2006.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: I hereby respectfully resign my seat on the Committee on Financial Services, effective immediately. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this important committee.

Sincerely,

PETER T. KING,
Member of Congress

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

BLOCKING PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONFLICT IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 109-88)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with subsection 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(b) (IEEPA), and section 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1631 (NEA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire. In that order, I declared a national emergency to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by that conflict, as described below.

The United Nations Security Council, in Resolution 1572 of November 15, 2004, expressed deep concern over the resumption of hostilities in Côte d'Ivoire, the public incitement of hatred and violence, and the repeated violations of the ceasefire agreement of May 3, 2003. United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1572 determined that the situation in Côte d'Ivoire poses a threat to international peace and security in the region and called on member States to take certain measures against persons responsible for the continuing conflict. The United Nations Security Council has continued to express serious concern at the persistence of the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire and of obstacles to the peace and national reconciliation process from all sides in UNSCRs 1643 of December 15, 2005, and 1652 of January 24, 2006.

Despite the intervention and efforts of the international community, there have been massacres of large numbers of civilians, widespread human rights abuses, significant political violence and unrest, and attacks against international peacekeeping forces in Côte d'Ivoire. Such activity includes the

killing of large numbers of civilians in Korhogo in June 2004, and in Abidjan in March 2004; significant violence and unrest, including public incitements to violence, in Abidjan in November 2004; human rights violations, including extrajudicial killings, in western Côte d'Ivoire in April and June 2005; attacks on a police station and prison in July 2005 in Anyama and Agboville, and violent protests in Abidjan and attacks on U.N. and international nongovernmental organization facilities in western Côte d'Ivoire in January 2006. Also, notwithstanding the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement signed by the Ivorian political forces on January 24, 2003, the related ceasefire agreement of May 3, 2003, the Accra III Agreement of July 30, 2004, the Pretoria Agreement of April 6, 2005, and the Declaration on the Implementation of the Pretoria Agreement of June 29, 2005, consolidating the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis peace and national reconciliation process, Ivorian parties have continued to engage in military operations and attacks against peacekeeping forces in Côte d'Ivoire leading to fatalities.

Pursuant to the IEEPA and the NEA, I have determined that these actions and circumstances constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States and declared a national emergency to deal with that threat and have issued an Executive Order to deal with the threat to U.S. national security and foreign policy posed by the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire.

The order blocks the property and interests in property in the United States, or in the possession or control of United States persons, of the persons listed in the Annex to the order, as well as of any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to constitute a threat to the peace and national reconciliation process in Côte d'Ivoire, such as by blocking the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis, Accra III, and Pretoria Agreements; to be responsible for serious violations of international law in Côte d'Ivoire; to have directly or indirectly supplied, sold or transferred to Côte d'Ivoire arms or any related material or any assistance, advice, or training related to military activities; or to have publicly incited violence and hatred contributing to the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire.

The designation criteria will be applied in accordance with applicable domestic law, including where appropriate, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The order also authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to designate for blocking any person determined to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, the ac-

tivities listed above or any person listed in or designated pursuant to the order. I further authorized the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to designate for blocking any person determined to be owned or controlled by, or acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person listed in or designated pursuant to the order. The Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, is also authorized to remove any persons from the Annex to the order as circumstances warrant.

I delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by the IEEPA and the United Nations Participation Act, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order. All executive agencies are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

The order, a copy of which is enclosed, became effective at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 8, 2006.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 8, 2006.

2006 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Committee on Government Reform, Committee on Homeland Security, Committee on International Relations, Committee on the Judiciary, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the 2006 National Drug Control Strategy prepared by my Administration, consistent with the Office of National Drug Control Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1705).

Four years ago, my Administration issued its first National Drug Control Strategy. That Strategy set out an ambitious, balanced plan to reduce drug use in our Nation. Since 2001, drug use by 8th, 10th, and 12th graders has dropped by 19 percent, translating to nearly 700,000 fewer young people using drugs.

I appreciate the support the Congress has given for previous Strategies. I look forward to your continued support as we work together on this critical endeavor.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 8, 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 670, de novo;

H. Res. 657, by the yeas and nays;

Motion to instruct on H.R. 4297, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote.

CONGRATULATING THE PITTS-
BURGH STEELERS FOR WINNING
SUPER BOWL XL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 670.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. Foxx) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 670.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 0, answered “present” 10, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 5]
YEAS—384

Abercrombie	Bonner	Chandler
Aderholt	Boozman	Chocola
Akin	Boren	Clay
Alexander	Boswell	Cleaver
Allen	Boucher	Clyburn
Andrews	Boustany	Coble
Baca	Bradley (NH)	Cole (OK)
Bachus	Brady (PA)	Conaway
Baird	Brady (TX)	Conyers
Baker	Brown (OH)	Cooper
Baldwin	Brown (SC)	Cramer
Barrett (SC)	Brown, Corrine	Crenshaw
Barrow	Brown-Waite,	Crowley
Bartlett (MD)	Ginny	Cubin
Barton (TX)	Burgess	Cuellar
Bass	Burton (IN)	Culberson
Bean	Butterfield	Cummings
Beauprez	Calvert	Davis (AL)
Becerra	Camp (MI)	Davis (CA)
Berkley	Campbell (CA)	Davis (FL)
Berry	Cantor	Davis (IL)
Biggert	Capito	Davis (KY)
Bishop (GA)	Capuano	Davis (TN)
Bishop (NY)	Cardin	Davis, Jo Ann
Bishop (UT)	Cardoza	Davis, Tom
Blackburn	Carnahan	Deal (GA)
Blunt	Carson	DeFazio
Boehlert	Carter	DeLauro
Boehner	Case	DeLay
Bonilla	Castle	

Dent	Kline	Putnam
Diaz-Balart, L.	Knollenberg	Radanovich
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kolbe	Rahall
Dingell	Kucinich	Ramstad
Doggett	Kuhl (NY)	Rangel
Doolittle	Langevin	Regula
Drake	Lantos	Rehberg
Dreier	Larson (CT)	Reichert
Duncan	Latham	Renzi
Edwards	LaTourette	Reyes
Ehlers	Leach	Reynolds
Emanuel	Levin	Rogers (AL)
Emerson	Lewis (CA)	Rogers (KY)
Engel	Lewis (KY)	Rogers (MI)
English (PA)	Linder	Rohrabacher
Eshoo	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen
Etheridge	LoBiondo	Ross
Evans	Lofgren, Zoe	Rothman
Farr	Lowey	Roybal-Allard
Fattah	Lucas	Royce
Feeney	Lungren, Daniel	Ruppersberger
Ferguson	E.	Ryan (OH)
Filner	Lynch	Ryan (WI)
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Mack	Ryun (KS)
Flake	Maloney	Sabo
Forbes	Manzullo	Salazar
Ford	Marchant	Sanchez, Linda
Fortenberry	Markey	T.
Fossella	Marshall	Sanchez, Loretta
Fox	Matheson	T.
Frank (MA)	Matsui	Sanders
Franks (AZ)	McCarthy	Saxton
Frelinghuysen	McCaul (TX)	Schakowsky
Garrett (NJ)	McCotter	Schiff
Gerlach	McCrery	Schwartz (PA)
Gibbons	McGovern	Schwarz (MI)
Gillmor	McHenry	Scott (GA)
Gingrey	McHugh	Scott (VA)
Gohmert	McIntyre	Sensenbrenner
Goodlatte	McKeon	Serrano
Gordon	McKinney	Sessions
Granger	McMorris	Shadeegg
Graves	McNulty	Shays
Green (WI)	Meehan	Sherman
Green, Al	Meek (FL)	Sherwood
Green, Gene	Meeks (NY)	Shimkus
Grijalva	Melancon	Shuster
Gutierrez	Mica	Simmons
Gutknecht	Michaud	Skelton
Hall	Millender-	Smith (NJ)
Harman	McDonald	Smith (TX)
Harris	Miller (FL)	Smith (WA)
Hart	Miller (MI)	Snyder
Hastings (FL)	Miller (NC)	Sodrel
Hayes	Miller, George	Solis
Hayworth	Mollohan	Souder
Hefley	Moore (KS)	Spratt
Hensarling	Moore (WI)	Stark
Herger	Moran (VA)	Stearns
Herseeth	Murphy	Strickland
Higgins	Murtha	Sweeney
Hinojosa	Musgrave	Tancredo
Hobson	Myrick	Tanner
Hoekstra	Nadler	Tauscher
Holden	Napolitano	Taylor (MS)
Holt	Neal (MA)	Taylor (NC)
Honda	Neugebauer	Terry
Hostettler	Ney	Thomas
Hoyer	Northup	Thompson (CA)
Hulshof	Norwood	Thompson (MS)
Hunter	Nunes	Thornberry
Hyde	Nussle	Tiahrt
Inglis (SC)	Oberstar	Tiberi
Israel	Obey	Tierney
Issa	Oliver	Towns
Jackson (IL)	Ortiz	Turner
Jackson-Lee	Osborne	Udall (CO)
(TX)	Owens	Udall (NM)
Jefferson	Oxley	Upton
Jindal	Pallone	Van Hollen
Johnson (CT)	Pascrell	Velázquez
Johnson (IL)	Pastor	Walden (OR)
Johnson, E. B.	Paul	Walsh
Johnson, Sam	Payne	Wasserman
Jones (NC)	Pearce	Schultz
Jones (OH)	Pelosi	Waters
Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)	Watson
Kaptur	Peterson (PA)	Watt
Keller	Petri	Weiner
Kelly	Pickering	Weldon (FL)
Kennedy (MN)	Pitts	Weldon (PA)
Kennedy (RI)	Platts	Weller
Kildee	Poe	Westmoreland
Kilpatrick (MI)	Pombo	Wexler
Kind	Pomeroy	Whitfield
King (IA)	Porter	Wicker
King (NY)	Price (GA)	Wilson (NM)
Kingston	Price (NC)	
Kirk	Pryce (OH)	

Wilson (SC)	Wu	Young (AK)
Wolf	Wynn	Young (FL)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—10

Chabot	Larsen (WA)	Schmidt
Dicks	McDermott	Simpson
Hastings (WA)	Otter	
Inslee	Pence	

NOT VOTING—38

Ackerman	Everett	McCollum (MN)
Berman	Foley	Miller, Gary
Billirakis	Gallegly	Moran (KS)
Blumenauer	Gilchrest	Rush
Bono	Gonzalez	Shaw
Boyd	Goode	Slaughter
Buyer	Hinchey	Stupak
Cannon	Hookey	Sullivan
Capps	Istook	Visclosky
Costa	Jenkins	Wamp
Costello	LaHood	Waxman
DeGette	Lee	Woolsey
Doyle	Lewis (GA)	

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Mr. HYDE changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

Mr. SIMPSON changed his vote from “nay” to “present.”

Mr. INSLEE changed his vote from “yea” to “present.”

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 5. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 657.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 657, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 0, not voting 40, as follows:

[Roll No. 6]
YEAS—392

Abercrombie	Biggert	Brown-Waite,
Aderholt	Bishop (GA)	Ginny
Akin	Bishop (NY)	Burgess
Alexander	Bishop (UT)	Burton (IN)
Allen	Blackburn	Butterfield
Andrews	Blunt	Buyer
Baca	Boehlert	Calvert
Bachus	Boehner	Camp (MI)
Baird	Bonilla	Campbell (CA)
Baker	Bonner	Cantor
Baldwin	Boozman	Capito
Barrett (SC)	Boren	Capuano
Barrow	Boswell	Cardin
Bartlett (MD)	Boucher	Cardoza
Barton (TX)	Boustany	Carnahan
Bass	Bradley (NH)	Carson
Bean	Brady (PA)	Carter
Beauprez	Brady (TX)	Case
Becerra	Brown (OH)	Castle
Berkley	Brown (SC)	Chabot
Berry	Brown, Corrine	Chandler