

our manufacturing and trade policy in this country.

What we are seeing, Mr. Speaker, is America is bleeding with our trade deficit, and bleeding manufacturing jobs from our country. Again, all these States in red in the last 5 years have lost more than 20 percent of their manufacturing jobs. All the States in blue have lost at least 15 percent of their manufacturing jobs. Basically every large State, every single large State in this country: California, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota. Every single large State has lost at least 15 percent, one out of six manufacturing jobs in this country in the last 5 years. Again, those manufacturing jobs, losing those jobs, they are not just numbers. They are about families, they are about children, they are about schools and they are about communities and police and fire and making our communities prosperous. Gregory Mankiw, the President's former Chief Economist, portrayed the exporting of jobs as inevitable and desirable. He said, "When a good or service is produced more cheaply abroad, it makes more sense to import it than to provide it domestically."

Unfortunately, that is the attitude of the administration. That is the attitude of people who have written this trade policy that have led to these kinds of manufacturing job losses and have led to these kinds of trade deficits and that is the attitude of people who are pushing the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

What really instead, Mr. Speaker, makes sense is a trade policy that lifts workers up in rich countries like ours, in poor countries like Costa Rica and Honduras and Guatemala and the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua, while respecting human rights and democratic principles. The United States with its unrivaled purchasing power, the greatest in history, and its enormous economic clout, again the greatest in history, we as a Nation are in a unique position to help empower poor workers in developing countries while promoting prosperity at home.

When the world's poorest people can buy American products rather than just make them, then we will know, Mr. Speaker, finally that our trade policies are working.

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Mr. COX. Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi for purposes of closing debate.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We have heard a number of statements about this bill. It is an initial step in the right direction. It is not comprehensive. There are some glaring overlooks in the bill. We do not address

any aviation security, we do not address chemical security. There are a number of things that we could do better in this bill.

However, I have to join my chairman in recognizing the fact that this is our first attempt to do an authorization bill. It is by no means complete, but given his leadership and willingness to work in a bipartisan spirit, I am looking forward to moving this legislation and making sure that we do the right thing for this country. We have to secure this Nation.

I will be offering a substitute later in the debate which obviously will cover far more areas than what this authorization bill covers that we are debating here today.

Clearly, if we support the substitute, we can move closer to making America secure.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COX. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I want to begin by thanking the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON), both for his generous remarks but, more importantly, for his hard work on this piece of legislation over a period of several months and, as he pointed out, through ultimately a very long, arduous mark-up in the committee where members on both sides had an unlimited opportunity to offer amendments and consider a variety of topics.

As we conclude general debate and prepare to move into debate on the specific amendments on this bill, I think we can recognize one important fact, and that is that we are all agreed on the essence of the underlying bill. We have some things, each of us, that we might like to add to this bill, and I predict that in due course, over the rest of this year, we will have an opportunity again on this House floor to take up issues, including aviation security, chemical security, port security, and so on.

But the entirety of what we do accomplish in this bill is bipartisan in nature and agreed upon by the members on both sides of the aisle, at least in the Committee on Homeland Security, and we will soon see about the House as a whole. That is because we have allocated the \$32 billion, for what is now the third largest Cabinet department, in a way that demonstrably advances our number one goal of preventing terrorism in the future on American soil, directed against American citizens, protecting America's most critical infrastructure against terrorist attack, and being prepared to respond and recover should, against all our best preparations, that ever occur in the future.

In order to bring us to this point, we have had to have a great deal of bipartisan assistance, all motivated by the best interests of the country from Members on both sides.

I specifically want to mention the vice chairman of the full committee,

the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON); the chairmen and ranking members of our five subcommittees, and the Staff Directors on both sides, Ben Cohen on the Majority side and Calvin Humphreys on the minority side. The staffs have done extraordinary professional work, and their staffs are drawn from, in many cases, the executive branch, with experience about precisely the work and the programs that we are overseeing in this legislation. Many of them have come from the intelligence community, others come from the Coast Guard and other branches of the armed services.

We can be very proud in this House about the institutionalization of the role of homeland security oversight and authorization that has been set in motion as a result of a decision of leadership on both sides, and I want to conclude by taking this opportunity, once again, to thank the House leadership for its very wise decision to create permanent authorizing and oversight responsibility in this Congress on an institutionalized basis, and then, today, taking the next important step of institutionalizing an annual authorization process so that together the legislative branch and the executive branch will closely collaborate on what is the essence of our national security responsibility to all Americans: making sure that we are safe and secure on American territory for the American citizens.

So, Mr. Chairman, with that, I will draw this general debate to a conclusion, and I look forward to working with the body on the several amendments that have been made in order under the rule.

Mr. Chairman, I will at this time introduce into the RECORD a series of letters exchanged between the Committee on Homeland Security and other standing committees, including the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, concerning jurisdictional issues raised by this legislation.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM,

Washington, DC, May 18, 2005.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
Chairman, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your willingness to consult and work with me as you guided H.R. 1817, "the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006" from introduction, through the Homeland Security Committee, and to the floor. As you know, the Committee on Government Reform has been interested in a number of provisions within H.R. 1817. The Committee has been concerned that the expansion of the Department's responsibilities for information sharing in Title II, Subtitle B, Homeland Security Information Sharing and Analysis Enhancement, not lessen the Department's responsibility to follow government-wide policies and procedures for the sharing of information. In addition to the information sharing provisions of Subtitle B, the Committee has specific jurisdictional interests in the following provisions of your substitute: §201—Consolidated Background Check Process; §216—Coordination of homeland security threat analysis provided to

non-Federal officials; §217—9/11 Homeland Security Fellows Program; §221—IAIP Personnel Recruitment; §302—Technology Development and Transfer; §303—Review of Antiterrorism Activities; Title III, Subtitle B—Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Enhancement; §334—Protection of Information; and §502—GAO Report to Congress.

I would like to confirm our mutual understanding with respect to the consideration of H.R. 1817. As you know, H.R. 1817 was sequentially referred to the Committee on Government Reform. Because of your willingness to work with us to resolve issues of concern to the Committee and to include those improvements to the bill in your amendment in the nature of a substitute on the floor, the Committee on Government Reform did not consider H.R. 1817. However, the Committee has done so only with the understanding that this procedural route would not prejudice the Committee on Government Reform's jurisdictional interest and prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation.

I respectfully request your support for the appointment of outside conferees from the Committee on Government Reform should this bill or a similar Senate bill be considered in conference with the Senate. Finally, I would ask that you include a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter in the Congressional Record during the House debate of this bill. If you have questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

TOM DAVIS,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, May 18, 2005.

Hon. TOM DAVIS,
Chairman, Committee on Government Reform,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Committee on Government Reform's jurisdictional interest in H.R. 1817, "the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006", and your willingness to forego consideration of H.R. 1817 by the Committee.

I agree that the Committee on Government Reform has a valid jurisdictional interest in particular sections of H.R. 1817, and that the committee's jurisdiction with respect to those provisions will not be adversely affected by the Committee's decision to not consider H.R. 1817. In addition, I agree that for provisions of the bill that are determined to be within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Government Reform, I will support representation for your Committee during conference with the Senate on this or similar legislation, should such a conference be convened.

As you have requested, I will include a copy of your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during consideration of the legislation on the House floor. Thank

you for your assistance as we work towards the enactment of H.R. 1817.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER COX,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
Washington, DC, May 2, 2005.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN COX: On April 27, 2005, the Committee on Homeland Security ordered reported a committee print titled the, "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006." Section 309 of the bill, which provides for a report to Congress on protecting agriculture from terrorist attack, falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture. Recognizing your interest in bringing this legislation before the House quickly, the Committee on Agriculture agrees not to seek a sequential referral of the bill. By agreeing not to seek a sequential referral, the Committee does not waive its jurisdiction over this provision or any other provisions of the bill that may fall within its jurisdiction. The Committee also reserves its right to seek conferees on any provisions within its jurisdiction considered in the House-Senate conference, and asks for your support in being accorded such conferees.

Please include this letter as part of the report on the Department of Homeland Security Act for Fiscal Year 2006, or as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2005.

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your recent letter expressing the Agriculture Committee's jurisdictional interest in section 309 of the "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006." I appreciate your willingness not to seek a sequential referral in order to expedite proceedings on this legislation. I agree that, by not exercising your right to request a referral, the Agriculture Committee does not waive any jurisdiction it may have over section 309. In addition, I agree to support representation for your Committee during the House-Senate conference on provisions determined to be within your Committee's jurisdiction.

As you have requested, I will include a copy of your letter and this response as part of the Committee on Homeland Security's report or the Congressional Record during consideration of the legislation on the House floor. Thank you for your cooperation as we work towards the enactment of the "Depart-

ment of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006."

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER COX,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 13, 2005.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
Adams Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN COX: I am writing concerning H.R. 1817, the "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006," which the Committee on Homeland Security reported on May 3, 2005. Subsequently, the Committee on Ways and Means received a joint, sequential referral on the bill for a period not ending later than May 13, 2005.

As you know, the Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over trade and customs revenue functions. A range of provisions in H.R. 1817 affects the Committee's jurisdiction, including: authorization language for the Department of Homeland Security, a required review of trade documents that accompany crossborder shipments, a required plan to reduce disparities in customs processing at major airports, a requirement that certain recommendations of a commercial advisory committee representing the trade community be embodied in new regulations, a requirement of a study of the potential merger of the Department of Homeland Security bureau implementing most customs revenue functions with the bureau charged with immigration enforcement, and authorization of a program that would merge security and customs revenue inspection equipment and requirements.

I am pleased to acknowledge the agreement, outlined in the attached chart, between our Committees to address various issues, including changes you will include in the Manager's Amendment to the bill. Thus, in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration, the Ways and Means Committee agrees to forgo action on this bill based on the agreement reached by our Committees and that no other provisions affecting the jurisdiction of the Ways and Means Committee are included in the Manager's Amendment. This is being done with the understanding that it does not in any way prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation. In addition, I would appreciate if you would share with my staff copies of the amendments when they are made available to the Homeland Security Committee staff.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 1817, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration.

Best regards,

BILL THOMAS,
Chairman.

Attachment.

WAYS AND MEANS AMENDMENTS AND LEGISLATIVE HISTORY RELATED TO HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION BILL

Table with 2 columns: Issue, HSC and W&M agreed changes. Contains amendments for Sec. 103, Sec. 201(b), and Sec. 306.

WAYS AND MEANS AMENDMENTS AND LEGISLATIVE HISTORY RELATED TO HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION BILL—Continued

Issue

HSC and W&M agreed changes

<p>Sec. 401—Study by Sec. of DHS on Organization of DHS</p> <p>Section 402—GAO Report on DHS Organization</p> <p>Sec. 403—Plan for Establishing Consolidated and Colocated Regional Offices ..</p> <p>Sec. 404—Plan to Reduce Wait Times</p> <p>Ways and Means Customs Bill</p>	<p>(1) STANDARDS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish standards and procedures for securing maritime cargo containers relating to obligation to seal, recording of seal changes, modal changes, seal placement, ocean carrier seal verification, and addressing seal anomalies. These standards shall include the standards for seals and locks as required under paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of section 70116 of Title 46 U.S.C.</p> <p>(2) REGULATIONS.—No later than 90 days after completion of the requirements in subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue regulations for the security of maritime cargo containers consistent with the standards developed in subsection (a)."</p> <p>Amend Sec. 306(b) to read: "(b) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Department of State, Department of Commerce, Department of the Treasury, Office of the United States Trade Representative, and other appropriate Federal agencies, shall seek to enter into agreements with foreign countries and international organizations to establish standards for the security of maritime cargo containers moving within the intermodal transportation system that, to the maximum extent practicable, meet the requirements of subsection (a)."</p> <p>Amend Sec. 306(c) to read "(c) CONTAINER TARGETING STRATEGY.—STRATEGY.—The Secretary shall develop a strategy to improve the ability of the Department of Homeland Security to use advance cargo information to identify anomalies in such information to determine whether such cargo poses a security risk. The strategy shall include a method of contacting shippers to verify or explain any anomalies discovered in such information."</p> <p>Will include acknowledgement in legislative history that "It is intended that the advance cargo information referred to in Section 306(c) should be provided to the government by the party that has the most direct knowledge of that information consistent with Public Law 107-210 Section 343(a)(3)(B)."</p> <p>Amend Section 306(d) to read: "(d) CONTAINER SECURITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—(1) PROGRAM.—The Secretary is authorized to establish and carry out a demonstration program that integrates radiation detection equipment with other types of non-intrusive inspection equipment at an appropriate United States seaport, as determined by the Secretary.</p> <p>(2) REQUIREMENT.—The demonstration program shall also evaluate ways to strengthen the capability of Department of Homeland Security personnel to analyze cargo inspection data and ways to improve the transmission of inspection data between appropriate entities within the Department of Homeland Security."</p> <p>Amend Section 306(e) to read: "(e) COORDINATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF CONTAINER SECURITY PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall coordinate all programs that enhance the security of maritime cargo, and, to the extent practicable, consolidate Operation Safe Commerce, the Smart Box Initiative, and similar programs that evaluate security enhancements for maritime cargo containers, to achieve enhanced coordination and efficiency. The Secretary shall report to the appropriate Congressional committees before consolidating any program mentioned in this subsection."</p> <p>Add new Sec. New Section 306(f): "DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'appropriate congressional committees' means appropriate Congressional Committees as defined in the Homeland Security Act of 2002."</p> <p>Section 401(b)(1)—delete "to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of DHS on Organization of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs of the Senate" and replace with "to the appropriate Congressional Committees as defined in the Homeland Security Act of 2002."</p> <p>Insert at the end of this section: "The report shall be submitted to the appropriate Congressional committees as defined in the Homeland Security Act of 2002."</p> <p>If Sec. 403, or a similar provision is included in the bill, amend that section by adding at the end of the section: "In developing the plan, the Secretary shall ensure that the plan does not compromise the uniform and consistent implementation and application of laws, policies and procedures related to customs processing operations."</p> <p>Amend Sec. 404(2) to include "passenger" following "customs".</p> <p>In addition to the authorization for CBP, include all other Customs sections of HR 4418 as passed by the House that were not already enacted as part of other laws—Secs. 102, 104, 124, and 125.</p>
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
 Washington, DC, May 13, 2005.

Hon. WILLIAM THOMAS,
 Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
 Longworth House Office Building, Wash-
 ington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your recent letter expressing the Ways and Means Committee's jurisdictional interest in H.R. 1817, the "The Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006." I appreciate your willingness to forgo action on this bill, in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration. I agree that, by forgoing further action on the bill, the Committee on Ways and Means does not waive any jurisdiction it has over provisions within H.R. 1817 and the Manager's amendment. This is being done with the understanding that it does not in any way prejudice the Ways and Means Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation. We will also share with you copies of any amendments as they are made available to us.

As you have requested, I will include a copy of your letter and this response as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of the legislation on the House floor. Thank you for your cooperation as we work towards the enactment of H.R. 1817.

Sincerely,
 CHRISTOPHER COX,
 Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 Washington, DC, May 2, 2005.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
 Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
 House of Representatives, Adams Building,
 Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On April 27, 2005, the Committee on Homeland Security ordered reported a committee print, the "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006." This bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services, including: section 222 (relating to information collection requirements and priorities) and section 302(b) (establishing a working group re-

lating to military technology). Recognizing your interest in bringing this legislation before the House quickly, the Committee on Armed Services agrees not to seek a sequential referral of the bill. By agreeing not to seek a sequential referral, the Committee does not waive its jurisdiction over these provisions or any other provisions of the bill that may fall within its jurisdiction. The Committee also reserves its right to seek conferees on any provisions within its jurisdiction considered in the House-Senate conference, and asks for your support in being accorded such conferees.

Please include this letter as part of the report, if any, on the Department of Homeland Security Act for Fiscal Year 2006 or as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

Sincerely,
 DUNCAN HUNTER,
 Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
 Washington, DC, May 2, 2005.

Hon. DUNCAN HUNTER,
 Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington,
 DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your recent letter expressing the Armed Services Committee's jurisdictional interest in Section 222 and the working group on transfer of military technologies established under Section 302(b) of the "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006." I appreciate your willingness not to seek a sequential referral in order to expedite proceedings on this legislation. I agree that, by not exercising your right to request a referral, the Armed Services Committee does not waive any jurisdiction it may have over the relevant provisions of Sections 222 and 302(b). In addition, I agree to support representation for your Committee during the House-Senate conference on any provisions determined to be within your Committee's jurisdiction.

As you have requested, I will include a copy of your letter and this response as part of the Committee on Homeland Security's report and the Congressional Record during consideration of the legislation on the House

floor. Thank you for your cooperation as we work towards the enactment of the "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006."

Sincerely,
 CHRISTOPHER COX,
 Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PER-
 MANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON IN-
 TELLIGENCE,
 Washington, DC, May 16, 2005.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
 Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
 House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In recognition of the importance of expediting the passage of H.R. 1817, the "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006," the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hereby waives further consideration of the bill. The Committee has jurisdictional interests in H.R. 1817, including but not limited to intelligence activities within the Department of Homeland Security authorized within the National Intelligence Program.

The Committee takes this action only with the understanding that this procedural route should not be construed to prejudice the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence's jurisdictional interest over this bill or any similar bill and will not be considered as precedent for consideration of matters of jurisdictional interest to the Committee in the future. In addition, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence reserves the possibility of seeking conferees on any provisions of the bill that are within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened on this legislation.

Finally, I would ask that you include a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter in the Congressional Record during the House debate on H.R. 1817. I appreciate the constructive work between our committees on this matter and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
 PETER HOEKSTRA,
 Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2005.

Hon. PETER HOEKSTRA,
Chairman, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your recent letter expressing the Intelligence Committee's jurisdictional interest in H.R. 1817, the "The Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006." I appreciate your willingness to waive further consideration of the bill in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration: I agree that by waiving further consideration, the Intelligence Committee does not waive any jurisdiction it may have over provisions of the bill, including those relating to intelligence activities of the Department of Homeland Security authorized within the National Intelligence Program.

As you have requested, I will include a copy of your letter and this response as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of the legislation on the House floor. Thank you for your cooperation as we work towards the enactment of H.R. 1817.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER COX,
Chairman

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a family medical emergency.

Mr. LATOURETTE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of a family emergency.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today until 4:30 p.m. on account of traveling with the President.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MCINTYRE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WATT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, May 26.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, May 23.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, May 26.

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

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 23, 2005, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2017. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report entitled "Major Savings and Reforms in the President's 2006 Budget"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

2018. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard V. Reynolds, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2019. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Brian A. Arnold, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2020. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2021. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2022. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the Army's determination that reportable increases have occurred in the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) for the Chemical Demilitarization (CHEM DEMIL) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2023. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the proposed test and evaluation (T&E) budgets that are not certified by the Director of the Defense Test Resource Management Center (TRMC) to be adequate for FY 2006, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 196 Public Law 107-314, section 232; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2024. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report describing the Department's corrosion prevention control and mitigation efforts and planned improvements, as requested by the House of Representatives Report of the Committee on Appropriations on the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2005, Pub. L. 108-553 (H.R. 4613); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2025. A letter from the Chair, Foreign Exchange Committee, transmitting the Committee's 2004 Annual Report; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2026. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting the full-color version of the Department's Fiscal Year 2004 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2027. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "Performance Improvement 2005: Evaluation Activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services," pursuant to Section 241(b) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended by the Preventive Health Amendments of 1993, summarizing the findings of the evaluations of PHS programs authorized under Section 241(a); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2028. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Pakistan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 05-18), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2029. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Pakistan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 05-19), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2030. A letter from the Secretary, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Department's "Country Reports on Terrorism: 2004," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2656f; to the Committee on International Relations.

2031. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting a report on economic conditions in Egypt 2004, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2346 note; to the Committee on International Relations.

2032. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and 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; to the Committee on International Relations.

2033. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of the Department's intent to obligate Non-proliferation and Disarmament Fund (NDF) assistance for additional projects, pursuant to Public Law 108-447, section 515; to the Committee on International Relations.

2034. A letter from the Chairman, Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, transmitting pursuant to the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act, the Foundation's Form and Content Reports for the second quarter of FY 2005 as prepared by the U.S. General Services Administration; to the Committee on Government Reform.