

grow, prosper, suffer, mourn, rejoice, exalt, and contemplate while our lives and the lives around us were changed by technological, political, international, and societal change.

We today honor those who sacrificed on the fields and hills of Lexington, Concord, Breed's Hill, Princeton, Saratoga, and Yorktown. We honor all those who sweated, debated, argued, thought, reasoned, wrote, and ratified the document by which we all do our collective best and our collective business here in Congress, in the White House, in the Supreme Court, and in this great country and society full of families, communities, localities, counties, and States.

So let our twin pillars always guide, always steer, and always stay firm, tall, and strong as we continue to humbly exist as one of the many on this earth, yet one incomparable as to the rest. The Declaration and the Constitution, let us always declare, and let us continue to constitute our experiment in republican self-government in such a way that we pay due deference to those who have come before, and make proud those who will come after.

Happy birthday, United States of America.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BOSWELL (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for July 9 and today.

Mr. CONYERS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 2 p.m.

Mr. HILL (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of family emergency.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a family funeral.

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

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CAPPS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, July 17.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, July 17.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MYRICK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CALVERT, for 5 minutes, July 14, 15 and 16.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, today, July 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 6331. An act to amend titles XVII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 14, 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:

7437. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Major General James R. Helmly, United States Army Reserve, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7438. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of legislative proposals as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7439. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the progress toward compliance with destruction of the U.S. stockpile of lethal chemical agents and munitions by the extended Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) deadline of April 29, 2012 and not later than December 31, 2017, pursuant to Public Law 110-181, section 922; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7440. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's annual report for FY 2007 prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7441. A letter from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting a copy of the semiannual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2007 through March

31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7442. A letter from the Executive Vice President, Financial Information Group, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, transmitting the 2007 management report and statements on system of internal controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7443. A letter from the Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, transmitting the 2007 management report of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7444. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, transmitting the 2007 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7445. A letter from the Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, transmitting the 2007 management report of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7446. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting the 2007 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7447. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting the 2007 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7448. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's report on new proposed systems of records subject to the Privacy Act, pursuant to Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-130; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7449. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act Inventory Summary as of June 30, 2007; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7450. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800 and -900 Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28355; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-062-AD; Amendment 39-15495; AD 2008-09-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 8, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7451. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-0046; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-173-AD; Amendment 39-15496; AD 2008-09-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 8, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7452. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-29043; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-177-AD; Amendment 39-15494; AD 2008-09-13] (RIN: