

and to our potential allies for going to war do not matter. These reasons, which centered on the grave threat posed by Iraq's weapons program, do matter. If they are found to have been based on fallacious or manipulated evidence, the blow to our international credibility and to the integrity of the discourse on which our democracy depends will be profound.

Mr. Speaker, there will be many calls for national unity and resolve as we consider the President's \$87 billion request and contemplate the long, hard road ahead. I will join in those calls, for the challenges confronting our country transcend political divisions and the differences we have had in the past. But the administration needs to understand its end of the bargain, for in a democracy, where power is shared between the executive and legislative branches of government, critical decisions must not be taken in an atmosphere of deception or political intimidation or stealth. Going forward, we must hold one another accountable for the clear-eyed development of a strategy in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Middle East, planning carefully and realistically, dealing truthfully with costs and risks, and working cooperatively with allies who share our values and goals. This is the mid-course correction, indeed the new beginning, that we need to signal and to achieve as we consider the request the President has made of this Congress and of the people we represent.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal 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. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MATHESON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WU, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, September 30.

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, for 5 minutes, September 30.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, October 2.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2555. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2657. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 111. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, and for other purposes.

S. 233. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

S. 278. An act to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 29, 2003, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4413. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting FY 2004 budget amendment for International Assistance Program; (H. Doc. No. 108—130); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4414. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting The Fiscal Year 2002 Defense Environmental Technology Program Annual Report, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2706; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4415. A letter from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the experience under FY 1999 and 2000 "Pilot Program for Revitalizing the Laboratories and Test and Evaluation Centers of the Department of Defense"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4416. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Re-

serve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Truth in Lending [Regulation Z; Docket No. R-1157] received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4417. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Assistance to Private Sector Property Insurers; Extension of Term of Arrangement (RIN: 1660-AA29) received September 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4418. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7815] received September 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4419. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Demonstration Programs--Model Demonstrations to Improve the Literacy and Employment Outcomes of Individuals With Disabilities (RIN: 1820-ZA29) received September 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4420. A letter from the Director, Directorate of Construction, OSHA, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Standards for Signs, Signals and Barricades [Docket # S-018] (RIN: 1218-AB88) received September 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4421. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Anorectal Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use [Docket No. 1980N-0050] (RIN: 0910-AA01) received September 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4422. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a interim report entitled "Human Papillomavirus: Surveillance and Prevention Research," pursuant to Public Law 106—554, section 317P.(b)(2) # (114 Stat. 2763A—72); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4423. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance; Notice of Availability — received September 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4424. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Geological and Seismological Characteristics for Siting and Design of Dry Cask Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations and Monitored Retrievable Storage Installations (RIN: 3150-AG93) received September 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4425. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Combustible Gas Control in Containment (RIN: 3150-AG76) received September 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4426. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than