

time because I know we are getting towards the end, that appeared in the New York Times. But I would commend those that are watching us this evening to go to the April 9 edition of the New York Times and read a piece by David Kirkpatrick entitled "Lack of Resolutions in Iraq Find Conservatives Divided."

Mr. INSLEE. We have only got a minute or two and if the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE) would like to finish just briefly? Let me wrap up if I can.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. I am delighted to have the gentleman wrap up.

Mr. INSLEE. I am sure the country will appreciate that.

First off, I want to make sure people understand what we have been talking about tonight has been very well documented. The Web site that is indicated before the podium here indicates where you can check out, anybody that is listening this evening can check out the factual statements that we have talked about. You will find 247 misstatements of fact by this administration about Iraq that are documented in this government Web site by the House Committee on Government Reform due to the good efforts of the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN). Anyone can check that out.

In conclusion, let me wrap up. What we were saying tonight is a theme. We believe this is an extremely challenging situation for America in Iraq. We believe our soldiers and sailors, Air Force personnel, men and women, are doing an exemplary job in Iraq under extremely trying circumstances; and anyone who has talked to them will agree with that. But we believe it is high time for the administration, for the President of the United States, for the Vice President of the United States, for the Secretary of Defense to stop basing an Iraq policy on wishful thinking and exaggeration.

They need to adopt the policy to the number of troops based on realism rather than rose-tinted glasses. They need to adopt a policy on how much it will cost based on hard-headed fiscal reality, rather than hiding the ball from the American people. They need to adopt a policy on the armor that recognizes how severe this problem is with security in Iraq, and starting to tell the truth to the American people is a good way to start to figure out a way out of Iraq.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, it remains for us to thank you for your patience and forbearance tonight. I believe at this opportunity we can indicate to our colleagues and to those watching us and participating with us tonight on C-SPAN broadcasts, these very valuable Special Orders that the House prepares to enable Members to speak to the broader American audience and elsewhere across the country. Thank you and thank them.

At this time, pending our next session of Iraq Watch, we would move to adjourn the House.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER). Before entertaining the motion to adjourn, the Chair must remind Members that remarks in debate are properly addressed to the Chair and not to a viewing audience.

#### CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004 AT PAGE H2395

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOME- LAND SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 23, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Please accept this letter as my resignation as a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, effective immediately. I realize that I served on the Select Committee due to my role as Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee. I no longer hold the position of Chairman, thus I resign from the other.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS). Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4 of House Resolution 5, 108th Congress, and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Select Committee on Homeland Security to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON) to rank immediately after the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLER).

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ROHRBACHER (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for the week of April 27 on account of the birth of his triplets, Annika, Christian, And Tristen.

Mr. TAUZIN (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for the week of April 27 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. MCINTYRE) to revise and

extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HONDA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LOFGREN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MATHESON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LAMPSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PEARCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MURPHY, for 5 minutes, April 29.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2315. An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 29, 2004, 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:

7858. A letter from the Asst. General Counsel, Regulatory Services Division, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Impact Aid Programs

(RIN: 1810-AA96) received April 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7859. A letter from the Asst. General Counsel, Regulatory Services Division, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Smaller Learning Communities Program (RIN: 1830-ZA04) received April 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7860. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Impact Aid Programs (RIN: 1810-AA96) received April 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7861. A letter from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Underground Coal Mine Ventilation—Safety Standards for the Use of a Belt Entry as an Intake Air Course To Ventilate Working Sections and Areas Where Mechanized Mining Equipment Is Being Installed or Removed (RIN: 1219-AA76) received April 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7862. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Dept., Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received March 25, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7863. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Dept., Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received April 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7864. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2075; (H. Doc. No. 108-181); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

7865. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that have been adopted by the Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2072; (H. Doc. No. 108-182); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

7866. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, ACF, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tribal Child Support Enforcement Programs (RIN: 0970-AB73) received March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7867. A letter from the Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 14-01 — Treatment of Indian Tribes Under Federal Unemployment Compensation Law — Amendments made by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 — received April 13, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7868. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's

final rule — Health Savings Accounts (Rev. Proc. 2004-22) received April 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7869. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Health Savings Accounts (Rev. Rul. 2004-38) received April 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on 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:

Mr. BARTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2771. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program (Rept. 108-476). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. KELLER, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. HYDE, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. SHAW, Mr. FOLEY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. BONILLA, Ms. HART, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. CARTER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BOYD, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. PENCE, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. CANNON, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Mr. HOSTETTLER):

H.R. 4225. A bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MICA, and Mr. DEFazio):

H.R. 4226. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to make certain conforming changes to provisions governing the registration of aircraft and the recordation of instruments in order to implement the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, known as the "Cape Town Treaty"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SIMMONS (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. AKIN, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina):

H.R. 4227. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend to 2005 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2003 and 2004 and to index such relief for inflation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia (for himself and Mr. HUNTER):

H.R. 4228. A bill to provide for an improved acquisition system; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the

Committee on Armed Services, 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 Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 4229. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements to certain life insurance programs, administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with service-connected disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia):

H.R. 4230. A bill to authorize the establishment within the Department of State of an Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, to require inclusion in annual Department of State reports of information concerning acts of anti-Semitism around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. SIMMONS:

H.R. 4231. A bill to provide for a pilot program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve recruitment and retention of nurses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BRADY of Texas:

H.R. 4232. A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4025 Feather Lakes Way in Kingwood, Texas, as the "Congressman Jack Fields Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mrs. CAPITO:

H.R. 4233. A bill to provide for comprehensive fire safety standards for upholstered furniture, mattresses, bedclothing, and candles; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. MATSUI):

H.R. 4234. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to restrict the application of the windfall elimination provision to individuals whose combined monthly income from benefits under such title and other monthly periodic payments exceeds \$2,500 and to provide for a graduated implementation of such provision on amounts above such \$2,500 amount; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FROST (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. LANTOS):

H.R. 4235. A bill to allow the export or other provision of oil to Israel; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. OTTER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BACA, Ms. LEE, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Ms. WATERS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HINCHAY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WEINER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CLAY, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland):

H.R. 4236. A bill to provide for congressional disapproval of certain regulations issued by the Comptroller of the Currency, in accordance with section 802 of title 5, United States Code; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. OTTER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BACA, Ms. LEE, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Ms. WATERS,