

dismissed as unfit for democracy. As chair of the U.S.-Afghan Caucus, I am proud to say that the Afghans have recently adopted a constitution that establishes equal rights for men and women. Only a few years ago, this country brutalized and shunned from public view.

I believe that progress is attainable and I thank all of you who have come out today in support of this. As my colleague, HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON said, when she was the First Lady, "There cannot be true democracy unless women's voices are heard. There cannot be true democracy unless women are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their own lives. There cannot be true democracy unless all citizens are able to participate fully in the lives of their country."

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

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

Ms. BERKLEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. BORDALLO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and June 2 on account of official business in the district.

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

Mr. BEREUTER (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and June 2 until 4:00 p.m. on account of official business presiding at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Mr. ENGLISH (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of travel delays.

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

Mr. TAUZIN (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. WAMP (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of official business, a regional economic development conference.

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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Ms. SOLIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and June 2 and 3.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, June 2.

Mr. HENSARLING, for 5 minutes, June 2.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, June 2.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, June 2.

Mr. CARTER, for 5 minutes, June 2.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PEARCE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2092. An act to assist the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on May 21, 2004 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 408. To provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

H.R. 708. To require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 856. To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1598. To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 2, 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:

8275. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's quarterly report as of March 31, 2004, entitled, "Acceptance of contributions for defense programs, projects and activities; Defense Cooperation Account," pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2608; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8276. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance: Interim Capital Treatment of Consolidated Asset-Backed Commercial Paper Program Assets; Extension [Regulations H and Y; Docket No. R-1156] Department of the Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency [Docket No. 04-??] (RIN: 1557-AC76); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (RIN: 3064-AC74); Department of the Treasury, Office of Thrift Supervision [No. 2004-??] (RIN: 1550- AB79) received May 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8277. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Ninetieth Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System covering operations during calendar year 2003; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8278. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Sta., FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food and Color Additives and Generally Recognized As Safe Substances; Technical Amendments [Docket No. 2004N-0076] received May 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8279. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting as required by Section 104(b) of Pub. L. 102-471, the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 (PDUFA), as amended by the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (FDAMA), a report stating the FDA's progress in achieving certain performance goals referenced in PDUFA during FY 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8280. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the first annual financial report to Congress required by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002 (MDUFMA), covering FY 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8281. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2004 (RIN: 3150-AH37) received May 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8282. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's report entitled, "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences, Fiscal Year 2003," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5848; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8283. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as expanded in scope by Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, protecting the Development Fund for Iraq and certain other property in which Iraq has an interest, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2004, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 108-187); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

8284. A letter from the Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of