“Establishing a computerized system to track entries and exits from the United States should not even be a subject of debate. There are no technological problems, merely a lack of will and funding. What is more, the practice of requiring permanent residents who are not yet citizens to annually register their whereabouts with government, which was discontinued in the 1970s, should be reestablished. The State Department’s visa officers overseas need to be recognized as ‘America’s other Border Patrol.’ Visa officers often have only 2 or 3 minutes to consider an application, and are pressured to approve a high proportion of applicants to avoid offending the host country. The granting of visas should become a freestanding, well-funded function that people sign up for from the start, rather than today’s dreaded right of passage for rookie Foreign Service officers. The very morning of the September 11 attack, the House was about to resurrect a provision called 245(i), which allows illegal aliens to receive green cards in the United States rather than in their home countries. Because personnel abroad are best equipped to screen applicants, 245(i) negates any efforts to keep out those judged to be ineligible. Finally, whatever one thinks about the level of immigration, a temporary reduction in legal immigration and the admission of temporary workers and students is essential to allow the overhaul of our immigration infrastructure.”

Did we hear that, Mr. Speaker? “A temporary reduction in legal immigration,” and I will say a pause in all immigration; I want a pause. I will soon extend their remarks and include extraexemptions to track entries and exits from the host country. The granting of visas may be denied in the last Tuesday’s attacks. If only a settlement was granted to: Mr. Watson of California (at the request of Mr. Gephardt) for today on account of illness.

**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 Mrs. Maloney of New York) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraexemaneous material:

- Mr. DeFazio, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. Sherman, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. Moran of Virginia, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. Edwards, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. Langevin, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. Nethercutt, for 5 minutes, today.