

prime minister intends to come to Washington soon. I think we all deserve an answer to a question that was raised by one of our leaders in the Democratic Party, JAN SCHAKOWSKY, who circulated a Dear Colleague today.

Maybe you have not heard this yet, but the Iraqi prime minister, where we have spent close to half a trillion dollars and 2,600 Americans have died, the head of their parliament, Mahmoud al-Mashhadani said these offensive words. He "accused 'Jews' of financing acts of violence in Iraq in order to discredit Islamists who control the parliament and government so they can install their 'agents' in power."

These are his words: "Some people say 'we saw you beheading, kidnappings and killing. In the end we even started kidnapping women who are our honor.' These acts are not the work of Iraqis. I am sure that he who does this is a Jew and the son of a Jew. I can tell you about these Jewish, Israelis and Zionists who are using Iraqi money and oil to frustrate the Islamic movement in Iraq and come with the agent and cheap project."

This is what my friend from Iowa was earlier talking about democracy? What kind of democracy would tolerate and countenance that kind of virulent, anti-Semitic remark from the Speaker of the parliament? The same Iraqi government that has a bilateral military agreement with Iran. Does this say something about the policy of this administration that has enhanced the power and influence of Iran in the region, Iran by the way, who is the sponsor of Hamas and Hezbollah and we know and the whole world knows what is happening today in Lebanon and the Gaza strip?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. So, instead of changing course and moving us in a new direction, the Republicans want to continue to go in the direction that we are continuing, that Americans are so frustrated with.

This very week they are going to focus on the politics of distraction because, as we shine a light on what is really going on, then the American people would become even more frustrated than they already are.

Mr. Speaker, all of our charts in the 30 Something Working Group and the things we discussed tonight will be up on our Web site. People can log on to [www.HouseDemocrats.gov/30Something](http://www.HouseDemocrats.gov/30Something). We encourage the Members to take a look at all the things we have got up there, and I yield back to Mr. MEEK to close us out.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Thank you so very much. I would like to thank Mr. DELAHUNT also and all the Members of the 30 Something Working Group for coming together with an outstanding presentation tonight for the Members of the House.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Where was Mr. RYAN this evening?

Mr. MEEK of Florida. I do not know. We need to see what happened to Mr. RYAN tonight, but I am pretty sure

there is a good excuse for him not being here.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ talked about a new direction for America. We want to make sure that health care is more affordable for all Americans, and we also want to make sure that we have lower gas prices, helping our working families, also cutting college costs and ensuring dignity in retirement and also requiring fiscal responsibility, pay-as-we-go.

With that, Mr. Speaker, we would like to thank the Democratic leadership for allowing us to have the time, and it was an honor to address the House tonight.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. KIND (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

Ms. MCKINNEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mrs. NORTHUP (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week 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. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. HERSETH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BISHOP of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CLAY, 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 July 18, 19, 20, and 21.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and July 18, 19, 20, and 21.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, July 19.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today and July 18 and 20.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today and July 18.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today and July 18 and 19.

Mr. GILCREST, for 5 minutes, today and July 19.

#### 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. 3525. An act to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program, and for other purposes to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mrs. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2872. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 655. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8562. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Nunn-McCurdy Unit Cost has breached the "Original" Acquisition Program Baseline (APB) for the enclosed programs, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8563. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the budgeting of the Department of Defense for the sustainment of key military equipment, pursuant to Public Law 109-163, section 361; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8564. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the sixteenth annual report on the Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1637 note, Public Law 100-583, section 8 (102 Stat. 2969); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8565. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Ninety-Second Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System covering operations during