

or below the poverty line. Unemployment stands at 53 percent of the total workforce.

Just as I join my good friends on both sides of the aisle in speaking out against violence against Israel, I object in the strongest terms to any measure that will increase the humanitarian crisis of the Palestinian people. It is true that the recent Palestinian legislative elections have created a tense situation in the international community. It is a situation that demands thoughtful and deliberate action in pursuit of peace. Despite the best intentions of those who wrote this legislation, I do not believe this legislation will advance peace between the Palestinian and the Israeli people.

There are people in this Congress of goodwill and good intention who want to see both the Palestinian people and the Israeli people survive. Let us continue to work towards that end.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SKELTON (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of attending the funeral of a friend.

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of family business.

Mr. LINDER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of official business.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

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

S. 2803. An act to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve the safety of mines and mining; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on May 23, 2006, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 1499. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow members of the Armed Forces serving in a combat zone to make contributions to their individual retirement plans even if the compensation on which such contribution is based is excluded from gross income.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7622. A letter from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safe and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Timber Sale Contracts; Indices to Determine Market-Related Contract Term Additions (RIN: 0596-AC29) received April 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7623. A letter from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Free Use to Individuals; Delegation of Authority (RIN: 0596-AC09) received April 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7624. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the 2005 Annual Report of the Appraisal Subcommittee, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3332; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7625. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Technical Correction [Docket No. FR-4886-C-03] (RIN: 2502-A112) received April 26, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7626. A letter from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Amendment to the Bank Secrecy Act Regulations—Requirement That Mutual Funds Report Suspicious Transactions (RIN: 1506-AA37) received May 2, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7627. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Equal Access to Public School Facilities for the Boy Scouts of America and Other Designated Youth Groups (RIN: 1870-AA12) received April 7, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7628. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Service, Department

of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Parental Information and Resource Centers; Final Priorities and Eligibility Requirements—received April 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7629. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Service, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—State Charter School Facilities Incentive Program—received April 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7630. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption 80-26 (PTE 80-26) for Certain Interest Free Loans to Employee Benefit Plans [Application Number D-11046] received April 7, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7631. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's request that Congress take prompt action to authorize the Department to reform fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles for the first time; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7632. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7633. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Development Fund for Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7634. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Corrections and Clarifications to the Export Administration Regulations [Docket No. 060109005-6005-01] (RIN: 0694-AD67) received March 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

7635. 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 Governments of Australia, Canada and Malaysia (Transmittal No. DDTC 013-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

7636. 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 authorization for the export of significant military equipment (Transmittal No. DDTC 007-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

7637. 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 authorization of the sale of significant military equipment to the Government of the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDTC 075-05); to the Committee on International Relations.

7638. 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 071-05); to the Committee on International Relations.

7639. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, (OCAO), GSA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-08; Introduction—received January 9, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7640. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's Strategic Plan for 2006 through 2011 and the Annual Performance Budget for 2006; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7641. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the Strategic Plan for FY 2006-2011, as required by the Government Performance and Results Act; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7642. A letter from the Deputy Director for Admin. & Info. Mgmt., Office of Government Ethics, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7643. A letter from the Deputy Director for Admin. & Info. Mgmt., Office of Government Ethics, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7644. A letter from the Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting Pursuant to Title II, Section 203, of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002, the Corporation's Annual Report for FY 2005; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7645. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Personal Watercraft Use (RIN: 1024-AC96) received May 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7646. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)—Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Explorations of the OCS—Proprietary Terms and Data Disclosure (RIN: 1010-AC81) received March 30, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7647. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fire Island National Seashore, Personal Watercraft Use (RIN: 1024-AC94) received May 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7648. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Gulf Islands National Seashore, Personal Watercraft Use (RIN: 1024-AD21) received May 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7649. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Personal Watercraft Use (RIN: 1024-AC93) received May 3, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7650. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Immi-

grant Visas for Fourth Preference Employment-Based Broadcasters [CIS No. 2106-00] (RIN: 1615-AA47) received April 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7651. A letter from the Director, Office of Management Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Minimum Qualifications for Annuity Brokers in Connection With Structured Settlements Entered Into by the United States [Docket No. CIV 105; AG Order No. 2807-2006] (RIN: 1105-AA82) received March 31, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7652. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Eligibility of Arriving Aliens in Removal Proceedings to Apply for Adjustment of Status and Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Applications for Adjustment of Status [EOIR Docket No. 152; AG Order No. 2819-2006] (RIN: 1125-AA55) received May 11, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7653. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nomenclature Changes Reflecting Creation of Department of Homeland Security—received March 28, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7654. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's report on analyzing potential vessel routing measures for reducing vessel (ship) strikes of North Atlantic Right Whales, pursuant to Public Law 108-293, section 626; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7655. A letter from the Secretary for Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice: Public Availability of Board Decisions (RIN: 2900-AM31) received April 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7656. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Report on Sales of Drugs and Biologicals to Large Volume Purchasers" in accordance with Section 303(c)(2) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003; 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. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 835. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5429) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-480). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 836. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5441) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes

(Rept. 109-481). 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 Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. SIMMONS, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. CARTER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. MACK, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. BONO, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. WAMP, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. GOODE, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. POE, and Mr. ISSA):

H.R. 5464. A bill to improve information security for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CAPPS (for herself and Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia):

H.R. 5465. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of comprehensive cancer care planning under the Medicare Program and to improve the care furnished to individuals diagnosed with cancer by establishing a Medicare hospice care demonstration program and grants programs for cancer palliative care and symptom management programs, provider education, and related research; 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 Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia (for herself, Mr. FORBES, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. WOLF, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. BOUCHER):

H.R. 5466. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. DRAKE:

H.R. 5467. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of records containing personal information about veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. FOSSELLA (for himself, Mr.

FERGUSON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SWEENEY, Mrs. BONO, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mrs. LOWEY):

H.R. 5468. A bill to require that bioterrorism-related grants provided by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to States and political subdivisions of States be distributed on the basis of a risk-based formula; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. GILLMOR (for himself and Mrs. MYRICK):

H.R. 5469. A bill to require corporate income reported to the Internal Revenue Service to be included in annual reports to the