

Qaeda. So we step back and say engage, engage with consequences Iran, Syria, give them a date that we won't be in that state of Iraq and they with Iraqis and Saudis and Jordan must step up so we can be about this world and ensure our security elsewhere. That's what this debate is about.

Mr. HODES. I thank all my colleagues, Mr. SESTAK and Mr. ALTMIRE from Pennsylvania, Mr. KLEIN from Florida. It has been a truly interesting discussion tonight focusing on strategy, the complexity of a world that has changed but which Democrats are facing with boldness and leadership to help take our country and the world in a new direction, to reverse the damage that's been done by the administration and reassert our role as a leader in this world on our principles and our values, not merely our military might but only using our military might in service of the good judgment our leaders exercise in the pursuit of peace.

As we leave for our July 4 recess, I want to leave us with this thought. The Army says that it will leave no soldier behind. And as we discussed here tonight, the Democrats in Congress have committed to leaving no veteran behind. We have voted and passed the biggest increase in Veterans' Administration spending for health care and needed services in this country's history.

The chart I have here shows in dramatic form what has happened over the past few years. From 2003 to 2008, the VA is treating many, many more Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. We've been in a conflict where our soldiers have been deployed, redeployed, redeployed and redeployed again, two times, three times, four times. Whereas compared to World War II, when their active duty tours were 180 days, they're now seeing 15 months, wreaking havoc on the soldiers and their families at the same time. As General Odom put it today, they're experiencing cataclysmic events every day, new kinds of injuries, polytrauma, traumatic brain injuries, PTSD have created great complexity in our VA system.

So as we go out on July 4, I would ask us all to think about what supporting our troops really means. In my view, supporting our troops means employing and following a course that is a real, smart, strategic effort to protect American security by redeploying our troops from the middle of a civil war in which they don't belong, number one. That is truly supporting our troops, because they are owed the policy that the civilian leaders should be following. That is what our troops are owed and our veterans are owed when they come home, the best that we can give them. No more broken promises from the White House. No more broken promises from the Republicans who have cut the budgets time and time again, who have cut health care in the VA, who have imposed fee increases on our veterans. No more. We will leave no veteran behind. The Democrats promise that. We have followed through on our commitment.

And I am so proud to stand with you all as Members of the 110th Congress to help lead this country in a new direction and be the kind of world leader that the American people expect and deserve.

Thank you very much and good night.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after noon.

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of a funeral of a war casualty from the district.

Mr. POE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today after 6:45 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. GILCHREST (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for June 25 and 26.

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. YARMUTH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SARBANES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ELLISON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. YARMUTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SESTAK, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Ms. FOX) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. REICHERT, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 179, 110th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 179, 110th Congress, the House adjourned until Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2339. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Lactofen; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0178; FRL-8132-9] received June 19, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2340. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0968; FRL-8135-5] received June 19, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2341. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Acrylic and Modacrylic Fibers Production, Carbon Black Production, Chemical Manufacturing; Chromium Compounds, Flexible Polyurethane Foam Production and Fabrication, Lead Acid Battery Manufacturing, and Wood Preserving [EPA-HQ-AR-2006-0897; FRL-8330-1] (RIN: 2060-AN44) received June 19, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2342. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Charlotte, Raleigh-Durham, and Winston-Salem Areas Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the Carbon Monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Clarification [EPA-R04-OAR-2005-NC-0002-200538C; FRL-8328-6] received June 19, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2343. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report on Audit Policy: Frequently Asked Questions for 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2344. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-61, "Cigarette Stamp Clarification Temporary Act of 2007," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2345. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-62, "District of Columbia School Reform Property Disposition Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2346. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting the annual compilation of personal financial disclosure statements and amendments thereto filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to rule XXVI, clause 1, of the House Rules; (H. Doc. No. —43); to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and ordered to be printed.

2347. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's March 2007 "Treasury Bulletin," pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9602(a); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, and Agriculture.

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. LANTOS: Committee on Foreign Affairs. H.R. 2420. A bill to declare United States policy on international climate cooperation, to authorize assistance to promote clean and efficient energy technologies

in foreign countries, and to establish the International Clean Energy Foundation; with an amendment (Rept. 110-215). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1851. A bill to reform the housing choice voucher program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937; with an amendment (Rept. 110-216). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1852. A bill to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-217). 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. RUPPERSBERGER:

H.R. 2894. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the War of 1812, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Ms. WATERS, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. RAMSTAD, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. DENT, Ms. LEE, Mr. RENZI, Mr. CLAY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. HINOJOSA):

H.R. 2895. A bill to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York (for herself and Mr. TERRY):

H.R. 2896. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a volunteer teacher advisory committee; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. WELLER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. EMERSON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCNULTY, and Mr. HINOJOSA):

H.R. 2897. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a prospective payment system instead of the reasonable cost-based reimbursement method for Medicare-covered services provided by Federally qualified health centers and to expand the scope of such covered services to account for expansions in the scope of services provided by Federally qualified health centers since the inclusion of such services for coverage under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. AKIN (for himself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. POE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr.

PITTS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, and Mrs. DRAKE):

H.R. 2898. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to establish standards for impeachment of justices and judges of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. GINGREY, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H.R. 2899. A bill to designate the Department of Veteran Affairs outpatient clinic located at 417 West 4th Avenue in Albany, Georgia, as the "Walter Carl Jordan, Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BARROW, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GORDON, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. HOOLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ROSS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. TERRY, Mrs. BONO, Mrs. MYRICK, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MELANCON, and Mr. RUSH):

H.R. 2900. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. MICHAUD):

H.R. 2901. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a program demonstrating multiple approaches to Life-long Learning Accounts, which are portable, worker-owned savings accounts that can be used by workers to help finance education, training, and apprenticeships and which are intended to supplement both public and employer-provided education and training resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Ms. CASTOR, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. HARE, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. WEINER, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 2902. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to double the child tax credit for the first year, to expand the credit dependent care services, to provide relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Ms. CARSON, Mr. WATT, and Mr. BUTTERFIELD):

H.R. 2903. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for innovative teacher retention programs; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. HOEKSTRA,

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. FORTUÑO):

H.R. 2904. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to reauthorize the laws relating to public charter schools to improve academic achievement of all students; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. PENCE (for himself, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BUYER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAMP of Michigan, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CARTER, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVERETT, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. FORTUÑO, Ms. FOXF, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. KELLER, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. MACK, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POE, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHAD-EGG, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TERRY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WOLF, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 2905. A bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KIRK:

H.R. 2906. A bill to establish a pilot program under which the Secretary of Education makes grants to establish and support the 10th Congressional District of Illinois School Conservation Corps; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. LIPINSKI):

H.R. 2907. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.