

I feel the American people are up to the challenge. We are up to sacrifice. And we're going to do this. And we will convince the administration along the way here that it's the right thing to do. And we're going to continue to rebuild our country and be successful. But let's put our nose down and work hard. And I look forward to working with all my colleagues to accomplish that.

Mr. YARMUTH. I thank all my colleagues. And I'd like to end where we began, and that is that when these majority makers, our freshman class, was elected in 2006, we were elected because the country thought that the government of the United States had the wrong priorities, that we needed a new set of priorities, we needed a new direction. We've committed ourselves to that new direction. I think as we approach this budgetary process and all areas that we have to do, we will seek a new direction for the American people.

OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007 AT PAGE H16940

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reported that on December 13, 2007, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.J. Res. 69. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House also reported that on December 18, 2007, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 6. An act to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2007 AT PAGE H16954

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reported that on December 19, 2007, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 797. To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1585. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2408. To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the "Milo C. Huempfer

Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 2671. To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2761. An act to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3648. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3703. To amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception from the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines.

H.R. 3739. To amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BOUCHER (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week.

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

Mr. TANNER (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of tornado devastation in the district.

Ms. WOOLSEY (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week.

Mr. WYNN (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 6 p.m. on account of a family emergency.

Mr. GINGREY (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. KUHL of New York (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. PETRI (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of severe winter storms in Wisconsin preventing him from making votes.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of severe winter storms in Wisconsin preventing him from making votes.

Mr. WHITFIELD (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of surveying tornado damage in the First Congressional District of Kentucky.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SUTTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BISHOP of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today and February 7, 8, and 12.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, today and February 7, 8, 12, and 13.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today and February 7, 8, 12, and 13.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and February 7 and 8.

SENATE BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A bill and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 550. An act to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

S.J. Res. 25. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on House Administration.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker on Thursday, January 31, 2008:

H.R. 5104. An act to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days.

On Monday, February 4, 2008:

H.R. 4253. An act to improve and expand small business assistance programs for veterans of the armed forces and military reservists, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2110. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office."

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reports that on January 30, 2008, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 5104. To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 10 a.m.