

to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through May 4, 2004.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the appointment is approved. There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KIRK). 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.

ARMOR FOR SOLDIERS

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

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, a couple of weeks ago, some of my constituents who are currently serving in Iraq with the 419th Transportation Company learned that their deployment would be extended. These Army Reservists and their unit have already served with great distinction since March of 2003. Their families and loved ones are understandably concerned that these soldiers will not return home this week, as was originally planned, but instead will remain in Iraq.

The continued turmoil in Iraq obviously calls on greater sacrifices from members of the Armed Forces, but what is of particular concern is that these soldiers may not be adequately equipped for their mission. Though all members of the 419th have body armor, it has been reported to me that none of their vehicles have been armored. Given that this unit may travel along dangerous and challenging routes in southern and central Iraq, armored plating on all vehicles is not only common sense but it is imperative.

Congress has provided many defense resources via the appropriations process, as well it should; and it was my understanding that this funding was to ensure that all soldiers have body armor and armored vehicles. If not, I would hope that the Department of Defense would be quick to ask for additional support from the Congress, as I am certain that providing the best possible tools for soldiers in theater is of paramount priority for many in Congress, like myself.

I am well aware of the current demands faced by American soldiers and the sacrifices made by family members and loved ones. American soldiers have always excelled in their military duties at a time when many of our troops are deployed for a year or more. I think it is imperative that Congress and the Federal Government adequately provide for them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. CONYERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. MURPHY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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 addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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 addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. MCDERMOTT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. WYNN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

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

Mr. MATHESON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, April 30, 2004, 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:

7870. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revocation of Tolerance Exemptions for Certain Biopesticides [OPP-2003-0416; FRL-7353-5] received April 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7871. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting Report on the quality of health care furnished under the health care programs of the Department of Defense covering FY 2002, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1071 Public Law 106—65, section 723; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7872. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's certification that the full-up, system level Live Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E) of the Department of the Navy's lead CVN 21 aircraft carrier would be unreasonably expensive and impracticable, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2366(c)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7873. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter