

start to have educational programs, start to be relieved of the dictators and the repressive government that they have had to endure for so long. So there is hope.

We are looking towards the leaders in central Africa to come up with solutions. We can look to a place, a country like Mozambique, also one of the poorest countries in the world, where we have seen a growth in the GDP in Mozambique of about 8 or 10 percent annually. We have seen the fact that the people there are working together. The former Renamo forces now have become a political party with the MPLA and they are working together in unity to make conditions better for the people of that country. We have seen Namibia go through some problems as well as problems up close to Angola, but we now are seeing President Josh Nkomo moving to new elections so that the people once again will be able to move forward and progress as we move towards the new millennium.

We look at Nigeria with its new president, President Obasanjo, who I will have the pleasure to meet with tomorrow, that has ended the military rule of its 38 years since independence, 28 years of military rule. And we now see President Obasanjo retiring the military. As my colleagues know, the brutal dictator Abacho had imprisoned President Obasanjo and imprisoned Chief MKO Abiola, who won the June 12 elections but was imprisoned because he said he was president and they said the elections were annulled.

So now, the new Nigeria, with its elected parliament, with its new leaders, with its tremendous resources of oil and diamonds and timber and agricultural promise, we believe will once again move towards a direction of increase in its GDP and once again provide the outstanding education that it did for its people at its independence. Nigeria, with South Africa, with its new leader Thabo Mbeki can really be the engines of South Africa. A healthy South Africa and a strong Nigeria can pull the rest of the countries in Africa along into progress.

So we are encouraged by the fact that these two giants have had positive elections, have had a transition, have had a turnover from military rule. As we saw in the apartheid South Africa to a new multiracial Democratic society, we are seeing the same situation happening in Nigeria. So there is a tremendous amount of hope and there is a tremendous amount of opportunity.

We also would like to see increased trade and development between the United States and Africa. We have the technical resources to be able to assist them in this growth and development. They have the natural resources. Together we can harness tremendous energy so that both the Africans and Nigerians, South Africa, and Namibia, and all of the countries, the 50 sub-Saharan countries, 700 million people, will be able to start to benefit and

enjoy the fruits of a true democracy and education and health care. The fact that everyone will be judged by their worth is something that these countries look forward to.

So as I conclude, I once again would like to say that the world is better off because of Dr. Julius Nyerere; that many of us have looked to him as a leader, a person of inspiration, a person who during my young years I looked to him as someone that I would like to emulate. And so it is with a great deal of sorrow that we have seen this fallen leader come to the end of his great career, but all of us in the world are better off for what he has done.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 2:15 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. MASCARA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and October 27 on account of medical reasons.

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

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

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEJDENSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RANGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KILPATRICK, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mrs. NORTHUP, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LEACH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOLLUM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today and October 27.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported

that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2367. An act to reauthorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27, 1999, 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:

4921. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oriental Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 99-044-2] received October 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4922. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to the Regulations for Cotton Warehouses—Electronic Warehouse Receipts and Other Provisions (RIN: 0560-AE60) received October 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4923. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the approved retirement and advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list of Lieutenant General John B. Sams, Jr.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4924. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Extended Examination Cycle For U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (RIN: 3064-AC15) received October 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4925. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Final Regulations—Federal Perkins Loan Program and Federal Family Education Loan Program—received October 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4926. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Norway for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 00-01), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4927. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 00-10), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4928. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer