

the American people. I am proud to have been part of that effort. And I am proud to serve with my colleagues who stepped up and made this 100 hours so meaningful for the American people.

Mr. HODES. We thank the gentleman from Maryland for speaking with such passion about the important connection between what we are doing here to make a positive difference in the lives of this country and what it means to every single American that we represent from around this country, what impact it will have on their daily lives, because, as the gentleman from Maryland rightly understands, we are dedicated to making a positive difference for all the people of this country, not just those at the very top, but all the people, those who need it the most, doing the most good for most of the people all the time.

And I would yield briefly now to the distinguished representative from Pennsylvania, Mr. CARNEY, a gentleman who, Mr. Speaker, has served his country in the military with great distinction, and, Mr. Speaker, a gentleman who has the distinction, as a new Member of Congress, of now leading a subcommittee on the Homeland Security Committee, a distinct honor worthy of his experience, skill and talent. I am very proud to serve with him and I yield to Mr. CARNEY.

Mr. CARNEY. Thank you, Mr. HODES, and thank you for your leadership in this class. It is going to be a historic class. I think we have already proven that in the last 100 hours.

Mr. Speaker, in the last 2 weeks in the new Congress we have already taken remarkable action to pass this first 100 hours legislation.

Now, as I traveled across my 10th District of Pennsylvania, I heard from so many families who were struggling to make ends meet. Our working families needed an increase to the minimum wage, and we provided that. Our working families needed affordable education. We provided that relief. Our seniors need lower prescription drug prices. We took steps to make sure they can have them. Our children need to know that they are growing up in a country that is safe, and we provided to enhance the security of this Nation.

Two weeks into this new Congress and already I am proud of what this House of Representatives has achieved in a bipartisan and civil manner. We are listening to the concerns of our constituents and passing meaningful legislation on their behalf.

I encourage our colleagues in the Senate to pass our legislation and for the President to sign it into law. Two weeks into the new Congress, and already I have heard from so many of my constituents who are appreciative of our concerns and their concerns being addressed. But they also remind me that we have only just begun. Two weeks in and still so much left to accomplish.

Mr. HODES. Thank you very much, Mr. CARNEY.

Mr. Speaker, I note the hour. I thank the Speaker for your service today and in this august body, we thank the American people for giving us the privilege to serve the people of this country, to have served in this historic time, to move the 100 hours agenda from a promise into reality, to make good on our promises to the people of this country that we care about all the people, that we are going to make a positive difference as we move forward.

I thank my colleagues, new Members. We have been called majority makers, and I am proud that we are, and we are going to work in a bipartisan way to move this country forward.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. SIMPSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today 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. DEFAZIO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAYLOR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ELLISON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. SUTTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELCH of Vermont, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, Janu-

ary 22, 2007, at 12:30 p.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:

333. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification stating that the emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 110-8); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

334. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-594, "Consumer Security Freeze Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

335. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-593, "Consumer Personal Information Security Breach Notification Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

336. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-598, "Expansion of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Insurance Coverage Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

337. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-597, "Summary Enclosure of Nuisance Vacant Property Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

338. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-596, "Definition of Persons With Disabilities A.D.A. Conforming Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

339. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-595, "Disability Rights Protection Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

340. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-603, "Alcohol and Narcotics-Related Claims Liability Exclusion Repeal Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

341. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-602, "Mount Vernon Triangle BID Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

342. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-601, "NoMa Improvement Association Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2006," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

343. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-600, "PILOT Authorization Increase and Arthur Capper/