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So the American people understand this. The American people understand that while we have a housing crisis, while we have a crisis in our financial markets, where we're having trouble actually making, having funds made available to make student loans, we understand that there's a connection between the economic problems we face and our involvement in Iraq.

And again, I don't think any of us would argue if this were a war where there were clearly defined goals, and if there were an existential threat to the United States, our security. But our national intelligence estimate, our 16 agencies said no, that's not the case, that we don't face an existential threat in Iraq. We are, essentially, refereeing, as we know, a sectarian dispute.

And I think what is most frustrating, again, reading between the lines, listening to General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker, is that there was never a mention that I heard of anything that we could do to change the outcome there; that the implication was we were just sitting there, and that we had to wait until they decided that they were going to make it okay for us to leave. And that's a very, very frustrating position to be in.

And I wish somebody, maybe somebody did ask that and I didn't hear it, but I wish that they had been asked that specific question; is there anything we can do to change the dynamics there to improve the conditions that would allow us to begin withdrawing our troops and to reduce this incredible cost to the American people?

So I would hope that as we go forward, and you hate to say, as we go forward, because we've been going forward, now, for 5 years, and the outlook is not any brighter. The prospects for resolution in Iraq are not any greater.

And unfortunately, listening to General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker yesterday, I think it's, unfortunately, true that the people who are in charge don't know where we're going and most importantly, why we're going.

So these are things, as the months roll by, while the cost accumulates, and while, unfortunately, we will suffer, no doubt, as we have suffered, just in the last few days, 13 new American casualties, that the American people understand and demand, both of us and the administration, that we get a clear picture of what the objectives are, what the cost is, and will be, because we have estimates, Professor Joseph Stiglitz has estimated the total cost of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, ultimately, of \$3 trillion.

But we need to understand what our goals are, what our objectives are, what the possibilities are, what the risks are, what the potential benefits are, and of course, what the costs are, because we're not playing with small numbers. We're not playing with insignificant lives. And this is the greatest challenge facing this country.

And I hope that we can have the type of dialogue, continuously, which focuses on these points, because the

American people, rightfully, are looking for leadership and progress on Iraq.

So once again, I thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has been a great privilege to stand in the House and represent the freshman Democrats who came to Congress to change the direction of the country, who are, in many ways, changing the direction of the country. And I think we will continue to ask the questions that need to be asked, and try to bring a much quicker resolution in Iraq and a new direction for the American people.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of a family health matter.

Mr. BUYER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

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:)

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, today and April 10.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, April 16.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, April 16.

Mr. WESTMORELAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONAWAY, for 5 minutes, April 10.

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

Mr. BROWN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 550. An act to preserve existing judge-ships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes

p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 10, 2008, 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:

5924. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting Notice of the decision to conduct a standard competition of the Civil Engineer Function at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5925. A letter from the Chairman, Department of Defense, transmitting the 2008 report on vulnerability assessments for FY 2007 and military construction requirements for the FY 2007 to FY 2012 Future Years Defense Plan, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2859; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5926. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Annual Report of the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation for 2007, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2166(i); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5927. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel Norman J. Brozenick, Jr., United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5928. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting letter on the approved retirement Admiral William J. Fallon, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5929. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement Vice Admiral John G. Morgan, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5930. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William E. Mortensen, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5931. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5932. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting notice of the intention to convert the combined commissary and exchange store at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida, to an independent Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) store; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5933. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of legislative proposals as part of

the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5934. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 08-40 concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Turkey for defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5935. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to the Government of Italy (Transmittal No. DDTC 018-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5936. 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.

5937. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to Section 804 of the PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989 (title VIII, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 1990 and 1991 (Pub. L. 101-246), and Sections 603-604 (Middle East Peace Commitments Act of 2002) and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 2003 (Pub. L. 107-228), including a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2008-11 on the Implementation of Sections 603 and 604 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5938. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to Section 804 of the PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989 (title VIII, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 1990 and 1991 (Pub. L. 101-246), and Sections 603-604 (Middle East Peace Commitments Act of 2002) and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 2003 (Pub. L. 107-228), including a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2008-12 on the Implementation of Sections 603 and 604 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5939. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on assistance to Azerbaijan, pursuant to Public Law 107-115, section 907(g)(6); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5940. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the 2006 Annual Report on the United States Participation in the United Nations, pursuant to Public Law 79-264, section 4(a); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5941. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning methods employed by the Government of Cuba to comply with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and the treatment by the Government of Cuba of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement," together known as the Migration Accords, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, section 2245; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5942. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's determination on Vietnamese cooperation on accounting for POW/MIAs, pursuant to Public Law 110-161, 109; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5943. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on "Tibet Negotiations," pursuant to Public Law 107-228, section 613(b); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5944. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report mandated in the Participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization Act, 2004 (Pub. L. 108-235), Section 1(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5945. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the manufacture of military equipment to the Government of United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDTC 035-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5946. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5947. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a draft bill, "To authorize the United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the fifteenth replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5948. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a draft bill, "To authorize the United States participation in and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the eleventh replenishment of the resources of the African Development Fund"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5949. A letter from the Chairman, International Fund for Ireland, transmitting a copy of the 2007 Annual Report of the Fund; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5950. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Offshore Airspace Area 1485L and Revision of Control 1485H; Barrow, AK [Docket No. FAA-2006-23872; Airspace Docket No. 06-AAL-9] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5951. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendments Class E Airspace; Provo, UT [Docket No. FAA-2006-24234; Airspace Docket No. 06-AWP-5] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5952. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of High Altitude Area Navigation Routes; South Central United States [Docket No. FAA-2005-22398; Airspace Docket No. 05-ASO-7] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5953. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Low Altitude Reporting Point; AK [Docket No. FAA-2005-225010; Airspace Docket No. 06-

AAL-17] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5954. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-24949; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-110-AD; Amendment 39-14626; AD 2006-12-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5955. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Hamilton Sundstrand Model 14RF-19 Propellers [Docket No. FAA-2005-21691; Directorate Identifier 2005-NE-13-AD; Amendment 39-14701; AD 2006-16-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5956. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2005-22510; Directorate Identifier 2004-NM-32-AD; Amendment 39-14600; AD 2006-10-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5957. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2006-25332; Directorate Identifier 2006-CE-40-AD; Amendment 39-14808; AD 2006-22-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5958. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Tay 611-8, Tay 611-8C, Tay 620-15, Tay 650-15, and Tay 651-54 Turbofan Engines [Docket No. FAA-2007-27811; Directorate Identifier 2004-NE-11-AD; Amendment 39-15321; AD 2007-26-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5959. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Model BAe 146 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-0044; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-126-AD; Amendment 39-15320; AD 2007-26-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5960. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28989; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-070-AD; Amendment 39-15319; AD 2007-26-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5961. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 430 Helicopters [Docket No. FAA-2007-28688; Directorate Identifier 2005-SW-21-AD; Amendment 39-15312; AD 2007-26-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5962. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 707 Airplanes and Model 720 and 720B Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28828; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-010-AD; Amendment 39-15258; AD 2007-23-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5963. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Model 680 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-0379; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-331-AD; Amendment 39-15318; AD 2007-26-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5964. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Model P 180 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-0294 Directorate Identifier 2007-CE-087-AD; Amendment 39-15365; AD 2008-03-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5965. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland Model EC135 Helicopters [Docket No. FAA-2008-0165; Directorate Identifier 2007-SW-58-AD; Amendment 39-15377; AD 2008-04-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5966. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2008-0167; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-029-AD; Amendment 39-15374; AD 2008-04-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5967. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS-365N2 and N3, SA-365C, C1 and C2, and SA-365N and N1 Helicopters [Docket No. FAA-2008-0164; Directorate Identifier 2007-SW-43-AD; Amendment 39-15375; AD 2008-04-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5968. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Cirrus Design Corporation Models SR20 and SR22 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28246; Directorate Identifier 2007-CE-048-AD; Amendment 39-15367; AD 2008-03-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5969. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Model DG-500MB Gliders [Docket No. FAA-2007-28843 Directorate Identifier 2007-CE-065-AD; Amendment 39-15317; AD 2007-26-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5970. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA332C, L, L1, and L2 Helicopters [Docket No. FAA-2008-0044; Directorate Identifier 2007-SW-40-AD; Amendment 39-15341; AD 2008-02-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to

5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5971. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation AE 3007A and AE 3007C Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. FAA-2007-26966; Directorate Identifier 99-NE-01-AD; Amendment 39-15271; AD 2007-24-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5972. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200, -200CB, and -300 Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28990; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-033-AD; Amendment 39-15304; AD 2007-26-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5973. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28942; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-093-AD; Amendment 39-15306; AD 2007-26-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5974. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200, -200LR, -300, and -300ER Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28854; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-109-AD; Amendment 39-15307; AD 2007-26-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5975. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-200B, 747-300, and 747-400 Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-0336; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-201-AD; Amendment 39-15308; AD 2007-26-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5976. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Thrush Aircraft, Inc. Model S2R Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28432; Directorate Identifier 2007-CE-051-AD; Amendment 39-15303; AD 2007-26-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5977. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Hartzell Propeller Inc. Compact Series Propellers [Docket No. FAA-2007-28876; Directorate Identifier 2000-NE-08-AD; Amendment 39-15311; AD 2007-26-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5978. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-200B, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, and 747-400F Series Airplanes Equipped with General Electric CF6-80C2 Engines [Docket No. FAA-2007-28352; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-037-AD; Amendment 39-15309; AD 2007-26-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 1, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5979. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Flight Simulation Training Device Initial and Continuing Qualification and Use [Docket No. FAA-2002-12461; Amendment Nos. 1-54, 11-52, 60-1, 121-327] (RIN: 2120-AH07) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5980. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Organization and Delegation of Powers and Duties; Secretarial Succession [Docket No. OST 2008-0103] (RIN: 2105-AD73) received April 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5981. A letter from the Program Manager, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Medicare Program; Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit [CMS-4130-F] (RIN: 0938-AO74) received April 9, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

5982. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification that the Department intends to use "no year" IMET funds for Pakistan, pursuant to Public Law 107-115, section 515; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Appropriations.

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:

Ms. SLAUGHTER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1092. Resolution relating to the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5724) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (Rept. 110-574). 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. TOWNS (for himself and Mr. STEARNS):

H.R. 5734. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York (for herself, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ETHERIDGE, and Mr. POE):

H.R. 5735. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to disclose their emergency response and evacuation procedures; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. ADERHOLT:

H.R. 5736. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Gadsden, Alabama, as the Colonel Ola Lee Mize Veterans Clinic; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

H.R. 5737. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deduction for travel expenses to medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.