

professionalism of the staff will enable the Office to continue its successes and progress.

Over this period, the Office also has prepared and submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary bills to enact two titles of the Code into positive law. In addition, a bill to enact a third title should be transmitted to the Committee shortly. Also, nearing completion is a bill to complete the enactment of Title 46, Shipping.

None of this could have been accomplished without the support and expertise of the dedicated staff of the Office. I am deeply grateful for their assistance and wish them every success. Finally, I gratefully acknowledge the assistance and support that I, and the Office, have received from the many House Officers and Offices, especially the Speaker, the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, the Parliamentarian, and the fine staffs of those Offices and the Committee.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN R. MILLER,  
Law Revision Counsel.

APPOINTMENT OF LAW REVISION COUNSEL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 285c, and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Peter LeFevre as Law Revision Counsel for the House of Representatives, effective May 4, 2004.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF HON. TOM LATHAM, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from James D. Carstensen, Communications Director for the Honorable TOM LATHAM, Member of Congress:

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a criminal trial subpoena for testimony issued by the District of Columai Superior Court.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

JAMES D. CARSTENSEN,  
Communications Director.

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION IN WAKE OF LATEST IRAQI ATROCITIES

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I do not believe any of us who believe in a civilized world and the respect for human life, respect for the rule of law and just an outright commitment, appreciation and connection to our fellow Americans could imagine the heinousness of the act yesterday in

Iraq that took the lives of five of our soldiers and four civilians. We now have lost more young men and women in the United States military in post-war Iraq than we did during the declaration or the call for war by this administration.

My sympathy goes out to those families who mourn, those who mourn for their loved ones that died before yesterday and, of course, the heinous act of yesterday.

It is time now for the Bush administration to tell the American people the truth. How long and what efforts will they take to stop this reckless violence against both our troops and as well civilians, to begin to put together a collaborative effort, Mr. Speaker, so that this kind of violence is stopped and that our work is unanimous with our allies and that we can truly provide for democracy in Iraq.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3108, PENSION FUNDING EQUITY ACT OF 2004

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3108) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements, and for other purposes, that the conference report be considered as read, and that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

OHIO COMPANIES CLOSE DOORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Secretary John Snow, the President's second top economic adviser, was in Ohio this week trying to defend the administration's economic and budget policies. Secretary Snow said outsourcing is a good thing. Outsourcing creates more efficiencies in the economy.

I wish that Secretary Snow, when trying to justify the President's economic policies, had been with me in

Akron, Ohio, a couple of weeks ago. I spoke to a group of business owners, small manufacturers, the Akron machine shop, group of machine shop owners and operators. They are concerned that Ohio has lost one out of six manufacturing jobs, probably permanently. They are concerned that Ohio has lost 236,000 jobs overall. That is about 1,500 jobs a week since President Bush took office. That is about 205 jobs every day since President Bush took the oath of office on January 20, 2001.

When I was talking to these machine shop operators, one gentleman presented me with a pile of brochures about twice this size. Actually, I do not have all of them with me. These are going-out-of-business sale notices, auction notices from companies all over the country, small manufacturing companies. He receives a stack of about that many every month, he said, at his place of business, companies going out of business, selling their equipment.

Let me just share some of these. A company in Cleveland, Ohio, selling all its assets; a company in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, absolute auction; company in Waterville, Ohio, near Toledo, live one site, selling everything; company in Springfield, Ohio, going out of business; company in Mansfield, Ohio, where I grew up, that is going out of business, selling its real estate and all its production capacity; a company in Sydney, Ohio, major equipment manufacturer, public auction; company in Dayton, Ohio, facility closing; company in Cleveland, Ohio, assets no longer required in the continuing operations of this tube mill facility; a company in Akron, Ohio, in my district going out of business; another company in Cincinnati, Ohio, I believe, public auction, going out, precision machining facility; a company in Toledo, Ohio, going out of business, don't miss this sale, everything sold; a company in Youngstown, Ohio, going out of business; a company in Painesville, Ohio, going out of business; a company in Medina, Ohio, facility closed, all must go; Marion, Ohio, complete shop close-out auction; Tipp City, Ohio, machine tool auction, selling everything; Cleveland, Ohio.

That is just the Ohio companies here that are going out of business.

I bring this up partly because the administration does not get it. They keep talking about the economy is coming back. We are not seeing jobs created, and we are not seeing jobs created because the administration's answer to this kind of bad news is more tax cuts for the most privileged people in our country with the hope that some of those tax cuts will trickle down and maybe provide some jobs and more trade agreements that hemorrhage jobs, that ship jobs overseas.

This administration needs to do two or three things immediately. We need to extend unemployment benefits. Fifty thousand Ohioans in the next couple of months will have had their unemployment benefits expire. These