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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RUPPERSBERGER) at 2 p.m.

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of power and mercy, peace is not the absence of war, nor is it found in the simple balance of opposing forces. Peace cannot be imposed by absolute power. For us, Lord, peace will always be the work of justice.

You have implanted in human society an innate desire for order which can be realized only when people hunger and thirst for an ever more perfect justice.

Bring Congress to order, Lord, that it may model behavior for this democracy. Make it Your instrument, to instill in the minds and hearts of the Nation a fervent and consuming desire for equal justice among all peoples. Thus may this Nation give You glory now and forever.

Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KAGEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KAGEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
NAVAL CHIEF PETTY OFFICER  
PATRICK WADE

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

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, kindly join me in honoring the memory of Naval Chief Petty Officer Patrick Wade from Manawa, Wisconsin, who perished in combat on July 17, 2007.

Pat Wade was a true American patriot.

While some people spend their time talking about what they think is wrong in the world, Chief Wade spent his time doing what he knew was right. Believing in personal sacrifice for the betterment of others, he made a selfless commitment to defend all of us.

Rear Admiral Michael Tillotson, deputy commander of the naval Expeditionary Combat Command on which Wade served said, "Pat Wade gave his life saving lives. He was doing what he wanted."

It is difficult for most of us to comprehend such selflessness. Chief Wade's life was one of putting principle into practice. He wanted us to be not only better Americans, but better people.

Today, with this in mind, please join me in honoring his life of service.

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION  
MONTH

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, November is Military Family Appreciation Month. As many brave men and women fight overseas to protect American families at home, we must not forget to recognize the millions of military families.

Military families lead unique and often challenging lives. They can be separated from their loved ones for months or years at a time. This is offset by extraordinary opportunities of education and travel and meeting new people around the world.

As a member of a three-generation military family, I know these families share a kinship with each other. As a 31-year veteran of the South Carolina Army National Guard and the father of four sons serving in the military, I ask my colleagues to join me in showing our gratitude and appreciation for these families.

I wish to recognize and thank the incredible work being done by the South Carolina National Guard Family Readiness Program. Whether it is during times of peace or war, these individuals are always ready to help military families with whatever assistance they may require.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 1, 2007.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 1, 2007, at 5:56 pm:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3963.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 2, 2007.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 2, 2007, at 1:07 pm:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2546.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 797.

Appointments:  
Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

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The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 2, 2007.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on November 2, 2007, at 1:49 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he returns without his approval, H.R. 1495, the "Water Resources Development Act of 2007."

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

## WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-71)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

*To the House of Representatives:*

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 1495, the "Water Resources Development Act of 2007."

This bill lacks fiscal discipline. I fully support funding for water resources projects that will yield high economic and environmental returns to the Nation and each year my budget has proposed reasonable and responsible funding, including \$4.9 billion for 2008, to support the Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) main missions. However, this authorization bill makes

promises to local communities that the Congress does not have a track record of keeping. The House of Representatives took a \$15 billion bill into negotiations with a \$14 billion bill from the Senate and instead of splitting the difference, emerged with a Washington compromise that costs over \$23 billion. This is not fiscally responsible, particularly when local communities have been waiting for funding for projects already in the pipeline. The bill's excessive authorization for over 900 projects and programs exacerbates the massive backlog of ongoing Corps construction projects, which will require an additional \$38 billion in future appropriations to complete.

This bill does not set priorities. The authorization and funding of Federal water resources projects should be focused on those projects with the greatest merit that are also a Federal responsibility. My Administration has repeatedly urged the Congress to authorize only those projects and programs that provide a high return on investment and are within the three main missions of the Corps' civil works program: facilitating commercial navigation, reducing the risk of damage from floods and storms, and restoring aquatic ecosystems. This bill does not achieve that goal. This bill promises hundreds of earmarks and hinders the Corps' ability to fulfill the Nation's critical water resources needs—including hurricane protection for greater New Orleans, flood damage reduction for Sacramento, and restoration of the Everglades—while diverting resources from the significant investments needed to maintain existing Federal water infrastructure. American taxpayers should not be asked to support a pork-barrel system of Federal authorization and funding where a project's merit is an afterthought.

I urge the Congress to send me a fiscally responsible bill that sets priorities. Americans sent us to Washington to achieve results and be good stewards of their hard-earned taxpayer dollars. This bill violates that fundamental commitment. For the reasons outlined above, I must veto H.R. 1495.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 2, 2007.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the veto message and the bill will be printed as a House document.

Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, November 1, 2007, further consideration of the veto message and the bill will be postponed until tomorrow.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the

vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### STOP TUBERCULOSIS (TB) NOW ACT OF 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1567) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1567

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Now Act of 2007".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Tuberculosis is one of the greatest infectious causes of death of adults worldwide, killing 1.6 million people per year—one person every 20 seconds.

(2) One-third of the world's population is infected with the tuberculosis bacterium and an estimated 8.8 million individuals develop active tuberculosis each year.

(3) Tuberculosis is the leading infectious killer among individuals who are HIV-positive due to their weakened immune systems, and it is estimated that one-third of people with HIV infection have tuberculosis.

(4) Today, tuberculosis is a leading killer of women of reproductive age.

(5) There are 22 countries that account for 80 percent of the world's burden of tuberculosis. The People's Republic of China and India account for 36 percent of all estimated new tuberculosis cases each year.

(6) Driven by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, incidence rates of tuberculosis in Africa have more than doubled on average since 1990. The problem is so pervasive that in August 2005, African Health Ministers and the World Health Organization (WHO) declared tuberculosis to be an emergency in Africa.

(7) The wide extent of drug resistance, including both multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) and extensively drug resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB), represents both a critical challenge to the global control of tuberculosis and a serious worldwide public health threat. XDR-TB, which is characterized as being MDR-TB with additional resistance to multiple second-line anti-tuberculosis drugs, is associated with worst treatment outcomes of any form of tuberculosis. XDR-TB is converging with the HIV epidemic, undermining gains in HIV prevention and treatment programs and requires urgent interventions. Drug resistance surveillance reports have confirmed the serious scale and spread of tuberculosis with XDR-TB strains confirmed on six continents. Demonstrating the lethality of XDR-TB, an initial outbreak in Tugela Ferry, South Africa, in 2006 killed 52 of 53 patients with hundreds more cases reported since that time. Of the world's regions, sub-Saharan Africa, faces the greatest gap in capacity to prevent, find, and treat XDR-TB.

(8) With more than 50 percent of tuberculosis cases in the United States attributable to foreign-born individuals and with the increase in international travel, commerce, and migration, elimination of tuberculosis in the United States depends on ef-

forts to control the disease in developing countries. Recent research has shown that to invest in tuberculosis control abroad, where treatment and program costs are significantly cheaper than in the United States, would be a cost-effective strategy to reduce tuberculosis-related morbidity and mortality domestically.

(9) The threat that tuberculosis poses for Americans derives from the global spread of tuberculosis and the emergence and spread of strains of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug resistant tuberculosis, which are far more deadly, and more difficult and costly to treat.

(10) DOTS (Directly Observed Treatment Short-course) is one of the most cost-effective health interventions available today and is a core component of the new Stop TB Strategy.

(11) The Stop TB Strategy, developed by the World Health Organization, builds on the success of DOTS and ongoing challenges so as to serve all those in need and reach targets for prevalence, mortality, and incidence reduction. The Stop TB Strategy includes six components:

(A) Pursuing high-quality expansion and enhancement of DOTS coverage.

(B) Implementing tuberculosis and HIV collaborative activities, preventing and controlling multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, and addressing other special challenges.

(C) Contributing to the strengthening of health systems.

(D) Engaging all health care providers, including promotion of the International Standards for Tuberculosis Care.

(E) Empowering individuals with tuberculosis and communities.

(F) Enabling and promoting research to develop new diagnostics, drugs, vaccines, and program-based operational research relating to tuberculosis.

(12) The Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015: Actions for Life is a comprehensive plan developed by the Stop TB Partnership that sets out the actions necessary to achieve the millennium development goal of cutting tuberculosis deaths and disease burden in half by 2015 and thus eliminate tuberculosis as a global health problem by 2050.

(13) While innovations such as the Global Tuberculosis Drug Facility have enabled low-income countries to treat a standard case of tuberculosis with drugs that cost as little as \$16 for a full course of treatment, there are still millions of individuals with no access to effective treatment.

(14) As the global resource investment in fighting tuberculosis increases, partner nations and international institutions must commit to a corresponding increase in the technical and program assistance necessary to ensure that the most effective and efficient tuberculosis treatments are provided.

(15) The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is an important global partnership established to combat these three infectious diseases that together kill millions of people a year. Expansion of effective tuberculosis treatment programs constitutes a major component of Global Fund investment, along with integrated efforts to address HIV and tuberculosis in areas of high prevalence.

(16) The United States Agency for International Development and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are actively involved with global tuberculosis control efforts. Because the global tuberculosis epidemic directly impacts tuberculosis in the United States, Congress has urged the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention each year to increase its involvement with international tuberculosis control efforts.

(17) The United States Agency for International Development is the lead United