

Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq; "yea" on final passage of H. Res. 635, recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith; "yea" on final passage of H. Con. Res. 203, condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran; "yea" on final passage of H.R. 2828, to provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998; and "yea" on final passage of H. Con. Res. 200, condemning the violent suppression of Buddhist Monks and other peaceful demonstrators in Burma and calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE MAXINE WATERS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable MAXINE WATERS, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 2, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a trial subpoena for testimony in a criminal case issued by the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is not consistent with the privileges and rights of the House. Sincerely,

MAXINE WATERS,
Member of Congress.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1506

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1506.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 106

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H. Res. 106.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHIEF BRISCOE

(Mr. MCHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, we are often told safety doesn't happen by accident. And it is no accident that Caldwell County has been kept safe under the careful watch of Lenoir Fire Chief Ken Briscoe, who has been fighting fires for more than 30 years.

Chief Briscoe wrote the book on firefighting, literally. He developed extensive training curricula while working with the State fire marshal's office, sharing his wisdom and experience with more than 1,400 North Carolina fire departments.

Chief Briscoe then returned to the front lines of firefighting, taking the helm of the Lenoir Fire Department, and we have been fortunate to have him. The Lenoir Fire Department is a top-notch organization. And because of his leadership there, Chief Briscoe has recently been named North Carolina's top firefighter by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

In the words of one of his lieutenants, "Chief Briscoe is a firefighter's fireman." I am honored to know such a public servant and call him a friend.

Congratulations, Chief Briscoe. We are very proud of you. You have earned this award, and you have kept the people of western North Carolina safe. Thank you for your service.

FLORIDA STANDS AGAINST TERRORIST REGIMES

(Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, on September 19, the State of Florida took a very principled stand against terrorist regimes by divesting roughly \$1.3 billion of public employee retirement funds from companies that invest in Iran and Sudan. Iran is actively developing nuclear weapons despite protests from the international community and has repeatedly threatened to wipe the State of Israel off the map.

Sudan continues to engage in genocide against its citizens, resulting in more than 400,000 deaths and more than 2 million people forced to seek refuge in neighboring countries. The American people's hard-earned money should not go towards helping state sponsors of terror or enhancing illegal nuclear programs.

Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud of Florida and its leadership for taking this remarkable step on this issue, and I hope other States will join in this effort.

Obviously, more can always be done to stop funding and to take funding away from state sponsors of terrorism, but this is an important step that the State of Florida has taken. For that, I commend the State of Florida and the State elected officials.

WELCOMING NATIONAL FRANCHISEE ASSOCIATION

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, throughout the course of our Nation's history, the prosperity of America and its citizens has invariably been linked with the success of our economy. Our country should be proud of its entrepreneurs who are the key components of that success.

I would like to recognize and thank the National Franchisee Association for providing the support and resources necessary to maintain its membership which consists of Burger King franchisees.

The NFA was founded with a mission: "To improve, preserve and ensure the economic well-being for all of its members." For nearly 20 years, the National Franchisee Association has delivered this promise by expanding its services and adapting to the ever-changing economic and technological landscape.

Today, the NFA's membership is comprised of approximately 1,200 franchisees from across the country, representing every district in every State.

NFA members employ thousands of citizens and provide individuals, especially our Nation's youth, with an opportunity to learn traditional American values, including hard work, cooperation and responsibility.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to welcome the NFA's membership to our Nation's Capital, and I thank them for their continuous positive contribution to the fabric of our society.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

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

YOUTH PRESIDENTIAL FORUM

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, what are the most important issues facing today's high school and college students? Being able to afford college? Access to health care? The Iraq war? Who are their favorite Democratic candidates? Obama? Clinton? Edwards?

Who are their favorite Republican candidates? Giuliani? McCain? Romney?

Well, thanks to the first ever National Youth Presidential Forum on November 14, 2007, up to 10 million young people will have the opportunity to hear from the Presidential candidates from both parties and then cast their votes.

As the Congressman from central Florida, I'm very proud that the Lou Frey Institute of Politics and Government at the University of Central Florida is playing a key role in putting together this unprecedented event.

They've joined together with the EWN Foundation, The Presidential Classroom, and the United States Association of Former Members of Congress to sponsor a 3-hour forum online, which brings together Presidential candidates and America's young people for the first time in a unique Webcast.

This is how it will work. Presidential classroom scholars will create questions which will then be sent to the Presidential candidates who can respond via videotape prior to the event or live the day of the event. Then, thanks to the event sponsors, the Webcast will be provided free to each of the participating high schools and colleges across the United States.

All of the students will then be able to vote for up to 36 hours after hearing from each of the candidates on the issues most important to them.

I urge my colleagues to go to www.rocktheweb.org for more information on this great project. It provides a valuable civics lesson for our students and important feedback to our Presidential candidates on the key issues facing America's young people.

I would encourage all of the Presidential candidates, high schools and colleges to participate in this worthwhile educational opportunity.

CAMEL NO. 9 CIGARETTES

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

Mrs. CAPPs. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss an important public health issue, particularly for young women and girls.

As a mother, grandmother and a former school nurse, I know all about the annual back-to-school shopping ritual. Each fall, kids and parents hit the stores to stock up on school supplies and new clothes. Unfortunately, this fall there's a new must-have item being advertised, and believe it or not, it's Camel No. 9 cigarettes.

It's being brought to our daughters, granddaughters and nieces by the folks at R.J. Reynolds, the same company that thought cartoon character Joe Camel was a responsible product spokesman.

Camel No. 9 cigarettes are just the pink version of Joe Camel, or as one Oregon newspaper put it, "Barbie Camel." And R.J. Reynolds' tobacco

marketing strategy is complete with fashionable giveaways to young women that include berry lip balm and mini hot pink purses.

The tag line for Camel No. 9 is "light and luscious," which sounds more like a tasty treat than a cancer-causing cigarette. Now there's even a Camel No. 9 stiletto line which evokes images of the sexy shoes.

Well, I'd like to remind R.J. Reynolds that there's nothing sexy about emphysema or dying prematurely from cancer. No amount of pretty pink packaging can obscure the fact that lung cancer is the number one cancer killer among American women, a truth that underscores big tobacco's desperate search for new smokers.

While we expect this kind of sleazy marketing from tobacco companies, I've been terribly disappointed that they've found a new and unexpected ally in women's fashion magazines. These magazines set the styles and trends for the country. They have historically served as legitimate sources for information on women's health and fitness, and they've sold out the well-being of their readers to help big tobacco in their search for new victims.

So back in June, 40 of my colleagues joined me in writing to the publishers of 11 leading women's magazines. We asked them to voluntarily stop accepting misleading advertising for deadly cigarettes, particularly for Camel No. 9. When not one of these magazines bothered to formally respond to our first letter, we wrote again.

This time seven of them did respond, but none have committed to drop the ads. Several defended themselves by pointing to their editorials on the dangers of smoking, but how can a young impressionable reader possibly take that seriously when they can flip the page and find an advertisement for cigarettes that make them look as sexy and sophisticated as perfume?

Just look at this ad printed in the October edition of "Glamour." This "Dressed to the 9s" piece encourages the "fashion forward" woman to embrace a vintage look and more closely resembles the magazine's regular editorial content on the latest fashions. The ad also helpfully recommends starting a vintage makeover with a little black dress.

Quite frankly, it would be more appropriate to exhibit how it would look with black lungs and yellowed teeth readers would have after a life of smoking.

This sort of deceptive advertising is brilliant in the eyes of marketers but shameful in the eyes of anyone who cares about public health. These ads are obviously targeted to appeal to young women and girls.

And although this magazine may claim that girls and teens are only a small fraction of their readership, I think that everyone can relate to the familiar scene of a young girl in line at the grocery store with her mom, flipping through the magazines that the

cool older girls are reading. This is exactly what they would see in this issue of "Glamour." There's two more pages I don't have time to flip through myself.

Newsweek columnist Anna Quindlen recently wrote on Camel No. 9 cigarettes and this deliberate effort to appeal to young women and girls. In her piece she noted that her own 18-year-old daughter had tried Camel No. 9, describing its taste and smell with words like perfume, caramel, and chai tea.

So R.J. Reynolds and leading women's fashion magazines are pushing pink stiletto cigarettes that smell like perfume, taste like chai on ad pages that are virtually indistinguishable from the regular fashion content of the magazine. Yet, they continue to insist that this ad blitz, timed perfectly to coincide with the start of school, is in no way targeting our children? It would be laughable if it wasn't so serious.

Tomorrow, we're going to be having a hearing on H.R. 1108, introduced by my colleague HENRY WAXMAN, which would give FDA the authority to regulate tobacco, including advertising, and I hope that the magazines that are printing these ads don't wait until Congress passes a law in order to do the right thing.

If the Camel No. 9 advertising blitz that greeted our students at the start of the school year is any indication of their intentions, I shudder to think of the tricks and treats R.J. Reynolds and its new friends in the magazine business have in store for our young women and girls this Halloween.

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

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

LET'S GET SERIOUS ABOUT OUR FISCAL OUTLOOK

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

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, last Tuesday Congressman JIM COOPER and I reintroduced the SAFE Commission Act, and I'm hopeful that by joining efforts our colleagues in the House and the Senate will embrace this bipartisan commission that could put our country on sound financial footing.

U.S. Comptroller General David Walker, the Heritage Foundation, the Brookings Institution, the Concord Coalition and the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget all support the Cooper-Wolf SAFE Commission Act.

These groups also have joined on what they call "The Fiscal Wake-Up Tour," which has been traveling across