

This issue is too big for this House to ignore.

Mr. Speaker, as the third-ranking person in the United States of America, ahead of you is only the President and the Vice President, you are the Speaker, the one who controls the House of the people, for you to allow this to go uninvestigated is absolutely unacceptable. In this next election, the American people ought to turn out the Republicans wholesale if they do not deal with this issue because what it has cost us, never mind the money, the \$200 billion we have already spent and \$25 billion more they are going to ask for in a few days; the money is important, of course, but what we have done to our reputation and our ability to lead the free world may be irreparable. I hope not.

If we act quickly and decisively, I think we can change it, but it cannot be dragged along and acted as though this is all right. It is not all right, and it will not be solved by throwing seven people out of the United States Army.

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. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHAY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, May 20.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 923. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to allow certain premier certified lenders to elect to maintain an alternative loss reserve.

H.R. 3104. An act to provide for the establishment of separate campaign medals to be awarded to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and to members of the uniformed

services who participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 20, 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:

8189. A letter from the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower and Personnel), Department of Defense, transmitting notification of a decision to implement performance by the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) for the Public Works Center Norfolk, VA, Detachments Philadelphia and Mechanicsburg, PA, and Earle, NJ (initiative number NC20010758); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8190. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8191. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard E. Brown III, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8192. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Algeria pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8193. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 04-06), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

8194. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and defense articles to Poland (Transmittal No. DDTC 005-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8195. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and defense articles to Israel (Transmittal No. DDTC 026-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8196. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment from the Government of Switzerland (GOS) (Transmittal RSAT-3-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

8197. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's annual report on entitled, "Patterns of Global Ter-

rorism: 2003," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2656f; to the Committee on International Relations.

8198. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on International Relations.

8199. A letter from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Imposition of Foreign Policy Controls on Protective and Detection Equipment and Components, not Specially Designed for Military Use," pursuant to Section 6 of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended; to the Committee on International Relations.

8200. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on "Overseas Surplus Property," pursuant to Public Law 105-277, section 2215; to the Committee on International Relations.

8201. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Secretary's determination that five countries are not cooperating fully with U.S. antiterrorism efforts: Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, and Syria, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2781; to the Committee on International Relations.

8202. A letter from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting a report on a proposed archival depository for the Presidential records and other historical materials of the Clinton administration, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2112; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8203. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments; Corrections [Docket No. 031216314-3314-01; I.D. 041904C] received May 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8204. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments; Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Corrections [Docket No. 031216314-3314-01; I.D. 042604D] (RIN: 0648-AR54) received May 12, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8205. 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; Species in the Rock Sole/Flathead Sole/"Other flatfish" Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 031124287-4060-02; I.D. 041404B] received May 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8206. 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; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of

Alaska [Docket No. 031125292-4061-02; I.D. 042304C] received May 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8207. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Extension of Marine Reserves [Docket No. 0312173020-4126-02; I.D. 112403D] (RIN: 0648-AR66) received May 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8208. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Amendment [Docket No. 040112010-4114-02; I.D. 122203A] (RIN: 0648-AN17) received May 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8209. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting Final Feasibility Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement, dated September 2000, discussing the construction of ecosystem restoration and recreation improvements along the Wolf River, Memphis, Tennessee, as authorized by Section 101(b)(25) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8210. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting an informational copy of the General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 606(a); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8211. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "2003 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor," pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2464; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8212. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Reduction of Tax Attributes Due to Discharge of Indebtedness [TD 9127] (RIN: 1545-BC47) received May 13, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8213. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Last-in, First-out Inventories (Rev. Rul. 2004-48) received May 13, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8214. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability. (Rev. Proc. 2004-26) received May 12, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8215. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Changes in accounting periods and in methods of accounting. (Rev. Proc. 2004-32) received May 12, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8216. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of returns and claims for re-

fund, credit or abatement; determination of correct tax liability. (Rev. Proc. 2004-29) received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8217. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Br., Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Losses Reported from Inflated Basis Assets from Lease Stripping Transactions — received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8218. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Expenses and interest relating to tax-exempt income (Rev. Rul. 2004-47) received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8219. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publication and Reg. Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Qualified Amended Returns [Notice 2004-38] received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8220. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Br., Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Deduction for Interest on Qualified Education Loans [TD 9125] (RIN: 1545-AW01) received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8221. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Reg. Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Son of Boss Settlement Initiative (Announcement 2004-46) received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8222. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 704(b) and Capital Account Revaluations [TD 9126] (RIN: 1545-BB10) received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8223. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Capital Gains Dividends of RICs and REITs [Notice 2004-39] received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8224. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Health Savings Accounts — Interaction with Other Health Arrangements (Rev. Rul. 2004-45) received May 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8225. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Weighted Average Interest Rates Update [Notice 2004-40] received May 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 4103. A bill to extend and modify the trade benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act; with an amendment (Rept. 108-501). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2912. A bill to reaffirm the inherent sov-

ereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government (Rept. 108-502). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 83. Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives; adversely (Rept. 108-503). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 4389. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 4390. A bill to extend the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act (MEJA) to provide for the arrest and commitment of contractor personnel who commit Federal offenses or war crimes while supporting the mission of the Department of Defense overseas; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BRADY of Texas (for himself, Mr. SHAW, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. MICHAUD):

H.R. 4391. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the windfall elimination provision and protect the retirement of public servants; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WELLER (for himself, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. HONDA, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr. MANZULLO):

H.R. 4392. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income for certain education and training expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASE:

H.R. 4393. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands along the northern coast of Maui, Hawaii, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 4394. A bill to make ineligible for Federal contract awards any expatriated corporations and any companies that do business with, or own foreign subsidiaries that do business with, state sponsors of terrorism or foreign terrorist organizations; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

H.R. 4395. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the regulation of ephedrine alkaloids, including ephedrine and pseudoephedrine; to the Committee