

also very concerned about reports which suggest that the reconstruction of Iraq is being done in a cost efficient manner through the utilization of local Iraqis in the rebuilding process, for example, which is apparently being rejected in favor of very expensive projects that only certain companies can do. It is important that the American people have the assurance that we are not, through this process, just making friends of the Administration wealthy or more wealthy, which appears to be the current goal.

If the President truly needs this money, then there should be no problem or barrier to his giving the Congress and the American people an accounting of how previously appropriated funds for Iraq were spent, a plan for future spending and an exit strategy. And the administration should be willing to pay for it out of the high end of the tax cut.

It is irresponsible for the President and his supporters to continue to call for and threaten to increase tax cuts after getting us into this war and rebuilding effort on flimsy evidence and with so many needs here at home going unaddressed.

This Body gave a blank check before without adequate information. We cannot and must not do it again.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KIND (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for October 7 and 8 on account of official business.

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

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. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEK of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. ENGLISH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BOEHLERT, for 5 minutes, October 15.

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

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today and October 15.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. TRANDAHL, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2152. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 10, 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:

4693. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Ohio Regulatory Program [OH-249-FOR] received September 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4694. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing Eriastrum hooveri (Hoover's woolly-star) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Species (RIN: 1018-AG41) received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4695. A letter from the Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Delisting of the Berberis (=Mahonia) sonnei (Truckee barberry) (RIN: 1018-AH47) received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4696. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service/NWRS, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2003-2004 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations (RIN: 1018-AI63) received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4697. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [PA-144-FOR] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4698. A letter from the Acting Assisting Secretary of Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Permits; Regulations for Double-Crested Cormorant Management (RIN: 1018-AI39) received October 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4699. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Envi-

ronment, Safety, and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Compliance With Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements (RIN: 1901-AA94) received September 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4700. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure [Docket No. 001005281-0369-02; I.D. 092303A] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4701. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Fisheries by Vessels using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 021122286-3036-02; I.D. 092403G] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4702. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District [Docket No. 021212307-3037-02; I.D. 092403F] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4703. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 021212307-3037-02; I.D. 092403D] received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4704. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL [CGD09-03-261] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4705. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zones; San Francisco Bay, California [COTP San Francisco Bay 03-002] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4706. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Choptank River, Cambridge, MD [CGD05-03-124] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4707. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; St. Johns River, mile 24.7 at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida [CGD07-03-131] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received October 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.