

top of the list, Mr. Speaker. We should think of them first. We should honor them in the way that we do our jobs. We are a Nation at war. We know that. That is something I think most people in this body agree with. And we pass a budget that does not include them and does not include the funding to meet their needs.

Mr. Speaker, you and I would not be able to stand in this Chamber and have this debate if it were not for the men and women of the U.S. military. We should honor them. They should have been Title I, Page 1. And instead they are nowhere to be found in 3,565 pages. That is a serious oversight.

And, once again, we can talk about all the other things. We can talk about the illegal immigrants being able to get funding for attorneys. We can talk about roadblocks to having the borders secured, things that are purposely placed there; but the most egregious oversight is the fact that it does not fund our troops.

As I close, I will say God bless those troops. God bless their families. And, Mr. Speaker, my prayer is that this House will reverse itself and will put them first in this budget document.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of eye surgery.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and December 18 on account of personal health.

Mr. PASTOR (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Ms. WOOLSEY (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and through December 21.

Mr. GILCHREST (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of an illness in the family.

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

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

Mr. WAMP (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 8 p.m. on account of travel delays.

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

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KENNEDY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, December 21.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, December 21.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, December 19, 20 and 21.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1396. An act to authorize a major medical facility project to modernize inpatient wards at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1839. An act to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 1858. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 1916. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 2339. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Alpena, Michigan, as the "Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic" to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

S. 2400. An act to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. 2488. An act to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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.J. Res. 69. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reports that on December 5, 2007

she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 1429. To reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, also reports that on December 13, 2007 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 365. To provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4252. To provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through May 23, 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4343. Fair Treatment for Experienced Pilots Act.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 880, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 9 a.m., for morning-hour debate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable JULIA CARSON.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4678. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals) [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-1057; FRL-8339-2] received December 13, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4679. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 07-03, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

4680. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Patent Rights-Ownership by the Contractor [DFARS Case 2001-D015] (RIN: 0750-AD72) received December 3, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4681. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Implementation Plans of Michigan: Clean Air Interstate Rule [EPA-R05-OAR-2007-0519; FRL-8508-1] received December 13, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4682. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Nebraska; Interstate Transport of Pollution [EPA-R07-OAR-

2007-1128; FRL-8527-1] received December 13, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4683. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Missouri; Clean Air Interstate Rule [EPA-R07-OAR-2007-0782; FRL-8506-8] received December 13, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4684. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Clean Air Interstate Rule [EPA-R03-OAR-2007-0448; FRL-8506-4] received December 13, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4685. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting reports in accordance with Section 36(a) of the Arms Export Control Act, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(a); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4686. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4687. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an supplemental consolidated report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, to help ensure that the Congress is kept fully informed on U.S. military activities in support of the war on terror and Kosovo, pursuant to Public Law 93-148; (H. Doc. No. 110-81); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4688. A letter from the General Counsel, General Accounting Office, transmitting the FY 2007 report of the instances in which a federal agency did not fully implement a recommendation made by the GAO in connection with a bid protest decided the prior fiscal year, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3554(e)(2); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4689. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2007 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4690. A letter from the Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the Office's report on the accounting of expenditures from the Unanticipated Needs Account for fiscal year 2007, pursuant to 3 U.S.C. 108; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4691. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the FY 2007 Performance and Accountability Report, required by the Government Performance and Results Act; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4692. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System (RIN: 1024-AD55) received December 12, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4693. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Authentic Native Handicrafts (RIN: 1024-AD20) received December 12, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4694. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System, National Capital Region (RIN: 1024-AD40) received December 12, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4695. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act of 1974: Implementation [AAG/A Order No. 032-2007] received December 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4696. A letter from the Director, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the Office's report on the implementation of the Reform Act's Debt Reaffirmation Agreement Provisions, pursuant to the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4697. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Clarification of NRC Civil Penalty Authority over Contractors and Subcontractors Who Discriminate Against Employees for Engaging in Protected Activities (RIN: 3150-AH59) received November 26, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4698. A letter from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of the Presumptive Period for Compensation for Gulf War Veterans (RIN: 2900-AM47) received December 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4699. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 26 CFR 1.213-1: Medical, dental, etc., expenses (Rev. Rul. 2007-72) received December 11, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4700. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Credibility of Mexican Single Rate Business Tax [Notice 2008-3] received December 11, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4701. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Report on University Collaboration," pursuant to Section 1010 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and Labor.

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. WAXMAN: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 3179. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments (Rept. 110-494). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. WELCH of Vermont: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 876. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 110-495). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. WELCH of Vermont: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 877. Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 6) to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-496). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. SLAUGHTER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 878. Resolution providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-497). Referred to the House Calendar.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 or rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

[The following action occurred on December 14, 2007]

H.R. 948. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than February 1, 2008.

H.R. 2830. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than January 12, 2008.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 4708. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Avermectin B₁, 4-deoxy-4-methylamino, (4 R)-benzoate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 4709. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Cloquintocet-mexyl; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 4710. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Cyproconazole Technical; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 4711. A bill to extend and modify the temporary suspension of duty on Fludioxinil Technical; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 4712. A bill to extend and modify the temporary suspension of duty on formulations of Clodinafop-propargyl; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 4713. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Metalaxyl-M Technical; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 4714. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on mixtures of difenoconazole/mefenoxam; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 4715. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Pinoxaden Technical; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TERRY:

H.R. 4716. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Primisulfuron; to the Committee on Ways and Means.