

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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#### CALLING FOR CEASE-FIRE IN LEBANON

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday a number of countries met in Rome and they discussed what ought to happen between or in Lebanon, and they came to a decision there ought to be a cease-fire, except one country said no, it was the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, how can it be that the United States of America can condone the continuation of people dying on both sides of the line? The explanation of who started it or who won't stop or who is at fault or when it started or all that must be decided at a peace table. As long as people are dying, the peace table is going to be harder and harder and harder to work out. The sooner we bring the parties to the table, the better off the whole world will be, not just Lebanese, not Israelis, everyone in the world will be better off if we have a cease-fire. Please, Mr. President, listen to us.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### HONORING TIM FRIEDMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about Tim Friedman who is leaving this body to start a new life, one a lot more relaxing I am sure. But I can tell him, he won't be surrounded by as many people that absolutely admire and like him like he is day in and day out here.

I have gotten to know this man. He has been here for 30 years, but I have gotten to know him over the past 2 years while I have come to the floor 165

times to bring 5-minute special orders on bringing our troops home from Iraq. But what I have learned about him because he is here every night while we are doing our Special Orders, that his job in keeping this House floor together, to keep Members on the straight and narrow and knowing what we are doing and what we are not supposed to do, like talking on our cell phones on the floor, he does with good humor, he does with good grace.

But his most important chore, and I think he has always known this with me, has been to find my fountain pens when I lose them. Actually, he can find a real fountain pen. I have a bit of a fetish for nice fountain pens. He finds other people's, and he thinks they are mine because I so often lose mine. But he also finds things that other Members of the House lose. He is a real sleuth, and he finds them, he knows who they belong to, he lets us know that he has got them.

Mr. Speaker, even though he is starting a new chapter in his life, even though he is leaving us, we know that he has been here and we will always remember how he has treated every single one of us. I am glad that he was part of this chapter in my life.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. WOOLSEY. I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the gentlewoman from California in acknowledging and honoring our friend, Tim Friedman, for all his 30-plus years of service to the House of Representatives.

I have been here now 10 years, Mr. Speaker, and I can you I have asked a great deal of Mr. Friedman, how to get from place to place, what the votes are going to be, asking him his advice on all kinds of family matters, frankly, to whether to go home for that soccer game or that school play. And he always gave me the right answer: Go home and be with your kids, and we will take care of the institution.

Mr. Friedman has been an exemplary servant to this institution and to this country. And for 30-plus years of service, I want to thank him and his family for all of the sacrifice that he has expended on behalf of our country.

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I want to say one other word. Tim is part of a team on our side of the aisle that makes our work possible. I know on the other side of the aisle there is a terrific team of people helping our friends on the other side of the aisle. So Tim represents the finest in public service, and I want to wish him and his family a wonderful retirement, and from the bottom of my heart, Tim, a sincere and grateful thank you for all you have done for me and for the Democratic Party, for the Democrats here, for the United States Congress and the people of this country.

Thank you, Tim Friedman.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. WOOLSEY. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me, and I want to add my words of great compliment and appreciation to Tim Friedman, a true gentleman who has served this House with such distinction for over three decades of his life. His career here represents the highest level of public service, and members of his family, his children, his relatives, all of his friends here, all the Members of Congress that he has served and the American people should know this man because so many of the really top quality staff members who serve the Nation do not get the kind of recognition that they genuinely deserve.

I want to thank him for his gentlemanly demeanor, being a true man of the House, and for helping us build a better Nation and world. Your service has been exemplary. Thank you on behalf of the Nation and thank you on behalf of the people of Ohio as well, all of whom you have served with such distinction. Congratulations. God bless you and may the future be even brighter than the years that you spent here.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California for yielding to me on behalf of such a fine and good man.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, Tim, thank you for taking care of us. Thank you for being you, and thank you for being in this chapter of my life.

#### THREE FATHERS—THREE STOLEN CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about three stolen children and three fathers.

Adam Walsh, a 6-year-old in Hollywood, Florida, disappeared on July 27, 1981, from a shopping store. His mother told him to play video games while she paid for a lamp. When she turned around, he had disappeared from the store. Apparently, the management had told him to leave.

On August 10, 1981, Adam's decapitated head was found in the water at Vero Beach, Florida. The rest of his remains have never been found.

Otis Toole, a serial killer, confessed to killing Adam in 1983. Police were not sure he was the killer, although he confessed again, but later recanted. Toole died in 1996 on death row for other crimes, and Adam's murder technically remains unsolved.

His father, John Walsh, partner in a hotel management company, lived the "All-American Dream" with his family in Hollywood, Florida, but the effect of his son's death, Adam, was devastating. He lost everything, not only his business, his home, but his pride, Adam Walsh.

He began campaigning for missing and exploited children, and his drive

created the Missing Children Assistance Act of 1984, which established the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Also, John and his wife established the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, and he has been host on "America's Most Wanted" since 1988. This TV program helps capture the worst criminals in America. He still is married and he has three children now, and he works daily to protect our children.

Polly Klaas was abducted from her bedroom in the middle of the night on October 1, 1993, by Richard Allen Davis in California. He later strangled her and sexually assaulted her, and in December of that year, Davis led police to her body, and they discovered that she had been buried alive. Davis, a previously convicted felon, was sentenced to death in September 1996. He is on death row now in California waiting to be executed, as he needs to be.

Marc Klaas, her father, worked in a Hertz car rental center in San Francisco prior to her death. Memories of his daughter Polly were sitting on the couch, watching her favorite show "The Simpsons." She had a love for performing. She also loved to play her clarinet and would have loved to have been an actress.

But the effect of her death, Mr. Speaker, in the words of her father, Marc, he said, "I wanted to be dead for 10 years. No one has affected my life so positively and nothing has affected my life so negatively."

After her abduction and murder, Marc gave up his business and dedicated his life to protecting our children. He is the founder of the Klaaskids Foundation, a nonprofit organization; and in 1994, he was instrumental in establishing the "three strikes, you're out" law in California. A third felony conviction means those criminals go to prison for 25 years to life.

Mr. Speaker, number three, Jessica Lunsford, 9-year-old girl in Florida. She was abducted also from her bedroom on February 23, 2005, by a repeat sex offender, John Couey. This occurred in Homosassa, Florida. He repeatedly sexually assaulted her, and then he buried her alive in his backyard.

It is interesting to note that "America's Most Wanted" helped capture this individual.

On March 18, 2005, Couey confessed to raping and killing Jessica and told police where she was buried. He is waiting trial; and, hopefully, the folks in Florida will administer their corrective punishment, the death penalty, in his case.

Mark Lunsford, her father, normal guy. In fact, he moved to Florida to protect his children. He was in the Army after high school and he loved his kids. He just worked as a heavy equipment operator at a recycling center. He says about his daughter that she loved to work with him and operate this heavy equipment. They took care of each other because that is what families do.

The effect of her death has helped him to also work for children. He is helping get Jessica's Law passed in 18 States, which increases the minimum penalty for sex offenders to 25 years for first offenders.

Mr. Speaker, these three fathers from three different backgrounds had a child stolen from them by a child predator. As a father of four and a grandfather of five, there would be nothing worse than to have a child murdered.

I know all three of these fathers. In fact, two of them are in Washington today. They are still fighting for kids, and they are here today because the President signed the Adam Walsh Child Safety Act to toughen up registration of child predators.

Twenty-five years ago today, Adam Walsh was kidnapped.

Mr. Speaker, children are our greatest resource, and every time a child is born, God is making a bet on the future of our culture. We are not judged by the way we treat the rich, the famous, the powerful, the influential. We as a society are judged by the way we treat the weak, the innocent, the children.

The voices of these three children, the roll call of the dead, Jessica, Polly and Adam, call from the graves for justice. America must be the land that concerns itself with the protection of its children, and we must win this war against those child terrorists who steal the lives of our children.

And that's just the way it is.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-606) on the resolution (H. Res. 958) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### ENERGY BILL ANNIVERSARY BRINGS PAIN AT THE PUMP

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is the first anniversary of the House passage of the Bush energy bill.

Our Republican colleagues probably want to take a victory lap, but they just cannot afford the gas. Gas prices, you see, in that 1 year are 71 cents higher today than they were 12 months ago.

The Republican energy bill fails American consumers by design.

They moved it a year ago, even though they knew it would grow our dependence on foreign oil because it offered \$85 billion in consumer subsidies to Big Oil and the other Republican corporate campaign donors.

It has paid off. Eighty-four percent of Big Oil's more than \$10 million in political contributions for this November's elections have gone to Republicans, 84 percent. Is it any wonder who the Republican energy bill really serves?

Too many of my Republican colleagues are addicted to oil company campaign contributions.

We need to reject the failed policies of the past. We need to build a brighter future of greater energy independence by using energy smarter, investing in new, job-creating energy technologies and, for instance, making my State of Ohio the Silicon Valley of alternative energy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. OSBORNE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### HONORING DR. ROCH DOLIVEUX

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of turn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend a fine constituent of the 11th District of Georgia, Dr. Roch Doliveux. Dr. Doliveux is the chief executive officer of UCB, Incorporated, a leading global biopharmaceutical company with facilities in my district, the 11th of Georgia, in the town of Smyrna.

Earlier this year, Dr. Doliveux received the Epilepsy Foundation's Distinguished Achievement Award in New York City. The Epilepsy Foundation annually recognizes individuals who have made outstanding efforts on the behalf of those living with epilepsy.

As the CEO of UCB, Incorporated, Dr. Doliveux has spearheaded his company's efforts to raise awareness of this disease, and he has leveraged its resources to develop and provide medicines to help patients return to their daily activities.

In our country, epilepsy affects 2.7 million Americans and their families. Mr. Speaker, epilepsy is a seizure disorder that can develop at any time in life, and it can stem from a variety of causes; but it is always a costly and frequently debilitating disease.

That is why, as a physician Member, I am so proud to stand on the floor of this body and extend my congratulations to Dr. Doliveux for his fine work on behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation.

#### IS PEACE POSSIBLE?

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Ohio is recognized for 5 minutes.