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(i) A report of an investigation or study conducted jointly by this Committee and one or more other Committee(s) may be filed jointly, provided that each of the Committees complies independently with all requirements for approval and filing of the report.

(j) After an adjournment of the last regular session of a Congress sine die, an investigative or oversight report approved by the Committee may be filed with the Clerk at any time, provided that if a member gives notice at the time of approval of intention to file supplemental, minority, or additional views, that member shall be entitled to not less than 7 calendar days in which to submit such views for inclusion with the report.

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#### Oversight Reports

(1) A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to the members of the Committee for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day). [XI 1 (b) (2)]

#### LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

"Rule X. Organization of Committees.

"Committees and their legislative jurisdictions.

"1. There shall be in the House the following standing Committees, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions assigned to it by this clause and clauses 2, 3, and 4. All bills, resolutions, and other matters relating to subjects within the jurisdiction of the standing Committees listed in this clause shall be referred to those Committees, in accordance with clause 2 of rule XII, as follows:

"(n) Committee on Science.

"(1) All energy research, development, and demonstration, and projects therefor, and all federally owned or operated nonmilitary energy laboratories.

"(2) Astronautical research and development, including resources, personnel, equipment, and facilities.

"(3) Civil aviation research and development.

"(4) Environmental research and development.

"(5) Marine research.

"(6) Commercial application of energy technology.

"(7) National Institute of Standards and Technology, standardization of weights and measures and the metric system.

"(8) National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"(9) National Space Council.

"(10) National Science Foundation.

"(11) National Weather Service.

"(12) Outer space, including exploration and control thereof.

"(13) Science Scholarships.

"(14) Scientific research, development, and demonstration, and projects therefor.

#### "SPECIAL OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS

"3. (j) The Committee on Science shall review and study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Government activities relating to nonmilitary research and development."

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES GROUP OF NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly:

Mr. HEFLEY of Colorado, Chairman;

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Vice Chairman;

Mr. REGULA of Ohio;

Mr. GILLMOR of Ohio;

Mr. EHLERS of Michigan;

Mr. BILIRAKIS of Florida;

Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois; and

Mr. REYNOLDS of New York.

#### THE SITUATION IN IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my concern over our Nation's involvement in the war in Iraq. I would have hoped that the recent Iraq elections would quell my concern, but the fact is that I had grave concerns before we engaged in this war, I have had grave concerns during the unfolding of this war and today I still have serious concerns over this administration's ability to provide a positive outcome in Iraq. This President must be held accountable to this Congress and more importantly to the people of the United States. He must provide a success strategy and a vision for what comes next in Iraq and how and when our brave troops will be able to come home. We owe this public statement to the more than 1,400 troops that have died and those tragically that may lose their lives in the future.

The President indicated during his State of the Union that one of our responsibilities to future generations is to "leave them an America that is safe from danger, and protected peace." However, absent an articulated success for exit plan by our troops, the very existence of that future generation is in jeopardy. This war has certainly created more terrorists than it has eliminated. In addition, our troops are now returning home in worse condition than before they left. Too many of our men and women have suffered life changing injuries in Iraq and now must come home to live the rest of their lives. Troops are being asked to stay in Iraq longer than they had ever committed for and all of this takes a toll on their

families. In the end this war will not be the legacy of this administration or of this Congress, but instead will be the legacy of our young troops who will have to face the rest of their lives based on the consequences of this war. Their bloodshed demands a reasonable success and exit plan.

My distinguished colleague, Ms. WOOLSEY, has introduced legislation that calls on the President to develop and implement a plan to bring our troops home and provide the Iraqis the opportunity to control their own stable nation. The administration will surely respond that they are committed to a free Iraq and the truth is that we all are committed to that ideal, but this administration seems incapable of providing clarity on its plans in this war.

From the very beginning we have been left in the dark as to what this administration was planning in regards to Iraq. Our troops and their families have been the ones to suffer and the fact is that the Iraqis have yet to see a free and stable nation. Yes, the recent elections were positive outcome, but they are far from resolving the predicament in Iraq. I support my colleague's legislation and I urge all Members of this body to support it. How can we possibly be against legislation that calls upon the President to notify Congress and the American people about the future plans for the war in Iraq.

In formulating a success and exit plan, we must take additional steps to improve Iraq's economic and political stability. We must change our military focus from combat operations to training the Iraqi army. Moreover, we must intensify our reconstruction efforts with projects that give the Iraqi people real, tangible hope for their future.

The fact remains that American troops have remained in Iraq for 2 years, and the death toll continues to rise; therefore, we must proceed with caution. The positive momentum that has come from a successful election must be used as an opportunity to stop the bloodshed and the expenditure of tax dollars on this effort. I hope that the administration will use the positive momentum of this achievement as an opportunity to devise an success and exit plan for our troops as outlined by Representative WOOLSEY's legislation.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 1:45 p.m. on account of business in the district.

#### 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 Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCHIFF for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.