

or below the poverty line. Unemployment stands at 53 percent of the total workforce.

Just as I join my good friends on both sides of the aisle in speaking out against violence against Israel, I object in the strongest terms to any measure that will increase the humanitarian crisis of the Palestinian people. It is true that the recent Palestinian legislative elections have created a tense situation in the international community. It is a situation that demands thoughtful and deliberate action in pursuit of peace. Despite the best intentions of those who wrote this legislation, I do not believe this legislation will advance peace between the Palestinian and the Israeli people.

There are people in this Congress of goodwill and good intention who want to see both the Palestinian people and the Israeli people survive. Let us continue to work towards that end.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SKELTON (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of attending the funeral of a friend.

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of family business.

Mr. LINDER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of official 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 Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

#### 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. 2803. An act to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve the safety of mines and mining; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

#### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on May 23, 2006, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 1499. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow members of the Armed Forces serving in a combat zone to make contributions to their individual retirement plans even if the compensation on which such contribution is based is excluded from gross income.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, May 25, 2006, 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:

7622. A letter from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safe and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Timber Sale Contracts; Indices to Determine Market-Related Contract Term Additions (RIN: 0596-AC29) received April 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7623. A letter from the Regulatory Officer, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Free Use to Individuals; Delegation of Authority (RIN: 0596-AC09) received April 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7624. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the 2005 Annual Report of the Appraisal Subcommittee, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3332; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7625. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Technical Correction [Docket No. FR-4886-C-03] (RIN: 2502-A112) received April 26, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7626. A letter from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Amendment to the Bank Secrecy Act Regulations—Requirement That Mutual Funds Report Suspicious Transactions (RIN: 1506-AA37) received May 2, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7627. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Equal Access to Public School Facilities for the Boy Scouts of America and Other Designated Youth Groups (RIN: 1870-AA12) received April 7, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7628. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Service, Department

of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Parental Information and Resource Centers; Final Priorities and Eligibility Requirements—received April 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7629. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Service, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—State Charter School Facilities Incentive Program—received April 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7630. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption 80-26 (PTE 80-26) for Certain Interest Free Loans to Employee Benefit Plans [Application Number D-11046] received April 7, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7631. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's request that Congress take prompt action to authorize the Department to reform fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles for the first time; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7632. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7633. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Development Fund for Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

7634. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Corrections and Clarifications to the Export Administration Regulations [Docket No. 060109005-6005-01] (RIN: 0694-AD67) received March 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

7635. A letter from the 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 Governments of Australia, Canada and Malaysia (Transmittal No. DDTC 013-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

7636. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed authorization for the export of significant military equipment (Transmittal No. DDTC 007-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

7637. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed authorization of the sale of significant military equipment to the Government of the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDTC 075-05); to the Committee on International Relations.

7638. A letter from the 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