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House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 18, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:
Here, Lord, God of heaven and earth, You find a Nation of prayer. Each day, millions of citizens approach You as our Maker and seek Your grace and give You thanks for many blessings. Each day in the sessions of this noble assembly, we pause and turn to You in prayer.

Help us to face boldly the increasingly complex political and ethical issues of our time. Guide American people to find in their religious beliefs a precious source of insight and an inspiration to pursue reasoned, responsible and respectful dialogue in their efforts to build a more human and free society.

And so give You greater glory—both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 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:

6150. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Assistance to Private Sector Property Insurers; Write-Your-Own Arrangement [Docket ID FEMA-2008-0001] (RIN: 1660-AA58) received April 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6151. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Maximum Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing [Docket No. FR-5197-F-01] (RIN: 2502-A162) received April 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6152. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — REVISIONS TO FORM S-11 TO PERMIT HISTOR-

ICAL INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE [RELEASE NO. 33-8909; FILE NO. S7-30-07] (RIN: 3235-AK02) received April 15, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6153. A letter from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Premium Rates; Payment of Premiums; Variable-Rate Premium; Pension Protection Act of 2006 (RIN: 1212-AB11) received April 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

6154. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Toll-Free Number for Reporting Adverse Events on Labeling for Human Drug Products [Docket No. 2003N-0342] (RIN: 0910-AC35) received April 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6155. A letter from the District of Columbia Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "Letter Report: Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to the Revised Revenue Estimate Through the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6156. A letter from the District of Columbia Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "Compliance with the Government Managers Accountability Amendment Act of 1995 Has Been Incomplete and Inconsistent," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6157. A letter from the Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority, transmitting the Authority's Annual Report for 2007 entitled, "Investing in People and Communities," pursuant to Public Law 106-554, section 382L. (114 Stat. 2763A-280); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6158. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6159. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's report on the amount of the acquisitions made from entities that

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manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States in fiscal years 2006 and 2007; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6160. A letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Direction, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's annual report required by Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-174, for Fiscal Year 2007; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6161. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for Fiscal Year 2007 on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6162. A letter from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting the audited Sixty-Seventh Financial Statement for the period October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6163. A letter from the President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2007 Annual Report required by Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6164. A letter from the Director, Peace Corps, transmitting a copy of the Peace Corp's Fiscal Year 2007 Notification and Federal Employee Anti-Discrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR) Act Annual Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6165. A letter from the ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the North-

eastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Total Allowable Catches for Eastern Georges Bank Cod, Eastern Georges Bank Haddock, and Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder in the U.S./Canada Management Area for Fishing Year 2008 [Docket No. 071004577-8124-02] (RIN: 0648-AW13) received April 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6166. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by American Fisheries Act Catcher Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 071106673-8011-02] (RIN: 0648-XG65) received April 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6167. A letter from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Data Breaches (RIN: 2900-AM63) received April 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6168. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of his intention to designate the Solomon Islands as a least-developed beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), pursuant to Public Law 104-188, section 1952(a)(110 Stat. 1917); (H. Doc. No. 110-105); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

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:

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 5819. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-595 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. WAXMAN: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 3033. A bill to improve Federal agency awards and oversight of contracts and assistance and to strengthen accountability of the Governmentwide suspension and debarment system; with an amendment (Rept. 110-596). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 5816: Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. GOODE, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Ms. FOXX, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petition:

Petition 6 by Mr. BOUSTANY on House Resolution 1025: Howard Coble and Henry E. Brown, Jr.



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Senate

(Legislative day of Thursday, April 17, 2008)

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Great is Your faithfulness, O God, our Father. We rejoice today because we know You are in control. We do not understand all of Your ways, but we know and trust You. Let that faith pervade all that we say and do today.

Guide and bless our Senators. Strengthen their courage and lead them to the right road. May they enact such laws as shall please You. Give them the courage to admit mistakes and the wisdom to trust Your mercy. May they faithfully serve You and promote the well-being of this great Nation.

Lord, we pray also today for all the men and women of our Armed Forces. Defend them day by day with Your Heavenly grace. We pray in your powerful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHERROD BROWN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 18, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, after I speak, and if the Republican leader chooses to speak, we will be in a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. No votes will occur today or on Monday. There will be no votes on Monday because of the Passover holiday. The next vote will occur at 12 noon on Tuesday on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315, the disabled veterans' benefits bill.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is hard to comprehend why we have to file cloture on a motion to proceed to a bill dealing with veterans, but that is what is happening. It has been heard on this floor on many occasions in recent weeks, but it is hard to comprehend what the Republicans are trying to do with the country, other than maintain the status quo.

We invoked cloture twice on a technical corrections bill, and now, on a

veterans' benefits act, we have to invoke cloture on even being able to debate it. That is really too bad. There have been 4,039 Americans killed in Iraq; I read that in the newspaper this morning. The occupant of the chair indicated to me that he presented a flag to some Ohio people who lost a loved one. Tens of thousands of troops have been wounded. The morning papers report that 20 percent—one out of every five—of the Iraq veterans, our soldiers, coming home from Iraq have traumatic stress disorder.

Mr. President, we have talked about those who have been killed in Iraq, those who have been wounded, but there are also, as a result of this huge military presence there—earlier this year, about 175,000—people who are in the military who get hurt when trucks back over them by mistake or they may have falls—a lot of things happen to disable these veterans. We have been trying to bring this legislation to the floor since last August. In the height of the war, with soldiers being killed every day, being wounded every day, coming home from Iraq every day, we cannot even get to a bill to deal with their health. The Republicans are holding that up. We have been trying since August to bring it up.

This comprehensive, budget-neutral legislation will provide much needed benefits for veterans young and old. The legislation, among other things, would expand the number of individuals qualifying for traumatic injury insurance.

In the morning papers all over the country, there are headlines such as "VA Suicide Hotline Set Up Last Year Credited With Saving 726 Lives So Far." As I said, we have these stories appearing all over the country.

Twenty-two-year-old Joshua Omvig shot himself in his truck outside his parents' home in Grundy Center, Iowa, on December 22, 2005. A local newspaper reported that he

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had talked to his mother shortly before killing himself. Among his final words: "I've been dead ever since I left Iraq."

As a result of this, and in paying tribute to him, we have created a suicide hotline for veterans. That is what this is all about. We have saved 726 lives. Veterans need help. This is a war like we have never had before. We have never fought a war in big cities, street to street, house to house.

Last night, I had a marine in my office, at about quarter to 7 last night. He came with his wife-to-be, his mother, and his father. They are from Illinois. He is a big, strong man. One of his ears was cauliflowered, as he had been a college wrestler. He was missing his right leg above the knee. He is going to be in and out of the hospital, and he will be able to go home soon. His problem is not with the leg he lost, it is with the leg he still has. He lifted up his pant leg and showed me the scars. He had major surgery and has scars. He is tough and said, "I am going to be just fine."

We are trying to help people such as him. They are all over America, coming home from Iraq and are hurt and need help. We cannot even debate this legislation because Republicans are stalling it. We are having a vote at noon on Tuesday. I hope we will be able to get 60 votes and proceed. You would think there would be nine Republicans who are caring enough to allow us to go forward on this most important issue.

We also extend eligibility for specially adapted housing benefits to individuals with severe burns. This war, which is within cities—I got carried away describing this man's injuries.

I said, "Tell me what happened."

He said, "We came out of the house, climbed in the vehicle, and it blew up."

I said, "How long were you in the truck?"

He said, "Maybe 20 seconds."

The road had been paved—a newly paved road. They put a bomb on it. When he drove over it, the compression caused it to blow up. He had burns—you could see them—on his face. The scars weren't bad, but there were burns.

A lot of the people, because of these explosive devices, have terrible burns. This legislation we want to try to pass extends eligibility for these people who were burned badly to have special housing benefits.

The legislation would extend and increase benefits for individuals trying to change what they do, with apprenticeships and on-the-job training programs.

Also, the legislation would restore veteran status to Filipino veterans who served under U.S. command in World War II. One only need watch Tom Hanks's World War II series that appeared on television. It talked about the valor and the absolute necessity for the Filipino soldiers who were there fighting under our command. We have been trying for decades to extend benefits to them. They are getting very old

with each day that goes by, and more of them are dying. Their average age is well over 80. We want to allow them certain benefits. They fought alongside U.S. troops during World War II. It is the moral obligation of this Nation to provide for those Filipino veterans who fought under the U.S. flag during World War II.

After 8 months of obstruction by the Republicans, it is time to allow this bill to be debated. If there are people who don't like provisions in this bill, they can offer an amendment to try to take them out. Why hold up benefits for veterans?

This legislation provides much needed benefits and includes 8 titles, with 38 benefits. If there were ever a piece of legislation that should not be stalled, obstructed, and delayed, it is this one. We have waited 8 months to bring this up. With the Republicans, it is always tomorrow, we almost have it worked out, or how about tomorrow or next week or next month? We cannot wait any longer. People have to step up to the bar here, Mr. President, on Tuesday at noon and vote to find out if we can legislate for the veterans coming back from Iraq and those veterans who have, prior to Iraq, dedicated their lives to the service of their country, our country.

COMMEMORATING EARTH DAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, 38 years ago, Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin founded Earth Day to celebrate the environment and to call attention to the major environmental issues of the time. Once again we celebrate the progress we have made to protect our environment, and are again called upon to address new challenges facing our planet.

Since Earth Day's conception in 1970 our Nation has worked to reduce pollution and clean up lakes, streams, and the air we breathe. These environmental accomplishments have made us healthier, our economy prosper, and have helped to make America even more beautiful.

Although we have made great strides to improve and protect our environment, it is clear that we are facing one of the gravest environmental challenges of our time. Global warming from man-made greenhouse gas emissions may be the most complicated crisis our world has ever faced. We must address it quickly and boldly in the United States and assert global leadership on this most important issue.

Rising temperatures threaten to devastate western landscapes, intensify drought, and magnify summer heat waves. Fortunately, if we act swiftly, we still have a narrow window of time and opportunity to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Over the next 15 years, I am confident that we can reduce emissions by at least 25 percent. We will establish a framework for capping greenhouse gas

emissions without imposing economic hardship on Americans. We will also create a business environment that provides ample incentives to phase out rapidly our current outdated 19th century energy production and decision-making methods.

Global warming is an enormous opportunity wrapped in a complex challenge. On this Earth Day, I want Nevadans and all Americans to embrace and prepare for the challenge, and recognize the tremendous opportunity we have to improve our energy security, create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and develop the new, clean, efficiency and renewable energy economy of the future. With the right investments and political will, we can soon power all our cars, homes and industry with power from the Sun, the wind, and the Earth.

In a 100-mile-square area of Nevada and the Southwest's desert, we have enough solar energy resources to supply the entire United States with electricity. This might seem unreal today because our thinking is shaped most by those who profit from selling us fossil fuels. But, solar technologies at the utility-scale and in distributed applications are quickly becoming economical and have far fewer of the hidden costs of coal, nuclear and other unsustainable resources.

In addition, we have vast wind and geothermal resources that America has only begun to tap. By expanding and improving transmission access to rural and undeveloped areas where solar, wind and geothermal are often most plentiful, our renewable energy resources can work in affordable harmony, improving our energy security and reliability, using cost-free fuel for ever.

In a speech I gave earlier this year, I established five policy goals to promote renewable energy. These principles will help launch Nevada and the nation in a new direction that chooses ingenuity over stagnation, progress over pollution. They include: consumer choice—allowing consumers to choose renewable energy to power their homes at reasonable cost; consumer empowerment—allowing homeowners to receive credit for generating their own renewable electricity; making space for renewables—setting aside federal land for renewable energy production; investment—providing incentives to utility companies to choose renewables and efficiency over fossil fuels; and electric cars—building a smart grid that can charge electric automobiles.

Achieving these policy goals could help make our nation more sustainable, both environmentally and economically. They are some of the necessary steps we must take toward a low-carbon economy.

Climate scientists tell us that the countries of the world have approximately 10-15 years to radically transform the way that energy is made and consumed because greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere are

verging on dangerous interference with the global climate system. This means making tremendous reductions quickly and ensuring that our energy decisions today do not warp the future for our children and generations to come.

As we celebrate Earth Day this year, I ask that you join me in thinking about the road ahead and how we will overcome this great environmental challenge that we face as Nevadans, Americans, and citizens of the world.

MORNING BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I recognize the National Week of the Young Child. This week provides all of us here in Washington the opportunity to reflect on the ways in which we can better care for children in our communities and more effectively cooperate with teachers, parents, and other caregivers.

Critical to the success of many disadvantaged Iowa children is the Head Start program. If we really want to get kids ready for school, we must focus on early intervention. This means improving access to education and developmental services to help provide kids with a good start in life. Since 1965, Head Start has served more than 24 million low-income children and their families.

Head Start programs help Iowa families to meet young children's basic educational, health, nutritional and social needs with a goal of having these kids ready for the first day of kindergarten. I was pleased to recently help modernize and update Head Start by passing The Head Start for School Readiness Act, which allows more families access to programs, improves early childhood training for Head Start educators, and updates learning standards to reflect the latest research in child development. I also made sure that early learning programs do not ignore the importance of wellness and healthy behaviors by requiring training to integrate physical activity and good nutrition in the classroom.

I have heard tremendous stories from my State of children whose lives were improved through the social services Head Start provides. These children received eye glasses or necessary dental work thanks to the early intervention of our Head Start programs. Head Start educators and employees often connect parents in need to the outreach services which help give children safe and comfortable homes.

I was particularly touched by the story of Rebecca Navarro. She writes that her youngest son, Anthony, received help learning his letters and colors, and improved his social skills, through their local Head Start agency.

At the same time, a Head Start social worker helped Ms. Navarro go back to school and receive her degree, pay for food and utilities and provide a better quality of life for Anthony and his four siblings. Anthony has now successfully graduated the 6th grade with math skills above his grade level, and plans on going to college and getting his master's degree in engineering and math.

Providing our Nation's youngest learners with the tools they need to succeed benefits not only those children and their families, but our Nation as well. While celebrating the victories of Head Start this week, we should also continue to work hard to ensure every child has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.●

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN GOSPEL CHORALE

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a memorable trip recently taken by a group of students from University of Michigan. Each spring, many students head for warmer climates during spring break. However, the University of Michigan's Gospel Chorale, comprised of 40 students, spent this year's spring break accompanying university president Mary Sue Coleman and other faculty and staff to the nation of Ghana.

During this trip, the Michigan Gospel Chorale performed at churches, schools, colleges and public forums, including the National Theatre and the Kofi Annan International Peace-keeping Training Center, where they were warmly received. In fact, they performed before an audience of more than 2,500 at Ghana's National Theatre. One of their most moving performances occurred when the chorale sang in the dungeons of the Elmina Castle, where slaves were once held captive before they were transported across the ocean.

The purpose of the University's trip to Ghana was to strengthen existing relationships the University of Michigan has in Africa and to explore opportunities for new research programs and for faculty and student cultural exchanges. Currently, more than 120 University of Michigan faculty members are involved in various projects in Ghana and South Africa, and numerous students are taking courses or are involved in research activities.

As you know, the United States has a long history with Ghana, and that partnership continues to grow. The people of Ghana will remember the efforts of the University of Michigan and the Michigan Gospel Chorale's visit for a long time. For the Michigan Gospel Chorale, the journey provided a significant global learning experience. Many of the students had never traveled by air or had been out of the country. I am sure my colleagues agree that it is important for our young people to have opportunities to explore, and to con-

tribute to, our ever-expanding global community.

I know my colleagues join me in commending the University of Michigan and the Michigan Gospel Chorale for their outstanding efforts in fostering goodwill between the United States and the nation of Ghana.●

HOLD ON NOMINATION OF HARVEY E. JOHNSON

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, more than 40 months ago, prior to his confirmation as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff told me in my office that if confirmed he would move expeditiously to implement the National Emergency Technology Guard—NET Guard—program. Unfortunately, Secretary Chertoff has so far failed to honor this pledge.

The idea of NET Guard was born in the aftermath of 9-11, when a number of communications and technology companies told me they wanted to help New York City when it was attacked—and there was no system for using their volunteers. Then-Senator George Allen and I moved on a bipartisan basis to support a program, called NET Guard, that would ensure that volunteers with technology expertise could be fully utilized in future crises. These teams of local volunteers with science and technology expertise would be vital in assisting our communities in responding to attacks on communications networks, or recovering from natural disasters. Congress authorized the establishment of NET Guard 5 years ago, in the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

However, DHS has delayed and delayed and so far failed to implement this critical program.

At times, Secretary Chertoff has appeared willing to move forward on NET Guard, but each time he stops short of action. On August 1, 2007, the Secretary pledged to me in a letter that he would be submitting a request to fund the NET Guard program in the President's fiscal year 2009 budget. I will ask that a copy of Secretary Chertoff's letter be printed in the RECORD. I thought this meant that the Secretary recognized NET Guard's potential and understood Congress's intention in authorizing the program. Unfortunately he failed to fulfill this promise and we again find ourselves at an impasse.

I feel that further delay is unacceptable. I reluctantly feel that I must put a hold on the nomination of Harvey E. Johnson who has been nominated by President Bush to serve as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, until the NET Guard program is up and running.

I place this hold reluctantly, but see no other option in light of the Department's foot dragging. I am hopeful that the Department will soon be able to stand up a NET Guard program, and I will be able to withdraw my hold and Mr. JOHNSON's nomination can move through the Senate. In the meantime, I

will object to any unanimous consent agreement to consider Mr. JOHNSON'S nomination.

I ask that the letter to which I referred be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY,
August 1, 2007.

Hon. RON WYDEN,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR WYDEN: Thank you for taking time this morning to discuss the Department of Homeland Security's plans for the National Emergency Technology Guard (NET Guard) program. Following my June 29, 2007 letter to you that outlined our program approach, and as a prelude to our discussion, members of the Department's NET Guard team briefed your staff on our proposed plan. The positive feedback from your staff, coupled with your positive feedback this morning and the positive feedback that we have received from State, local, and private sector stakeholders, gives us confidence that we are taking the right approach to implementing this important disaster response program.

Accordingly, the Department is moving forward with plans to implement 12-month NET Guard pilots beginning in September 2007. The recommendation to establish pilots in September is consistent with the NET Guard Scoping Initiative Report, which I will provide to you upon its completion this month. To fund our efforts in fiscal year 2007 and 2008, we will continue to work with Congressional appropriators. I will also submit a request to the White House Office of Management and Budget to fund the NET Guard program in fiscal year 2009. On these and other program matters, the Department's Office of Legislative Affairs will keep your staff apprised of our progress.

I appreciate your interest and support of the Department's disaster response mission and look forward to working with you on this and other issues.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL CHERTOFF. ●

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2892. A bill to promote the prosecution and enforcement of frauds against the United States by suspending the statute of limitations during times when Congress has authorized the use of military force; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2893. A bill to designate the Ludlow Massacre National Historic Landmark in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2770

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2770, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to strengthen the food safety inspection

system by imposing stricter penalties for the slaughter of nonambulatory livestock.

S. 2874

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2874, a bill to amend titles 5, 10, 37, and 38, United States Code, to ensure the fair treatment of a member of the Armed Forces who is discharged from the Armed Forces, at the request of the member, pursuant to the Department of Defense policy permitting the early discharge of a member who is the only surviving child in a family in which the father or mother, or one or more siblings, served in the Armed Forces and, because of hazards incident to such service, was killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently disabled, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 518

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. AL-EXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 518, a resolution designating the third week of April 2008 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2892. A bill to promote the prosecution and enforcement of frauds against the United States by suspending the statute of limitations during times when Congress has authorized the use of military force; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, this country recently marked the 5-year anniversary of the war in Iraq—a war that the Bush administration refuses to end. The losses in this war have been staggering. More than 4,000 American soldiers have been killed and nearly 30,000 wounded. Hundreds of billions in taxpayer dollars has been spent to fight this war, money which could have been—and should have been—used to help American needs here at home. Estimates for the cost of the President's adventure in Iraq are now into the trillions.

Through it all, the Bush administration has chosen essentially to ignore one of its primary obligations during wartime—to protect American taxpayers from losses due to fraud, waste, and abuse of military contracts. Sadly, these problems are all too common in times of war, and have been particularly pervasive in Iraq.

Over the past year, I have chaired hearings in the Appropriations and Judiciary Committees focused on the billions that have been lost to contracting fraud, waste, and abuse during this war. The testimony at those hearings has exposed the Bush administration's failure to take aggressive action

to enforce and punish wartime fraud. It has also shown how difficult it can be for investigators to uncover and prosecute fraud amidst the chaotic environment of war.

These problems have been exacerbated time and time again by the Bush administration, as tens of billions of dollars in "no-bid" and "cost-plus" contracts have been awarded with little, if any, oversight or accountability. Billions in cash—physical, paper money—have been flown to Iraq and handed out in paper bags, often without records of who received what, and when. Billion dollar contracts for training services cannot be audited because the records are incomplete, lost, or in disarray. The Government has been billed for defective products, like faulty ammunition, unsafe bulletproof vests, and even unsanitary drinking water for the troops.

Too often we do not learn about serious fraud until years after the fact. What we do know is that tens of billions of dollars are unaccounted for, and potentially lost to fraud, and little has been done to hold anyone accountable and recover the lost money.

This problem is not entirely new. Our nation has faced challenges in past wars. During World War II, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke out against "war millionaires" who made excessive profits exploiting the calamity of war. President Harry Truman, when he served in the Senate, held historic public hearings to expose gross fraud and waste by military contractors during the war.

Unlike the current President, however, Presidents Roosevelt and Truman took action to ensure that wartime fraud could be successfully investigated and prosecuted despite the difficulties presented by an ongoing war.

In 1942, President Roosevelt signed the Wartime Suspension of Limitations Act, which made it possible for criminal fraud offenses against the United States to be prosecuted after the war was over. President Truman signed a bill making that law permanent in 1948.

Everyone understood then that it was unrealistic to believe that all contracting fraud could be tracked down immediately in the midst of a war. The law provided for the suspension of the statute of limitations until the war was over. Congress supported this law overwhelmingly, as they had with a similar provision during World War I. President Roosevelt wrote: "The crisis of war should not be used as a means of avoiding just penalties for wrongdoing."

While the provision for post-war enforcement against fraud is still the law today, the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan are exempt from its requirements. This Roosevelt-era law only applies "when the United States is at war." The military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan were undertaken without Congressional declarations of war. In recent decades, Congress has

considered authorizations for the use of the Armed Forces, rather than formal declarations of war. I voted for the authorization to strike back at Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan. I voted against the ill-conceived authorization to go into Iraq.

Today we introduce the Wartime Enforcement of Fraud Act of 2008, which updates President Roosevelt's law for our times. This will allow us better to protect American taxpayers from contracting fraud today, just as we did during World War II. I thank Senator GRASSLEY for his co-sponsorship of this important legislation. He has been a leader in Congress on efforts to investigate and combat fraud against the United States.

This bill would make current law suspending the statute of limitations during wartime applicable to the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. In doing so, we would allow investigators and auditors to continue their efforts to uncover criminal fraud and for those who commit fraud to be brought to justice after the conflicts end. If left unchanged, under the current statute of limitations, each passing day of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan could amount to immunizing fraudulent conduct by war contractors that has gone undiscovered during the Bush Administration or during the conflicts.

This legislation would make three simple changes to current law. First, it would suspend the statute of limitations not only to when the United States is technically engaged in a declared war, but also when Congress has enacted a specific authorization for the use of the Armed Forces consistent with the War Powers Resolution. In doing so, this language would apply the existing World War II-era law to the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to similar actions in the future. It would not apply, however, to international peacekeeping missions under the auspices of the United Nations or to military actions not specifically authorized by Congress.

Second, the legislation would extend the statute of limitations for five years after the end of the conflict. The statute of limitations today for criminal fraud offense is five years from the time of the offense, and this bill would

just toll the running of the statute during the conflict itself and not a day longer.

Three, the bill would make clear that a Presidential proclamation ending hostilities, and thus ending the tolling of the statute of limitations period, must be a formal proclamation with notice to Congress. Secret proclamation by the President or a self-serving "mission accomplished" speech will not do the trick.

The statute of limitations is an important check on the proper use of government power, and we should not act to suspend it except in extraordinary circumstances. Wars provide exactly such circumstances, and current law recognizes this common sense reality by suspending the statute of limitation for fraud offenses during wartime. It would be wrong to exempt the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan from this law and to allow war profiteers immunity for their illegal and unpatriotic conduct during wartime.

President Roosevelt called upon Congress to act on this important matter during World War II. Today, I echo his concerns and call upon the Senate to pass this legislation to protect the American taxpayers from war contracting fraud. This Congress should pass—and the President should sign—the Wartime Enforcement of Fraud Act of 2008 without delay.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2892

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Wartime Enforcement of Fraud Act of 2008".

SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WHEN CONGRESS HAS AUTHORIZED THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE.

Section 3287 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting "or Congress has enacted a specific authorization for the use of the Armed Forces, as described in section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(b)), " after "is at war";

(2) by inserting "or directly connected with or related to the authorized use of the

Armed Forces" after "prosecution of the war";

(3) by striking "three years" and inserting "5 years";

(4) by striking "proclaimed by the President" and inserting "proclaimed by a Presidential proclamation, with notice to Congress,"; and

(5) by adding at the end the following: "For purposes of applying such definitions in this section, the term 'war' includes a specific authorization for the use of the Armed Forces, as described in section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(b))."

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m., Monday, April 21; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. I further ask that the RECORD remain open until 12 noon today, for the purpose of introducing bills, resolutions, cosponsors, and statements.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. As previously announced, there will be no votes on Monday because of the Passover holiday. The next vote will occur at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 22, on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315, the Disabled Veterans Act.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. REID. There being no further business to come before the Senate today, I move we stand adjourned under the previous order.

The motion was agreed to, and, at 10:19 a.m., the Senate adjourned until Monday, April 21, 2008, at 3 p.m.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF RANDALL
"RANDY" SMITH

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 18, 2008

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay great honor to Randall "Randy" Smith who passed away on April 14, 2008. A longtime sports editor and columnist for Manchester, Connecticut's Journal Inquirer, Mr. Smith was a community mainstay and will be sorely missed.

It seemed incomprehensible when I learned of the sudden passing of Randy. Manchester and the Journal Inquirer's gift to the world of sports journalism had a following far beyond its readership.

It seems like yesterday we honored him in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol for a record seventh time being named Sportswriter of the Year.

I said at the time he was a combination of Red Smith, Jimmy Breslin, and F. Scott Fitzgerald rolled up into a regular guy's man of sports. He had great insight into the human condition, the spirit of competition and the heart required of its participation. He explained his stories in a way that those who regularly assembled at Auggie & Ray's or Cavey's appreciated and talked about.

His column was the column that was the one we talked about, with regular favorites like "Once around the Block" and "To You Wanna, Bet . . ." he held you captive. He provided us a credo, not only applicable to sports, but to life, a refrain he often used in his columns: "Honor the game and in return the game will honor you."

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Randy Smith. Certainly, we pause today and reflect on his passing knowing that he honored his craft, and in return we honor him with a final thanks for a job well done. I only hope there's a Saratoga in heaven.

HONORING THE SAGINAW CHAPTER OF THE A. PHILIP RANDOLPH INSTITUTE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 18, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Saginaw Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute as they mark 27 years of service to the community. A testimonial banquet will be held on Saturday, April 19th in Saginaw celebrating the anniversary.

A. Philip Randolph stands at the vanguard of 20th century labor leaders. Together with Bayard Rustin, a leading civil rights and labor organizer, they forged an alliance of the civil

rights movement and the labor movement to fight for the rights, privileges and freedoms of all people. After the passage of the Voting Rights Act they joined together and founded the A. Philip Randolph Institute to continue this fight. From its founding in 1965 as an organization of black trade unionists, the A. Philip Randolph Institute has been at the forefront of the continuing struggle to bring equality and economic justice for workers throughout our country.

Madam Speaker, the Saginaw Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute is the cornerstone of organizations and individuals dedicated to improving the lives of everyday citizens in the Saginaw area. They are steadfast in their resolve that we can achieve social, political and economic integrity for all persons no matter what their color or background. I commend them for their hard work and resolute spirit and wish them continued success for many, many years to come.

REGARDING THE NEED FOR MORE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 18, 2008

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, today we received more disturbing news about the tremendous strain that overseas deployments have put on our men and women in uniform. The RAND Corporation released a study that found roughly one in five U.S. troops is suffering from major depression or post-traumatic stress as a result of serving in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The study also found that even more have suffered some form of traumatic brain injury, often considered the signature injury of the Iraq War.

While this trend is not new, this study confirms what we have known for some time: Extended tours and multiple deployments without sufficient down time contribute to post-traumatic stress disorder. What is perhaps most disturbing is the finding that only about half those with PTSD or depression have sought treatment, and only half again received minimally adequate treatment.

This means that while one in five of our men and women are suffering, only a quarter of those who come home with these debilitating conditions are receiving the treatment they need.

I've heard from veterans in my district who never sought mental health treatment either because it wasn't available or because there was a stigma attached to it. Without treatment, these veterans are at risk of engaging in self-destructive behavior like drinking and using drugs, they may have marital problems, and some even contemplate suicide. This is why we must take this study seriously.

These brave men and women offered to lay down their lives in defense of our Nation. We

owe them no less than an absolute commitment to provide them with the support and care they need to return to healthy and productive civilian lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN JOSEPH SOUZA

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 18, 2008

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I rise today to honor the late Mr. John Joseph Souza. As a lifelong resident of Atwater, California, John was not only a beloved member of our community, but he was an endearing, personal friend of my family. At the age of 77, John Souza passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2008.

John was born in Atwater, California on August 8, 1930 to John and Palmira Souza. He attended Atwater Jordan Elementary School, and then Livingston High School where he graduated in 1948. In 1951 John served in the U.S. Army in Korea, and in the years following he married the love his life, Madeline Perry. Upon beginning their life together, John and Madeline purchased the Souza family's ranch. John operated the Souza Dairy for 16 years, owned Souza's Automotive Service in Atwater for 8 years, and then founded Souza's Bailbonds Company, which has been open for the last 34 years. As his lifetime of service reflects, John was a true entrepreneur who happily wore a number of different hats on a daily basis. Not only an avid businessman in the community, John was also a devoted member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, participated in a number of fraternal organizations, served as Director of the Merced Trade Club, was a member of the Winton V.F.W. and was a Director of the California Bailbond Association of America. In addition to his extensive community service, John was also a member of the U.S. Marshals Posse, the Merced County Sheriffs Posse and Merced County Search and Rescue. He thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the Sheriff's Posse with his horse Blaze, with whom he traveled to Washington, D.C. to ride in the Presidential Inauguration Parade for President Bush.

Throughout their lifetime together, John and Madeline traveled to every state in the country, as well as a number of international destinations including Portugal, Mexico, Italy, Canada, Greece and France. Traveling was a favorite pastime for John and Madeline, often venturing down an unknown road just to see where it would take them. In addition to his passion for travel, John's Portuguese heritage meant the world to him. He was a true historian of Portuguese information surrounding the Valley and was fond of attending any Festa he could.

John was preceded in death by his son, John Joseph Souza, Jr. He is survived by his

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loving wife of 57 years, Madeline; his son Thomas and daughter-in-law Molly; his son Daniel and daughter-in-law Julia; his grandsons Thomas John Souza Jr. and Timothy Manuel Souza; his brother David Souza and sister Mamie Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor and privilege to join the Souza family and my hometown of Atwater in remembering my dear friend, John Joseph Souza. His life was dedicated to his family, friends and service to his community, and in his passing we have lost greatly.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE GERARD

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 18, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary contributions of George Gerard and his auto mechanic team at Madison Auto Body Shop in Madison, Connecticut. Over the past 5 months, the Madison Auto Body Shop donated time, talent and resources to refurbishing a historic 9/11 Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle, EVR, #1054.

On September 11, 2001, the Red Cross' ERV #1054 was one of the first vehicles on the recovery scene. Following a six-month service period of laborious cleanup duties, the vehicle fell into disrepair and was retired to the American Red Cross of South Central Connecticut in New Haven. In the fall of 2007, the New Haven Register ran an article, outlining the New Haven Red Cross chapter's hope for restoring ERV #1054, to use for local disaster response. George and the Madison Auto Body Shop team responded to the article, volunteering countless hours and resources, to refurbish the historic ERV #1054. Today with new, polished parts, everything down to the smallest screw, the ERV #1054 stands in pristine condition.

The Madison Auto Body team that worked on the ERV #1054's reconstruction was led by George Gerard and included Amanda Wigham, Jeff Tuthill, Ryan Dudley, Carlos Reva, Robert Rich, Ernie Bozza, Juan Roque, Augie Cozaeatal, and Fernando Sambreo.

Madam Speaker, on September 11, 2001, our world changed. We witnessed the worst of mankind, incited by destructive hatred. The destruction of the day, however, was eclipsed by the continuity of our Nation led by all American communities, large and small, from all demographics, from coast to coast. Today, our Nation remains stronger than ever, and efforts like those of the Madison Auto Body Shop remind us of this. I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in recognizing their contributions.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
ROSEMARY MARGARET FORAN

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 18, 2008

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and honor that I submit for the record comments on the life of a great citizen of East Hartford, Connecticut.

Rosemary Margaret Foran passed away on April 5, 2008. She was a remarkable lady and the matriarch of an even more remarkable family. I've known the Forans all my life. They exemplify everything that is rich in the human experience, and they learned that from their mother, Rosemary, and their father, Tom.

The Kennedy family is known for its compound in Hyannisport, Massachusetts. Its rival in Connecticut is the Foran compound on Goodwin Street. The family Rosemary raised is at the heart of what makes the community of East Hartford a great place to live. The truth is without the vaunted Foran Legion, the Little League, the school system, and town athletics in general would suffer. Rosemary and Tom raised a family of nine who gave back to the community more than they have ever received. For the first time in their lives the Forans are orphans, but the love and devotion of their mother and father live on and the Foran Legion continues to grow, and continues to give to our hometown of East Hartford in a way that has enriched all of our lives. Their oldest son, Tony, wrote this obituary for his brothers and sisters, which says it all:

[From the Hartford Courant]

On Saturday evening (April 5, 2008), the day of the ancient Sabbath, Rosemary Margaret (Donlon) Foran (80) fulfilled her baptismal promise, turned her spirit ship to home and leapt to celestial joy. She was born, raised, lived and died in East Hartford. She was the living embodiment of the thought that treasure is measured not in personal wealth but in the warmth of a home.

In that home and around that round table a family shared the smell of fresh baked bread, the sounds of babies cooing, the laughter of the carefree young with friends, the tears and sorrows of all as the siege that is life went on. She welcomed any and all to the round table, providing sustenance for the body, mind or soul as each one needed. A cup of tea, a bite to eat, an ear to listen or a hand to help, our daunting obstacles shrank around that table. "Bonitam, et Discipliniam, et Scientiam, Doce Me, Domine." Life is a home.

Her nurturing skills were taught to her by her beloved mother and father, Mary Ellen (Berry) and Thomas J. Donlon, Sr. She in turn passed those nurturing skills on to her daughters-in-law, Lynne Masiuk (who predeceased her), June Jaskulka, Nikki Samela, Christine Niziankiewicz, Mary Jo Quinn, Marie Mullaney, Evelyn Owens, Rachel Elder, and Mary Margaret Maleskis, all of whom she loved as her own and who loved

her with tenderness as if she was their own mother. Rosemary had many monikers in life, Blondie, Mame, Liz, Big Lou, Bun, Pumpkin, Gramma, but none so dear as Ma.

Before efficiency became important in the workplace, Rosemary had perfected this skill. With a brood of children that numbered nine, Anthony, Joseph (who predeceased her), Patrick, Stephen, Michael, Thomas, Gregory, Nicholas and her best friend, constant companion and unwavering advocate and caregiver, Mary Ellen, she managed every minute of her daily double shift. Every movement during her day was with purpose and a daily task to complete. The tasks were many for such a large family. And yet, her efficiency allowed for three meals a day for all. Thomas R. Foran, Sr., her sweetheart and husband (who also predeceased her) had lunch at the round table with Rosemary every day of his healthy life. He praised and flattered her with this inscription on a pizza board he made in 1963: "Charm is deceptive, Beauty fleeting, A good cook lives in a man's memory, From one meal to the next. Love, Tom. El Gourmet."

A special blessing came to Rosemary's table in 1998, with the arrival of her new and only son-in-law, C. Gary Knell, with whom she shared her home. Gary's work ethic matched in every way his new mother-in-law's. As Rosemary's health began to fail over the last five years, Gary became a sentry for her every need. Rosemary's earthly remains will be lovingly enclosed in a casket made by her son, Tom, and her son-in-law, Gary, wrapping her in the same love which she gave to all of her family.

The precious jewels of Gramma's life number 25, each and every one of them nurtured at the round table and on her knee: Daniel and his wife Becky, Gregory and his wife Tricia, Stephanie and her husband Eric Barrett, Kathryn and her husband Steve Borla, Michael and his wife Malinda, Matthew, Danielle and her fiancé Matthew Currey, Nicholas, Emily, Will, James, Joseph, Rosemary, Mary Ellen, Laura, Annie, Thomas, Katherine, Rebecca, Benjamin, Lynne, Sarah, Patrick, Stephen and Luke. Rosemary's DNA of love also runs in the veins of 6½ great grandchildren: MaKayla, Dylan, Michael, Matthew, Gavin, Devin and one soon to be born. She was blessed with many nephews and nieces of the Foran and Donlon families.

Rosemary, born on December 26, 1927, and graduated from Mount Saint Joseph's Academy in 1946, was the youngest of five children: Thomas J. Donlon, Jr. and John P. Donlon predeceased her; her sister Ann Rita Thayer and her brother Joseph G. Donlon will cherish her memory in the deep recess of their hearts. She also leaves beloved brothers-in-law, Nicholas A. Foran, Jr. and his wife, Doris, and John Foran and his wife, Pat, sisters-in-law, Mary "Bette" (Meskell) Foran, Mary (Sauve) Foran, Elizabeth (Anderson) Foran, and cousins Richard, Walter and Jack Foran.

When her children or grandchildren asked Rosemary about what gift she might like for a birthday or Christmas, her answer was always, "The grace of God and a holy and happy death." The Good God answered her prayer on Saturday evening, as she was enveloped in the web of love she created.

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Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2892–2893. **Page S3174**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:19 a.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3175.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2490**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5819, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–595, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 3033, to improve Federal agency awards and oversight of contracts and assistance and to strengthen accountability of the Government-wide suspension and debarment system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–596). **Page H2490**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2489**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see *Daily Digest*, p. D420)

H.R. 5813, to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008. Signed on April 18, 2008. (Public Law 110–200)

S. 550, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Signed on April 18, 2008. (Public Law 110–201)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 21 through April 26, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business.

On *Tuesday*, following morning business, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1315, Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 12 noon.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 23, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 24, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for military construction, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: April 25, to receive information relating to the treatment of detainees, 9 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 22, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on the role of the credit rating agencies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on the U.S. regulatory framework for assessing sovereign investments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 22, to hold hearings to examine the future of the internet, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, focusing on a recent report on moving passengers and freight into the future, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine phantom traffic, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2688, to improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption, S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership, S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, S. 2507, to address the digital television transition in border states, H.R. 3985, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, H.R. 802, to

amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, S. 2657, to require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, S. 2482, to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida, the nomination of Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and certain promotion lists in the U.S. Coast Guard, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 24, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine national nanotechnology, focusing on charting the course for reauthorization, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 22, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 934 and H.R. 1374, bills to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, S. 2833, to provide for the management of certain public land in Owyhee County, Idaho, and S. 2834, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, and improve public land in Washington County, Utah, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 23, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, S. 827, to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, S. 923 and H.R. 1528, bills to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, S. 956, to establish the Land Between the Rivers National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, S. 2073, to amend the National Trails System Act relating to the statute of limitations that applies to certain claims, S. 2513, to modify the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2604, to establish the Baltimore National Heritage Area in the State of Maryland, S. 2804, to adjust the boundary of the Everglades National Park, H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, 3 p.m., SD-366.

April 24, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 2680, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior to take certain actions to address environmental problems associated with the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in the State of Colorado, S. 2805, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Rio Grande Pueblos in the State of New Mexico and provide grants to, and enter

into cooperative agreements with, the Rio Grande Pueblos to repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct existing infrastructure, S. 2814, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, H.R. 29, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, H.R. 1803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: April 24, to hold hearings to examine tax aspects of a cap-and-trade system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 22, Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection, to hold hearings to examine international deforestation and climate change, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 3320, to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland, S. Con. Res. 74, honoring the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, for his service to the people of Ireland and to the world and welcoming the Prime Minister to the United States, S. Res. 494, expressing the sense of the Senate on the need for Iraq's neighbors and other international partners to fulfill their pledges to provide reconstruction assistance to Iraq, protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization done at Monaco on April 14, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110-09), and any pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

April 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Darfur, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 23, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Tibet, focusing on a path to peace, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

April 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine implementing smart power, focusing on setting an agenda for national security reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine international debt, focusing on building relief initiatives, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 24, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, focusing on its ability to keep America's families safe, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 23, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

April 24, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine addressing Iran's nuclear ambitions, focusing on policy options for the U.S. and its allies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 24, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine reforming export licensing agencies for national security and economic interests, focusing on the structure of the Federal government's agencies that are responsible for licensing controlled exports, the process in place for licensing, how the structures help or hinder their decision making for licenses, human capital challenges of the export control bureaucracy, and the recommendations for improving the export control processes and personal, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 24, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine recommendations for improving the federal acknowledgment process, 9 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 23, to hold hearings to examine National Security Letters, focusing on the need for greater accountability and oversight, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 702, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs, S. 2840, to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications, S. Res. 511, recognizing that John Sidney McCain, III, is a natural born citizen, H. Con. Res. 292, honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments, S. Res. 515, commemorating the life and work of Dith Pran, and the nominations of Michael G. McGinn, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, both of the Department of Justice, Mark S. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, David Gregory Kays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 24, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Delta-Northwest airlines merger, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: April 23, to hold an oversight hearing to examine an update on Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 22, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 24, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 22, Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Security Agency, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 23, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development—Status of Project-Based Section 8 Program, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2358—A Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Defense, on Biological Countermeasures and Threats, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, April 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on challenges associated with achieving full dental readiness in the reserve component, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, and the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on the role of the social and behavioral sciences in national security, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, April 23, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Improving Workplace Safety: Strengthening OSHA Enforcement of Multi-Site Employers, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 24, full Committee, hearing on Child Abuse and Deceptive Marketing by Residential Programs for Teens, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 22, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “FDA’s Foreign Drug Inspection Program: Weaknesses Place Americans at Risk,” 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Food and Cosmetic Provisions of the Food and Drug Administration Globalization—proposed measures, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 23, to consider the following H.R. 5818, Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008; and pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 24, to consider the following bills: H.R. 5830, FHA Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention Act of 2008; and H.R. 5829, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 23, hearing on Foreign Assistance Reform in the Next Administration: Challenges and Solutions, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on A New Beginning for the U.S.-South Korea Strategic Alliance, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on the Bucharest Summit and the Way Forward for NATO, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on War Powers for the 21st Century: The Executive Branch Perspective, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on U.S. Policy and the Road to Damascus: Who’s Converting Whom? 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on U.S. Export Promotion Strategy, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 23, hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Improving the Functionality, Governance, and Accountability of the Department of Homeland Security,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 24, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Evolving the Office of Intelligence and Analysis to Better Serve State, Local and Tribal Needs,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 22, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 4109, Prison Abuse Remedies Act of 2007, 4:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 23, full Committee, oversight hearing on the FBI, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 24, Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws, hearing on Competition in the Airline Industry, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 23, to consider H.R. 2801, Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuge and Wilderness Enhancement and King Cove Safe Access Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 21, Oceans Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act; H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; H.R. 5534, Bear Protection Act of 2008; and H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2649, To make amendments to the Reclamation Project Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; H.R. 3323, Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2007; and H.R. 4841, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3639, Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act; and H.R. 5350, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 24, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 859, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 3227, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2007; H.R. 3930, Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area Act of 2007, and for other purposes; H.R. 3981, Preserve America and Save America’s Treasures Act; and H.R. 5540, Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 23, hearing on Domestic Abstinence-Only Programs: Assessing the Evidence, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on Electronic Communications Preservation Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 24, full Committee, hearing on EPA's New Ozone Standards, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on H.R. 1296, District of Columbia District Attorney Establishment Act, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn; and a hearing entitled "Eliminating Smoke and Mirrors in the Mail," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, April 22, to consider the following bills: H.R. 5819, SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, April 23, hearing on Opportunities and Challenges for Nuclear Power, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's International Space Station Program: Status and Issues, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Aviation Security Research and Development at the Department of Homeland Security, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 23, Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled "Minority and Hispanic Participation in the Federal Workforce and the Impact on the Small Business Community," 12 p.m., 1539 Rayburn.

April 24, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Role of Small Businesses in Stimulating the Economy," 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 23, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Rail Capacity, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Freight Movement from Origin to Destination, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 23, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up pending business, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

April 23, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2790, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Undersecretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 3819, Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2007; H.R. 5729, Spina Bifida Health Care Program Expansion Act; H.R. 5554, Veterans Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008; and a Construction Authorization measure, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

April 24, Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs, to mark up Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008, 11 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 23, hearing on Clearing the Disability Backlog, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 23, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Human Capital, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 24, full Committee, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Special Program, 9 a.m., and executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Special Program, 10 H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, April 24, Hearing entitled "Pumping up Prices: The Strategic Petroleum Reserve and Record Gas Prices," 10 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Conference: April 22, meeting of conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

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3 p.m., Monday, April 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 22

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Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

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