

the American people. I am proud to have been part of that effort. And I am proud to serve with my colleagues who stepped up and made this 100 hours so meaningful for the American people.

Mr. HODES. We thank the gentleman from Maryland for speaking with such passion about the important connection between what we are doing here to make a positive difference in the lives of this country and what it means to every single American that we represent from around this country, what impact it will have on their daily lives, because, as the gentleman from Maryland rightly understands, we are dedicated to making a positive difference for all the people of this country, not just those at the very top, but all the people, those who need it the most, doing the most good for most of the people all the time.

And I would yield briefly now to the distinguished representative from Pennsylvania, Mr. CARNEY, a gentleman who, Mr. Speaker, has served his country in the military with great distinction, and, Mr. Speaker, a gentleman who has the distinction, as a new Member of Congress, of now leading a subcommittee on the Homeland Security Committee, a distinct honor worthy of his experience, skill and talent. I am very proud to serve with him and I yield to Mr. CARNEY.

Mr. CARNEY. Thank you, Mr. HODES, and thank you for your leadership in this class. It is going to be a historic class. I think we have already proven that in the last 100 hours.

Mr. Speaker, in the last 2 weeks in the new Congress we have already taken remarkable action to pass this first 100 hours legislation.

Now, as I traveled across my 10th District of Pennsylvania, I heard from so many families who were struggling to make ends meet. Our working families needed an increase to the minimum wage, and we provided that. Our working families needed affordable education. We provided that relief. Our seniors need lower prescription drug prices. We took steps to make sure they can have them. Our children need to know that they are growing up in a country that is safe, and we provided to enhance the security of this Nation.

Two weeks into this new Congress and already I am proud of what this House of Representatives has achieved in a bipartisan and civil manner. We are listening to the concerns of our constituents and passing meaningful legislation on their behalf.

I encourage our colleagues in the Senate to pass our legislation and for the President to sign it into law. Two weeks into the new Congress, and already I have heard from so many of my constituents who are appreciative of our concerns and their concerns being addressed. But they also remind me that we have only just begun. Two weeks in and still so much left to accomplish.

Mr. HODES. Thank you very much, Mr. CARNEY.

Mr. Speaker, I note the hour. I thank the Speaker for your service today and in this august body, we thank the American people for giving us the privilege to serve the people of this country, to have served in this historic time, to move the 100 hours agenda from a promise into reality, to make good on our promises to the people of this country that we care about all the people, that we are going to make a positive difference as we move forward.

I thank my colleagues, new Members. We have been called majority makers, and I am proud that we are, and we are going to work in a bipartisan way to move this country forward.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. SIMPSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of medical 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. DEFAZIO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAYLOR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ELLISON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. SUTTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELCH of Vermont, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, Janu-

ary 22, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

333. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification stating that the emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 110-8); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

334. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-594, "Consumer Security Freeze Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

335. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-593, "Consumer Personal Information Security Breach Notification Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

336. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-598, "Expansion of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Insurance Coverage Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

337. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-597, "Summary Enclosure of Nuisance Vacant Property Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

338. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-596, "Definition of Persons With Disabilities A.D.A. Conforming Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

339. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-595, "Disability Rights Protection Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

340. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-603, "Alcohol and Narcotics-Related Claims Liability Exclusion Repeal Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

341. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-602, "Mount Vernon Triangle BID Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

342. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-601, "NoMa Improvement Association Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

343. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-600, "PILOT Authorization Increase and Arthur Capper/

Carrrollsborg Public Improvements Revenue Bonds Approval Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

344. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-599, "Office of Ex-Offender Affairs and Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs Establishment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

345. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-615, "Nuisance Properties Abatement Reform and Real Property Classification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

346. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-614, "Lower Income Homeownership Cooperative Housing Association Re-Clarification Temporary Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

347. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-612, "Closing Agreement Temporary Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

348. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-611, "Old Engine Company 12 Deposit of Sale Proceeds Temporary Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

349. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-610, "Washington Convention Center Advisory Committee Temporary Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

350. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-609, "Tenant-Owner Voting in Conversion Election Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

351. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-608, "Department of Transportation and Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Vending Consolidation of Public Space and Licensing Authorities Temporary Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

352. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-607, "Ballpark Parking Completion Temporary Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

353. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-606, "Vacancy Conversion Fee Exemption Reinstatement Temporary Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

354. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-605, "Rent Administrator Hearing Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

355. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-604, "Office of the People's Counsel Term Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

356. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-590, "Green Building Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

357. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-591, "Mental Health Civil Commitment Extension Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

358. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-592, "Additional Sanctions for Nuisance Abatement and Office of the Tenant Advocate Duties Clarification Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

359. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-637, "Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

360. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-617, "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

361. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-616, "New Town at Capital City Market Revitalization Development and Public/Private Partnership Temporary Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

362. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-587, "District Government Injured Employee Protection Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

363. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-588, "Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking Omnibus Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

364. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-589, "Unemployment Compensation Contributions Federal Conformity Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

365. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-613, "Real Property Tax Benefits Revision Temporary Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

[Omitted from the Record of January 18, 2007]

By Mr. EMANUEL:

H. Res. 73. A resolution electing Members to a certain standing committee of the

House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PUTNAM:

H. Res. 74. A resolution electing minority members to certain committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. EMANUEL:

H. Res. 75. A resolution electing Members and Delegates to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

[Filed on January 19, 2007]

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself and Mr. MOLLOHAN):

H.R. 576. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to revise the regulations under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to require that belt haulage entries not be used to ventilate active working places in mines; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PAUL, Mr. POE, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. THORNBERRY):

H.R. 577. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. POMEROY (for himself, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland):

H.R. 578. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for qualified equity investments in certain small businesses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. JONES of North Carolina):

H.R. 579. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit certain increases in fees for military health care; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BERMAN (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia):

H.R. 580. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. AKIN, Mr. WESTMORELAND, and Mr. GINGREY):

H.R. 581. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to establish a Social Security Surplus Protection Account in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund to hold the Social Security surplus, to provide for suspension of investment of amounts held in the Account until enactment of legislation providing for investment of the Trust Fund in investment vehicles other than obligations of the United States, and to establish a Social Security Investment Commission to make recommendations for alternative forms of investment of the Social Security surplus in the Trust Fund; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. COHEN):