

the volume of rhetoric, the protection of the American people should transcend politics as a fundamental obligation of government. The other body has put the public interest above partisanship, and I would hope that we can follow their example.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that we have consideration of the Senate bill brought forth on this floor within the next 2 legislative days so that the people of the United States can watch their Representatives in this House work their will on that proposal.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CUELLAR (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of inclement weather.

Mr. CUMMINGS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of business in the district.

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

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of weather delay.

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

Mr. RYAN of Ohio (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of inclement weather in the district.

Mr. KUHL of New York (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of bad weather.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CARNAHAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. YARMUTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, February 13, 14, and 15.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, February 15.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, February 15.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today and February 13.

Mr. SALLI, for 5 minutes, February 14.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and February 13, 14, and 15.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, February 13.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, February 13.

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, February 14.

Mr. DENT, for 5 minutes, February 13.

#### SENATE BILL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

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

S. 2071. An act to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary 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.

S. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies; to the Committee on House Administration.

S. Con. Res. 68. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies; to the Committee on House Administration.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

S. 781. An act to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reports that on February 7, 2008, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 4253. To improve and expand small business assistance programs for veterans of the armed forces and military reservists, and for other purposes.

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, further reports that on February 8, 2008, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 5140. To provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 975, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 10 a.m., as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable TOM LANTOS.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5286. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Zeta-cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-2007-0300; FRL-8346-3] received December 26, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5287. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0732; FRL-8342-6] received December 26, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5288. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that increases in both the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) and the Procurement Unit Cost (PUC) for the Joint Tactical Radio System Ground Mobile Radio (JTRS GMR) program exceed 15 percent, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5289. A letter from the Chairman, Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, transmitting the Commission's final report on the assessment of the reserve components of the U.S. military and recommendations to ensure that they are organized, trained, equipped, compensated, and supported to best meet the current and future requirements of U.S. national security; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5290. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on assistance provided by the Department of Defense to civilian sporting events in support of essential security and safety, covering the period of calendar year 2007, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2564(e); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5291. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on progress toward compliance with destruction of the U.S. stockpile of lethal chemical agents and munitions by the extended Chemical Weapons Convention deadline of April 29, 2012, and not later than December 31, 2017, pursuant to Public Law 110-116, section 8119; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5292. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Bruce A. Wright, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5293. A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's draft Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5294. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting the Annual Report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 396(k)(3)(B)(iii)(V); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5295. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Facing the Hard Truths about Energy: A Comprehensive View to 2030 of Global Oil and Natural Gas"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5296. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Gasoline Distribution Bulk Terminals, Bulk Plants, and Pipeline Facilities;

and Gasoline Dispensing Facilities [EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0406, FRL-8512-3] (RIN: 2060-AM74) received December 26, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5297. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hospital Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers [EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0171, FRL-8512-1] (RIN: 2060-AM14) received December 26, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5298. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines [EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0030, FRL-8512-4] (RIN: 2060-AM81) received December 26, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5299. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-290, "Juvenile Speedy Trial Equity Temporary Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5300. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-289, "National Capital Revitalization Corporation and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Reorganization Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5301. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-287, "Minority and Women-Owned Business Assessment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5302. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-286, "Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Active Duty Pay Differential Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5303. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-285, "District of Columbia Public Library Retirement Incentive Temporary Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5304. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-284, "Adoption and Safe Families Temporary Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5305. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-283, "Disposition and Redevelopment of Lot 854 in Square 441 Approval Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5306. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-282, "SafeRx Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5307. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-288, "Excellence in Local Business Contract Grading Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5308. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report on the Strategic Plan FY 2007 — FY 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5309. A letter from the Co-Chief Privacy Officer, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's report on the annual activities that affect privacy including complaints of privacy violations, implementation of the Privacy Act, and internal controls, pursuant to Section 522 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005; to the Committee on House Administration.

5310. A letter from the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report regarding the activities of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization for 2006, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 5601 et seq.; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5311. A letter from the Acting Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the District of Columbia Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5312. A letter from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting the Board's report entitled, "Moving Forward to Improve Engineering Education"; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

5313. A letter from the American Legion, transmitting the financial statement and independent audit of The American Legion proceedings of the 89th annual National Convention of the American Legion, held in Reno, Nevada from August 24-30, 2007 and a report on the Organization's activities for the year preceding the Convention, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 49; (H. Doc. No. —94); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and ordered to be printed.

5314. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's fourteenth report on the impact of the Andean Trade Preference Act on U.S. trade and employment for 2007, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 3205; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5315. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2005 Annual Report on the Child Support Enforcement Program in accordance with 452(a) of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5316. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Assets for Independence Demonstration Program: Status at the Conclusion of the Seventh Year," pursuant to Public Law 105-285, section 414(d)(1); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5317. A letter from the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for WTO and Multilateral Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, transmitting the Administration's Annual Report on Subsidies Enforcement, pursuant to the Statement of Administrative Action of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5318. A letter from the Chair, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel, transmitting the Panel's Final Advice Report on the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program (the Ticket Program); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5319. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report on the results of a study on which Medicare beneficiaries with specific chronic conditions are

deemed to be homebound for purposes of meeting Medicare's criteria for receiving home health services, pursuant to Section 702 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

5320. A letter from the Secretary and Attorney General, Departments of Health and Human Services and Justice, transmitting the tenth Annual Report on the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control (HCFAC) Program for Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395i; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

## 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. SUTTON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 974. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (Rept. 110-524). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 976. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5349) to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 days (Rept. 110-525). 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 Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself and Mr. OBERSTAR):

H.R. 5336. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to authorize funding for brownfields revitalization activities and State response programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mrs. BIGGERT:

H.R. 5337. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on triphenyltin hydroxide; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BIGGERT:

H.R. 5338. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) butyric acid and 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) butyric acid, dimethylamine salt; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BIGGERT:

H.R. 5339. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Bromoxynil Octanoate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BIGGERT:

H.R. 5340. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on dichlorprop-p acid, dichlorprop-p dimethylamine salt, and dichlorprop-p 2-ethylhexyl ester; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BIGGERT:

H.R. 5341. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Gibberellic Acid; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BIGGERT:

H.R. 5342. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on 2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid; to the Committee on Ways and Means.