

And this is the 36th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. It is a profound time. So I want to say, in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I want the message to be echoed to President Bush, thank you for the people in Iraq and Afghanistan, that they can go to the polls and vote and breathe free air and direct their national destiny and become our allies in this quest for freedom, the right of every man and every woman and every person to be free, the right to life that every man and every person has. And I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the President also be thanked for his stance for life and freedom.

I yield back to the gentleman from Arizona and thank him for his indulgence.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. I thank the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an absolute honor to serve with STEVE KING in this body. He and I came in as freshmen a little over 6 years ago. And time has a way of getting away from all of us, but I just want him to understand what a hero I think he is.

Today has been sort of a remembrance of heroes. We've talked a lot about George Bush, we've talked a lot about Abraham Lincoln. In a sense, it is so appropriate to do that on January 22, isn't it? Because we are reminded that, just as America was used after 6,000 years of rampant slavery in the world, we were the ones that had a moral conflict with it. And yes, we had a little disagreement called the Civil War over it, but we were used of God to change this tragedy of slavery, and now it is at least discredited all over the planet. And I believe that this country will be the country that will lead the world to discredit this tragic practice of killing our children before they're born.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I would just suggest, on this January 22, 2009, that all Americans remember what makes us special. And what makes us special is because we once held these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That's what made us special once. And if we look back to those great foundational truths that made us the greatest Nation in the world, our best days are still to come.

God bless George Bush. God bless Abraham Lincoln. God bless every little unborn child trying to come to this country and to walk in the freedom of American liberty. And God bless America.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of illness.

Mr. TANNER (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of eye surgery.

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:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHWARTZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MYRICK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. COHEN, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 23, 2009, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

212. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Green Procurement Program Strategy, pursuant to Section 888 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

213. A letter from the General Counsel (OFHEO), Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Freedom of Information Act (RIN: 2590-AA05) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

214. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Flood Insurance (RIN: 2590-AA09) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

215. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Office of Public Health and Science: Institutional Review Boards; Registration Requirements (RIN: 0940-AA06) received January 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

216. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations, (Grand Island, Nebraska) [MB Docket No.: 08-213] (RM-11500) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

217. A letter from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting notification that the Department intends to impose additional foreign policy controls on reexports to Iran and exports and reexports to certain parties pursuant to Executive Order 13382; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

218. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-30; Introduction [Docket FAR 2009-0012, Sequence 1] received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

219. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2004-038, Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) [FAC 2005-30; FAR Case 2004-038, Item I; Docket 2008-0001; Sequence 6] (RIN: 9000-AK94) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

220. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2000-305, Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Items [FAC 2005-30; FAR Case 2000-305; Item II; Docket 2000-0001; Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AJ55) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

221. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2001-004, Exemption of Certain Service Contracts from the Service Contract Act (SCA) [FAC 2005-30; FAR Case 2001-004; Item III; Docket 2007-0001, Sequence 6] (RIN: 9000-AK82) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

222. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2008-003, Public Disclosure of Justification and Approval Documents for Noncompetitive Contracts-Section 844 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 [FAC 2005-30; FAR Case 2008-003; Item IV; Docket 2008-0001, Sequence 08] (RIN: 9000-AL13) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

223. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2006-023; SAFETY Act: Implementation of DHS Regulations [FAC 2005-30; FAR Case 2006-023; Item V; Docket 2007-0001; Sequence 8] (RIN: 9000-AK75) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

224. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Buffalo, NY, and Pittsburgh, PA, Appropriated Fund Federal