

engaged in this process. So the gentleman has made a very good point.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would say to my colleagues that I have seen this Congress, when I was in the State legislature, go to great extents for far less in questioning what is happening right now. This is not speculation; these are the lives of CIA operatives, the very lives that are in countries where Americans and those who help Americans are not applauded. On behalf of not only the safety, but the sovereignty of this country, I think the gentleman's letter is well within order. I brought about questions in my own heart and mind when I did not hear the President and others who were in the White House saying listen, independent counsel? That is fine. Because we want the individual who leaked the information to be found, prosecuted, what have you. Fired is not good enough for me personally. I think the individuals who have leaked this information knowingly and willingly, revenge, political revenge, need to be punished and prosecuted. And the only way we are going to get to that, I believe, is through an independent counsel. So I think the gentleman's letter is well within order. And Mr. Rove, as far as I am concerned, politics has nothing to do, or should not have anything to do with it. Thus, as red-blooded Americans voicing our opinion and informing the American people.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, if I could say to the gentlewoman from Texas and the gentleman from Florida, the truth ultimately always comes out. I do not know why so many people hide, run for cover, obfuscate, manipulate, spin, but in the end, it may take a little longer and they may be able to put it off, they may be able to do it long enough to get out of town, but in the end, there are too many people of conscience and talent that are looking at these same situations that we have to deal with in our working lives. And you are not going to get very far, not in today's global technologically advanced society. It is going to come out. It always does. It never fails. There will be books upon books upon investigation upon articles, and they just will not come forward and make a complete candid discussion. The American people are not going to be fooled.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) for all of his contributions here tonight and to be here this time of night sharing with the American people, and the gentleman is to be commended.

I just wanted to say that the gentlewoman did hit on the donors conference that is happening on October 23. I think this Congress should hold back on the \$87 billion. If we give \$87 billion, then why are we having a donors conference? We went from \$12 billion, saying that the donors from other places are down to \$6 billion. Now there is some question about \$3 billion.

I am here tonight definitely on behalf of the American people of being able to share with them what they need to know. But \$87 billion as it relates to Florida means \$4.5 billion that we will not receive, which could equate to \$672.7 billion in school construction. The governor down there is hollering about we need more money for schools. Mr. Speaker, 6,062 in new affordable housing units that could create 4,839 jobs and also 769.7 million in local and State roads and bridges that could create 27,099 jobs; 8,8970 new firefighters and health care coverage for 434,452 people.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad that both of my colleagues are here tonight.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, just as the gentleman closes and the time is ending, let us put a face on this. We are standing here because we are trying to save lives of the young men and women on the front lines in Iraq.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. BERKLEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 8 on account of a family medical emergency.

Mr. DEFAZIO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of flight delays.

Ms. ESHOO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 8 on account of personal reasons.

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 8 on account of a death in the family.

Ms. LOFGREN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 8 on account of personal reasons.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 8 on account of personal reasons.

Ms. SOLIS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 8 on account of personal business.

Ms. WOOLSEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for September 23, October 7 and 8 on account of medical reasons.

Mrs. BONO (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Mr. CASTLE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of attending a CODEL in Iraq.

Mr. FOLEY (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of attending to family business.

Mr. HAYWORTH (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. PUTNAM (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of attending a CODEL in Iraq.

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

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARKEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIERNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LYNCH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OBEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HENSARLING, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FEENEY, for 5 minutes, today and October 8.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today and October 8.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RANGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

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

S. 1642. An act to extend the duration of the immigrant investor regional center pilot program for 5 additional years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on October 2, 2003, he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 1925. To reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on October 2, 2003, he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2826. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1000 Avenida Sanchez Osorio in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the "Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 8, 2003, 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:

4662. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Zinc Phosphide; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2003-0319; FRL-7329-9] received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4663. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting a FY 2003 report entitled, "Performance of Commercial Activities," pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4664. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Required Conversion of Developments From Public Housing Stock [Docket No. FR-4475-F-02] (RIN: 2577-AC01) received September 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4665. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Voluntary Conversion of Developments From Public Housing Stock [Docket No. FR-4476-F-04] (RIN: 2577-AC02) received September 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4666. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Housing Choice Voucher Program Homeownership Option: Eligibility of Units Owned or Controlled By a Public Housing Agency [Docket No. FR-4759-F-03] (RIN: 2577-AC39) received September 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4667. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Demonstration Programs — Model Demonstration Projects — Mentoring for Transition-Age Youth and Young Adults With Disabilities (RIN: 1820-ZA28) received September 26, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4668. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting the Department's report on the Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities: Community Economic Development Program (CEDP) Projects Funded During Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4669. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clean Air Act Area Designations; California [CA087-DESIG; FRL-7568-3] received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4670. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA 290-019a; FRL-7563-6] received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4671. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Interim Final Determination that State has Corrected a Deficiency in the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA 290-0419c; FRL-7565-4] received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4672. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives: Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Test Method Update [FRL-7566-3] received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4673. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels (Including Petroleum Liquid Storage Vessels) for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After July 23, 1984 [Docket ID No. OAR-2002-0046; FRL-7566-2] (RIN: 2060-AJ53) received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4674. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Use of Alternative Analytical Test Methods in the Reformulated Gasoline, Anti-Dumping, and Tier 2 Gasoline Sulfur Control Programs [FRL-7566-6] received September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4675. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Czech Republic for defense articles and services, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4676. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations based on the 2003 Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary Agreements [Docket No. 030825213-3213-01] (RIN: 0694-AC76) received September 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4677. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification under section 451 of the Foreign Assistance

Act to provide assistance to support democracy and governance programs in Afghanistan; to the Committee on International Relations.

4678. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-151, "Fiscal Year 2004 Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4679. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-150, "National Guard Association of the United States Real Property Tax Exemption Reconfirmation and Modification Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4680. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's annual implementation report required by the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, pursuant to Public Law 106-107, section 5 (113 Stat. 1488); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4681. A letter from the Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a copy of the report, "Informing Regulatory Decisions: 2003 Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local and Tribal Entities," pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1538; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4682. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds (RIN: 1018-AI93) received September 26, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4683. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Framework for Late-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations (RIN: 1018-AI93) received September 26, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4684. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Hunting; Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2003-04 Late Season (RIN: 1018-AI93) received September 26, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4685. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations and Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2003-04 Early Season (RIN: 1018-AI93) received September 26, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4686. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the report on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act for the six months ended December 31, 2002, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 621; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4687. A letter from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hazardous Materials: Matter Incorporated by Reference