

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 5:30 p.m. on account of official business in the district.

Ms. HERSETH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 3:00 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:00 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of personal business.

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

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, 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. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WICKER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOTTER, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, September 24, 2004, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9689. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting a report of expenditures of appropriations during the period October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 162b; to the Committee on Appropriations.

9690. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the consolidation of the storage of the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) mercury in accordance with Section 113 of Division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, Pub. L. 108-199; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9691. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a draft bill "To allow the guarantee fee to be included in the single family housing guaranteed loan"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

9692. A letter from the Director, Child Nutrition Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Child and Adult Care Food Program Improving Management and Program Integrity (RIN: 0584-AC24) received September 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9693. A letter from the Under Secretary for International Trade, Department of Commerce, transmitting the sixth and final annual report mandated by the International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998 (IAFCA); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9694. A letter from the Chairman, National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, transmitting the Sixth Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Administrative Simplification Provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), pursuant to Public Law 104-191, section 263 (110 Stat. 2033); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9695. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

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9699. A letter from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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9705. A letter from the CFO & Plan Administrator, First South Retirement Committee, First South Farm Credit, transmitting the annual pension plan report for the plan for the year ending December 31, 2003, for the First South Farm Credit Retirement Plan, as well as a copy of the audited financial statements; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9706. A letter from the Managing Director, Strategic Issues, General Accounting Office, transmitting a copy of the report entitled "No Fear Act: Methods the Justice Department Says It Could Use to Account for Its Costs Per Case under the Act," as required by Section 206(b)(1) of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR); to the Committee on Government Reform.

9707. A letter from the Chairman, Vice-Chair, and Commissioners, Election Assistance Commission, transmitting a copy of the report entitled "Best Practices in Administration, Management and Security in Voting Systems and Provisional Voting: A Tool Kit for Election Administrators and Stakeholders"; to the Committee on House Administration.

9708. A letter from the Librarian, Library of Congress, transmitting the Annual Report of the Library of Congress for the fiscal year 2003, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 139; to the Committee on House Administration.

9709. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2004-05 Early Season (RIN: 1018-AT53) received September 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9710. A letter from the Acting Assistant for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands (RIN: 1018-AT53) received August 30, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9711. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2004-2005 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations (RIN: 1018-AT40) received August 30, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9712. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs, Department