

I think we must, on behalf of Americans not only our constituents that are Americans too, continue to push and fight and get in the face of folks who are supposed to be doing the right thing and allowing an independent commission to come about so that we can have this kind of change that is needed in our country, so that we can have a better America and a safer America.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, if I can close us out by saying that their priorities are wrong. It is not an independent Katrina Commission; it is Katrina, Wilma, Rita. We have got to do better.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to let you know that we did not try to pass the time. But we want to thank the Democratic leader and thank you for your indulgence here.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

Mr. MEEK of Florida (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today before 4:40 p.m.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today before 1:30 p.m.

Mr. FOLEY (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today and the balance of the week on account of assessing damage from Hurricane Wilma.

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

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DOGGETT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HENSARLING, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, November 2.

Mr. HAYES, for 5 minutes, November 2.

Mrs. SCHMIDT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, November 2.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's

table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 443. An act to improve the investigation of criminal antitrust offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 27, 2005, 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:

4763. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for drawdown under sections 552(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act to authorize Department of Defense commodities and services as part of the mission to support the deployment of AU forces to Darfur, Sudan; to the Committee on International Relations.

4764. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the export of defense articles and services to the Government of Canada (Transmittal No. DDTC 031-05); to the Committee on International Relations.

4765. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4766. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Annual Report for 2005 on the Implementation of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, pursuant to Public Law 106-107, section 5 (113 Stat. 1488); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4767. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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4769. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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4771. A letter from the Executive Secretary/Chief of Staff, U.S. Agency for Economic Development, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4772. A letter from the Executive Secretary/Chief of Staff, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting a report

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4774. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 041126333-5040-02; I.D. 091505B] received October 19, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4775. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 041126333-5040-02; I.D. 090605F] received September 19, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4776. A letter from the Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Sea Turtle Conservation; Exemptions to Taking Prohibitions for Endangered Sea Turtles [Docket No. 050224044-5185-02; I.D. 092304A] received October 7, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4777. 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; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 041126333-5040-02; I.D. 080305A] received August 23, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4778. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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 Multispecies Fishery; Prohibition of the use of Regular B Days-at-Sea in the Georges Bank Cod Stock Area [Docket No. 040804229-4300-02; I.D. 071305B] received August 2, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4779. 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; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 041126332-5039-02; I.D. 071805A] received August 2, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4780. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, 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 Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 41 [Docket No. 050630174-5234-02; I.D. 062005B-X] (RIN: 0648-AT08) received September 19, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4781. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Various Transport