

whole phenomenon and not reel by the impact made when we understand the fact that every day, literally thousands of people are crossing our borders without our knowledge, certainly without our permission. For the most part, I am sure that their intentions are benign. But whether their intentions are simply to take a low-cost job that no one else will take or their intentions are to do something more evil, the fact is that the impact is negative on the country, negative from an economic standpoint and negative from a national security standpoint.

This body has failed to produce a single piece of legislation, both the House and the Senate together, failed to produce a single piece of legislation which will significantly increase the security of the people of the United States as regards the borders. We have done a great deal to improve our ability to respond to the threats of terrorists in Afghanistan, in Iraq maybe soon, in the Philippines, in the Republic of Georgia, the many other nations where we have identified tentacles of the terrorist threat Al Qaeda. We have done a marvelous job. It is to the credit of this President, this body, the Congress of the United States and more importantly to the people, the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces, that we have been able to accomplish what we have been able to accomplish since 9/11. But it is not enough, Mr. Speaker.

We have one primary responsibility here in this body, one thing that is more important than making sure that we fund health and human services activities, education activities, transportation and all of the other budget bills that we deal with. Something more important than that is the protection of the life and property of the people of this country. We shirk that responsibility if we do not pay attention to our borders, if we do not get some sort of hold on our own immigration policy and become a real nation. Because a real nation has borders. It defends them. It determines who comes across them to the best of its ability. It expels people who come across illegally. We laugh at that. We wink at it. It is a joke.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, we will not be laughing the next time we have an incident. God forbid that another event occur in this Nation that we can attribute to the evil intent of people who come here from other nations and who sneak across or come across legally and stay beyond what they should or who lie to us for telling us why they are coming in. All those people coming in illegally, we have a responsibility to do everything we can to protect the American citizens by defending our borders. Do not shirk this responsibility, I beg my colleagues. It is our primary responsibility. God and the American people will judge us for our actions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. THORNBERRY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and April 17 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 Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DINGELL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HANSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GRUCCI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. SCHROCK, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 17, 2002, 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:

6188. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Truth in Lending [Regulation Z; Docket No. R-1118] received April 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6189. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Guides for the Household Furniture Industry—received March 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6190. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Guide Concerning Fuel

Economy Advertising For New Automobiles—received March 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6191. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Guide For The Rebuilt, Reconditioned, And Other Used Automobile Parts Industry—received March 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6192. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Appliance Labeling Rule)—received March 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6193. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 02-05), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

6194. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 08-02 which informs of the intention to sign the Future Air Capabilities Projects (FAC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

6195. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 07-02 which informs of the intention to sign an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and The Netherlands concerning the Cooperative Framework for the System Development and Demonstration (SDD) Phase of the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program and the Netherlands Supplement between the United States and The Netherlands, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

6196. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 12-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

6197. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 027-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

6198. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to India [Transmittal No. DTC 168-01], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

6199. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 032-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

6200. A letter from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the