

establishment within the health and human services department of an office of emergency preparedness require the development of national plans to deal with a new bioterrorist threat.

There are some things that it does not do. We do not claim that this bill includes all the things we are going to need to do to protect the public health. We know that probably next year we are going to have to do some things with the National Guard and the military to strengthen that first response that every Governor turns to when something goes wrong in their State. We do know that this really deals mostly with living things, with pathogens, with organisms and not so much with other kinds of poisons, whether they be radionuclides or chemicals. And those surveillance systems are different than those you see for disease. And we need to think differently about how we do that.

Finally, it does not include water research and development for real-time monitoring. That is in a separate bill. It is sponsored by the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT), and we may see that come forward here possibly this week or next week to really expand our research and development on water safety and water monitoring.

This is a very good solid bill. It is a very important bill, in some ways because it has been worked quietly and in a bipartisan way here in the House; we have not talked about it much. We have not explained what is in here, and I think it is a real concern of Americans. I know it is a concern of mine of, well, what if there is something that makes my family sick; and how do we know whether someone is trying to hurt them or hurt us. What if someone were to be as organized and as ruthless as there were in the attacks on September 11; but instead of using aircraft, they used disease. They use small pox or they were more effective with anthrax or ebola or all kinds of other things that would be devastating to our families and our communities.

The Federal Government has a responsibility to step up to the challenge, to change the way we think about our health and our health security. And I think this bill goes a long way to taking us there. And I commend the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) for their leadership on this. And I look forward to an overwhelming vote on this tomorrow to pass the bioterrorism bill.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON) at 9 a.m.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GONZALEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and December 12 on account of personal business.

Mr. LUTHER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family matters.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through December 13 on account of official business.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and until noon on December 12 on account of official business.

Mr. WAMP (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) 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 Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NUSSLE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 91. Concurrent resolution expressing deep gratitude to the government and the people of the Philippines for their sympathy and support since September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.),

the House adjourned until today, December 12, 2001, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4780. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Commander of Air Force Materiel Command is initiating a standard cost comparison of the Aircraft Maintenance and Support Activities at Edwards Air Force Base, California, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4781. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Direct Grant Programs, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4782. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Direct Grant Programs (RIN: 1890-AA02) received November 29, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4783. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a listing of gifts by the U.S. Government to foreign individuals during fiscal year 2001, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2694(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

4784. A letter from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting notification of certain foreign policy-based export controls which are being imposed on Liberia; to the Committee on International Relations.

4785. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the Outer Continental Shelf—Revision of Requirements Governing Surety Bonds for Outer Continental Shelf Leases (RIN: 1010-AC68) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4786. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety and Security Zones; Naval Force Protection, Bath Iron Works, Kennebec River, Bath, Maine [CGD01-01-175] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4787. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety and Security Zones; Coast Guard Force Protection for Station Jonesport, Jonesport Maine; Coast Guard Group Southwest Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Maine; and Station Rockland, Rockland Harbor Maine [CGD01-01-164] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4788. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Aircraft Security under General Operating and Flight Rules [Docket No. FAA-2001-10738; SFAR 91] (RIN: 2120-AH49) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A);

to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4789. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Temporary Extension of Time Allowed for Certain Training and Testing [Docket No. FAA-2001-10797; SFAR 93] (RIN: 2120-AH51) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4790. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change of Using Agency for Restricted Areas R-3008A, R-3008B, R-3008C, and R-3008D; Grand Bay Weapons Range, GA [Docket No. FAA-2001-10285; Airspace Docket No. 01-ASO-8] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4791. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class D Airspace; White Plains, NY [Airspace Docket No. 01-AEA-05FR] received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4792. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revocation of Class D Airspace, Fort Worth Carswell AFB, TX [Airspace Docket No. 2001-ASW-04] received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4793. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment and Revision of Restricted Areas, ID [Airspace Docket No. 99-ANM-15] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4794. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace, Farmington, NM [Airspace Docket No. 2001-ASW-08] received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4795. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Coudersport, PA [Airspace Docket No. 01-AEA-16FR] received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4796. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd., Model 1125 Westwind Astra Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-202-AD; Amendment 39-12362; AD 2001-15-27] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4797. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice—Notice of Appeal in Simultaneously Contested Claim (RIN: 2900-AJ73) received November 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4798. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Depart-

ment's final rule—provision of Hospital and Outpatient Care to Veterans—Enrollment Decision Level; Copayments for Inpatient Hospital Care and Outpatient Medical Care (RIN: 2900-AK50) received November 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4799. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a request to raise the statutory debt ceiling; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4800. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's eighth report on the impact of the Andean Trade Preference Act on U.S. trade and employment from 1999 to 2000, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 3205; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2440. A bill to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts", and for the other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-330). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 311. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3295) to establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-331). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 312. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2883) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for the other purposes (Rept. 107-332). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR) (both by request):

H.R. 3441. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to realign the policy responsibility in the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. considered and passed.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. REGULA):

H.R. 3442. A bill to establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission to develop a plan of action for the

establishment and maintenance of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HORN:

H.R. 3443. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress regarding the requirements applicable to the inscription of veterans' names on the memorial wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 3444. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to direct the Postal Service to adhere to an equitable tender policy in selecting air carriers of nonpriority bypass mail to certain points in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. KIND, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. FORD, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. HOLT, Ms. SOLIS, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 3445. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve the retirement security of American families; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. KIND, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. FORD, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. HOLT, Ms. SOLIS, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 3446. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the retirement security of American families; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 3447. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain qualified nurses for the Veterans Health Administration, to provide an additional basis for establishing the inability of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, to enhance certain health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. considered and passed.

By Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. GILLMOR, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. MARKEY,