

network which is for organizations or even civic-minded individuals to help disseminate information about recalls and posters to members of society who may not be aware of the recalls.

We all know, Mr. Speaker, education can save lives. Unfortunately, though, certain groups of Americans, such as the elderly, urban and rural low-income families, and some minority groups often don't hear about the safety messages from the government. Certainly, additional outreach is needed.

One of the reasons to sign up for the product e-mail alerts is, you know, Mr. Speaker, there may be some unscrupulous vendors out there who, after a recall, after a recall has been issued, may take up and resell these products in a bargain house somewhere. So we want people to have easy and free access to the information so, obviously, they can make the best decisions.

So please help make your community safer by getting the word out about how to get notification on these product safety recalls.

I'm a member of the Neighborhood Safety Network and will disseminate information through my Web site, [www.house.gov/burgess](http://www.house.gov/burgess). Information available in linking you to the CPSC Web site is available through that Web site as well. Again, [www.house.gov/burgess](http://www.house.gov/burgess).

Well, with all the talking I've done on this, I'm sure some people, Mr. Speaker, would ask, is there a downside? Is there a dark side of this that we should consider? And the answer is, of course, yes. You must always be cautious of jumping over the line. We all worry about the encroaching reach and grasp of an ever-expanding Federal Government. We worry about things like federalizing our child's toy sets. But at the same time, the Federal Government does have an important duty to the safety and welfare of all Americans. And the last thing you want is for the Federal Government to have control over every item that you buy. But there's got to be a balancing test. And right now, I'm afraid the balance has tipped too far the other way, and the actual protection for the consumer doesn't exist.

I started out the beginning of my talk talking about recalls, and certainly the summer that we've just gone through has been the summer of recalls. We've had several of the individuals come in and testify in our committee about where the process broke down, where it went wrong. Again, there's a way to avoid the recall after recall after recall that we've witnessed the past several months in products coming in from overseas and from one country in particular; and one way to do that would be for manufacturers to increase the manufacturing that takes place in the United States of America. I can think of no better way to market your products than to say with a little American flag and a little "Made in America" label on that toy.

I mean, we talked about food safety, Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of this

You know, if I walk into a place that sells chicken, for example, and I can buy 1 bucket of chicken where the product might harm me and it costs \$8, and I can buy a different bucket of chicken where the product won't harm me and it costs \$9, I'm going to take the \$9 bucket of chicken, thank you very much. And we hear over and over again, well, consumers don't want to pay higher prices. They want lower price. No, the consumer wants safe products, and if the consumer has to pay a little bit more to ensure that those products are safe, they're willing to do that, because everyone is sick of recall upon recall upon recall. Don't let the summer of recalls become the fall of recalls, become the winter of recalls, become the election year of recalls in 2008. We have it in our power to stop this process. Begin more manufacturing in this country. Manufacturers who step up and do that, I think, will be handsomely rewarded. Food importers who actually stop all of the importation and work with American farmers to buy American products, I think, will be rewarded. I would pay the extra buck for a bucket of chicken that wasn't going to poison me or my family. And most Americans would feel the same way. I would pay the extra buck for a 50-pound bag of dog food that's not going to give my beloved pet kidney failure and take them from me early.

This is a pretty simple concept. If we can assure the safety in this country, let's move the manufacturing, let's move the production, let's move the farming production to where we know we can have the safety and the oversight that's required.

Mr. Speaker, we have to be vigilant in our plight in restoring safety and trust back to the foods we eat and the products that we use. I believe that the legislation introduced, H.R. 3967, the Food Import and Safety Act of 2007, will further this goal, as will the enhanced recall authority by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission that we've also talked about tonight.

Compromising the safety of foods we put on our tables is, frankly, not an option. Compromising consumer products we buy for our families is, frankly, not an option. Compromising the security of Americans can never be an option. Compromising cannot be an option that we take because we lack power. H.R. 3967 gives us back that power, gives us that big red stop button. If something's coming in from overseas and, hey, we see it's wrong, we see it's tainted, stop. Stop. Don't let it even come on our shores. Don't let us be the ones that have to dispose of the stuff. Stop it. Send it back where it came from.

We can no longer sit back and allow harmful products to reach our homes. All Americans, my family included, have the choice to take a stance individually and not buy products with those warning labels on them. The

warning label, remember, says, "Made in China," because those products have proven to be unsafe.

But we could go a little farther than that. Stricter rules are necessary. And at this juncture I would say it's up to Congress to create and enact those rules and earn back the trust of the American people in the process.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You've been very indulgent.

I will yield back the balance of my time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LEVIN (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 3 p.m.

Mr. WILSON of Ohio (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. WELLER of Illinois (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEKS of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GOHMERT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, November 6.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, November 6.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, for 5 minutes, October 31.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3678. An act to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 2106. An act to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001.

S. 2258. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, to amend the definition of an eligible not-for-profit holder, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 31, 2007, 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:

3925. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standards for Mortgagor's Investment in Mortgaged Property [Docket No. FR-5087-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AI52) received October 16, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3926. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Housing Counseling Program [Docket No. FR-4798-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AH99) received October 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3927. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Default Investment Alternatives Under Participant Directed Individual Account Plans (RIN: 1210-AB10) received October 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

3928. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of a Presidential Determination, pursuant to Section 102 (a)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3929. A letter from the OGE Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule — Amendments to Incorporate a Statement Regarding the "Sole and Exclusive" Nature of the Authority that the Regulations of the Office of Government Ethics Confer on Executive Branch Departments and Agencies (RINs: 3209-AA00 and 3209-AA07) received October 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3930. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Virginia Regulatory Program [VA-125-FOR] received October 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3931. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Authorities Delegated to the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and the Chief Immigration Judge [Docket No. EOIR-125F; AG Order No. 2907-2007] (RIN: 1125-AA27) received October 11, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3932. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association Full Moon Races, Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL [COTP MIAMI 07-065] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3933. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone for Marine Events; New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina [Docket No. COTP North Carolina CGD05-07-071] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3934. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; San Francisco Giants Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, CA [COTP San Francisco Bay 07-031] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3935. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Labor Day Celebration Fireworks, Village Beach Fishing Pier, Hog Island Channel, Island Park, NY [CGD01-07-116] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3936. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Charlevoix Venetian Night Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Charlevoix, MI [CGD09-07-050] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3937. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Oswego Harborfest 2007, Oswego, NY [CGD09-07-055] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3938. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebration, Lake Huron, Mackinaw City, MI [CGD09-07-060] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3939. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebration, Lake Huron, St. Ignace, MI [CGD09-07-061] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3940. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; USA Wakeboard Nationals, Onondaga Lake, Liverpool, NY [CGD09-07-062] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3941. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Petoskey Fireworks Display, Lake Michigan, Petoskey, MI [CGD09-07-108] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### 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. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2830. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-338 Pt. 3). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2787. A bill to amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States; with an amendment (Rept. 110-415). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. McGOVERN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 780. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2262) to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-416). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. WELCH of Vermont: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 781. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3920) to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers and firms, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-417). 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. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. FORBES, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGRAN of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. RAMSTAD, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. PLATTS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. ELLISON):

H.R. 3992. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALTMIRE:

H.R. 3993. A bill to provide for a prohibition on discrimination in employment against certain family members caring for recovering members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration, 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. BOREN (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. PALLONE):

H.R. 3994. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act