

occurred, and we still have not had negotiations start up again since they fell apart a couple of months ago. And I basically came to the floor this evening to highlight actions taken last week by President of the Republic of Cyprus, Tassos Papadopoulos that will help continue the process of reunifying the people of the island of Cyprus despite the fact that a political settlement has still not been reached over Turkey's 29-year illegal occupation of 37 percent of the island.

On April 30, President Papadopoulos announced several measures aimed at enabling citizens living in the Turkish-occupied territory the ability to enjoy all the benefits other citizens of Cyprus enjoy. The President and the Council of Ministers finalized measures covering the fields of transportation, including the movement of goods and vehicles, employment of Turkish Cypriots, measures to help relatives of missing Turkish Cypriots and critical measures working for the improvement of medical care, education, and telecommunications.

While the President said that his government will do everything in its power to effectively implement these measures, he also strongly stated that these measures should not be interpreted as a substitute for the efforts to reach a political settlement in Cyprus.

Mr. Speaker, these measures show the length the Cypriot Government is willing to go to ensure that Turkish Cypriots no longer have to endure the poor economic conditions they have been living under since the occupation in 1974. The measures come less than 2 months after peace negotiations came to an end thanks to the intransigence of Turkish-Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash. Despite the giant setback, President Papadopoulos stressed the Greek Cypriot side will not only continue efforts to reach a solution but also once again pledge to continue the efforts for a Cyprus settlement that would properly serve the interests of both Cyprus communities, and the President's action last week clearly shows he plans to back these words up with action.

Mr. Speaker, over the last couple of weeks, we have witnessed another milestone, the free movement of Cypriots from both sides of the wall, something that has not occurred since the occupation. The action came after the Turkish Cypriot regime eased restrictions on movements of residents to and from the occupied areas. At the same time, the Turkish Cypriot regime said it would allow Greek Cypriots to cross into the occupied areas but put restrictions on this travel, including the showing of passports. The United Nations estimates that since the easing of restrictions, more than 170,000 Greek Cypriots have crossed into the occupied area, while 75,000 Turkish Cypriots have made the reverse trip.

This peaceful and orderly movement of both Greek and Turkish Cypriots during the last couple of weeks clearly

demonstrates their shared desire and ability to live together on a reunited Cyprus. The actions have also disproved Denktash's claim that the presence of the occupation army and the maintenance of a dividing wall area are necessary for the security of the two communities. It shows his statements to be both false and, I think, totally unfounded.

Mr. Speaker, I continue to believe that the only solution to the Cyprus question must be sought through negotiations conducted on the basis of the Kofi Annan United Nations plan, and I also continue to believe that the Bush administration did not put enough pressure on the Turkish Government to force Denktash to negotiate in good faith. Turkey must finally realize that by supporting Denktash's intransigence, it is causing harm to its own long-term interests as a potential full member of the European Union. After the setback of the U.N. efforts, the Bush administration must redouble its effort to persuade Turkey and the Turkish-Cypriot leader to work constructively within the U.N. process to achieve a negotiated settlement to end the division of Cyprus; and I am hopeful, Mr. Speaker, that the Bush administration will change its policy and finally exert pressure on the Turkish Government.

I think it is time for all the citizens of Cyprus to be reunified so they can all reap the economic awards available with the nation's recent accession to the European Union; and I only hope that both these cases, in both the cases of Cyprus and Northern Ireland, that we can see a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CLYBURN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after noon on account of official business in the district.

Mr. COLE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of examining damage in his district due to severe weather.

Mr. KING of Iowa (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of family commitments.

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

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. WATSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BALDWIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LANGEVIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARKEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LOFGREN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, May 13, 14, 15, and 16.

Mr. BURNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHUSTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 113. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to cover individuals, other than United States persons, who engage in international terrorism without affiliation with an international terrorist group; to the Committee on the Judiciary, in addition to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 165. An act to improve air cargo security; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 13, 2003, 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:

2122. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests

for FY 2004 budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Justice, Labor, and Transportation; the Office of Personnel Management; and the Farm Credit Administration; (H. Doc. No. 108—70); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2123. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Distribution of DoD Depot Maintenance Workloads Fiscal Years 2003 and 2007"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2124. A letter from the Director, Division of Scientific Planning and Policy Analysis, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's enclosed "Errata" sheet regarding the FY 2001 National Institutes of Health Annual Report on Health Disparities Research; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2125. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Retirement Board, transmitting the personal financial disclosure statements of Board members, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1—732 and 1—734(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2126. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Five Plant Species from the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, Hawaii (RIN: 1018-AH09) received May 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2127. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting recommendations for the uniform percentage adjustment of each dollar amount specified in Title 11 regarding bankruptcy administration and in 28 U.S.C. 1930 with respect to bankruptcy fees, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 104 note; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2128. A letter from the Chair, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting a report required by section 225(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-296 entitled, "Increased Penalties For Cyber Security Offenses"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2129. A letter from the Chair, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting a report required by section 314 of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-155 entitled, "Increased Penalties For Campaign Finance Offenses and Legislative Recommendations"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2130. A letter from the Chair, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting the Commission's amendments to the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and official commentary, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2131. A letter from the Senior Attorney, Research and Special Program Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hazardous Materials: Requirements for Maintenance, Requalification, Repair and Use of DOT Specification Cylinders; Response to Appeals and Extension of Compliance Dates [Docket No. RSPA-01-10373 (HM-220D)] (RIN: 2137-AD58) received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2132. A letter from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Small Business Size Standards; Job Corps Centers (RIN: 3245-AF02) received May 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

2133. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Rules and Regulations (Rev. Proc. 2003-29) received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2134. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Eligible Deferred Compensation Plans under Section 457 [Notice 2003-20] received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2135. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Amounts received Under Accident and Health Plans (Rev. Rul. 2003-43) received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2136. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Deferred Compensation Plans of State and Local Governments and Tax Exempt Organizations (Rev. Rul. 2003-47) received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2137. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Guidance Under Section 1502; Amendment of Waiver of Loss Carryovers from Separate Return Limitation Years received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2138. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Constructive transfers and transfers of property to a third party on behalf of a spouse [TD 9035] (1545-AX99) received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2139. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Earnings Calculation for Returned or Recharacterized IRA Contributions [TD 9056] (RIN: 1545-BA82) received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2140. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Purpose and scope of exception of reorganization exchanges (Rev. Rul. 2003-48) received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2141. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Low-Income Housing Credit (Rev. Rul. 2003-44) received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2142. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Gaming Industry Tip Compliance Agreement Program (Rev. Proc. 2003-35) received May 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2143. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the 2002 Annual Report to Congress on activities of the Department of Energy in response to recommendations and other interactions with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286e(b); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Armed Services.

2144. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce, transmitting the annual report on the activities of the Economic Development Administration for Fiscal Year 2001, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3217; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and International Relations.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1000. The Committee on Ways and Means discharged. Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the state of the Union.

H.R. 1904. The Committee on Resources discharged.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 1904. A bill to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Judiciary for a period ending not later than May 16, 2003, for consideration for such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X (Rept. 108—96, Pt 1).

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1904. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than May 9, 2003.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 2043. A bill to establish a mechanism for developing uniform United States positions on issues before the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision at the Bank for International Settlements, to require a review on the most recent recommendation of the Basel Committee for an accord on capital standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. GORDON, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. LEE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. WATSON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. CLAY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. OWENS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 2044. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deferral of tax on gain from the sale of telecommunications businesses in specific circumstances