

is in New York this week to press alternatives to the Bush administration's occupation policy in postwar Iraq, he and his aides say. In the process, he may complete a personal transformation from protégé of Pentagon conservatives to Iraqi nationalist with a loud, independent voice.

In an interview today in New York, Mr. Chalabi professed gratitude to the Bush administration for toppling Saddam Hussein's government, but his specific proposals were directly at odds with the policies Washington is pursuing in Baghdad and at the United Nations. He demanded that the Iraqi Governing Council be given at least partial control of the powerful finance and security ministries, and rejected the idea of more foreign troops coming to Iraq.

Mr. Chalabi's strategy, he says, is to get from the United Nations General Assembly sovereign status for the unelected 25-member Governing Council. This move to lobby other nations for a swift transfer of some sovereignty is going down poorly in Washington, according to the Iraqi leader's aides.

Mr. Chalabi has sent representatives to France and Germany to discuss putting Iraq back in charge under a new United Nations mandate that would end American control of the occupation, even if American troops remain in Iraq. His aides say he also plans to tell the Senate that the United Nations could save billions of dollars on Iraq reconstruction by allowing an Iraqi administration to handle it.

"People in D.C. are accusing us of 'conspiring with America's enemies,'" one aide said, describing the reports of his advance men on the mood in Washington.

Mr. Chalabi insists that he is not changing diplomatic sides. "The last thing we are going to do is fall into the trap of France," he said this weekend. He said that he was looking forward to seeing the president at a reception Mr. Bush is giving for visiting government leaders on Tuesday evening, and that his strategy was intended to make it easier to maintain the American presence in Iraq.

"I am fighting to keep Americans in Iraq," Mr. Chalabi said before leaving Baghdad. "We are afraid that they will lose their resolve and go home if the current situation continues."

Yet Mr. Chalabi's arrival in New York with a delegation determined to advance the clock on sovereignty puts him and the interim government he heads in direct confrontation with Mr. Bush.

"We want to claim Iraq's seat at the United Nations," Mr. Chalabi said today.

He also declared that "we are not at cross purposes" with the Americans, but his words seemed so.

The United States is seeking a new United Nations resolution that would help bring foreign troops into Iraq in a newly constituted multinational force. At least one major potential troop donor, Pakistan, says it wants an invitation from the Governing Council first.

"We cannot be expected to solicit foreign troops in Iraq," Mr. Chalabi said. "We cannot be expected to do that."

He said some aspects of governance should be handed over immediately.

"They can start by putting Iraqis to be in joint control, with the coalition, of Iraqi finances," he said. "All of these are measures that would demonstrate increasing sovereignty in Iraq." Asked when, he replied, "Right away."

He also sought an immediate role in commanding security forces, saying, "We think that internal security in Iraq cannot be maintained unless Iraqis are far more involved than they are now."

A senior Bush administration official reiterated over the weekend that "we'll stay on

the same schedule" of keeping Iraq under a strong American-British occupation while proceeding with drafting a new Iraqi constitution, to be followed by national elections sometime next year.

That extended debate over sovereignty and the end of the occupation is part of a political struggle that neither side feels it can afford to lose.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. OSBORNE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for September 23 and today on account of his mother-in-law's funeral.

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:)

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIND, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BALDWIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, 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:)

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLACKBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today and October 1.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A Bill of the Senate of the following title were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1404. An act to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 25, 2003, 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:

4396. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Ag-

riculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Pork-Filled Pasta [Docket No. 02-003-2] received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4397. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Asian Longhorned Beetle; Quarantined Areas and Regulated Articles [Docket No. 03-018-2] received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4398. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting report concerning His decision regarding the Singapore Technologies Telemedia in Global Crossing Ltd; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4399. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Selenium Yeast [Docket No. 1998F-0196] received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4400. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Orthopedic Devices; Classification for the Resorbable Calcium Salt Bone Void Filler Device [Docket No. 01N-0411] received September 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4401. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Format and Numbering of Award Documents (RIN: 2700-AC61) received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

4402. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-23), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4403. 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 Pakistan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-22), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4404. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-24), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4405. 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 Pakistan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-25), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4406. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Greece for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-33), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4407. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Finland for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-35), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4408. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution and Public Law 107-40, to help ensure that the Congress is kept informed on the status of United States efforts in the global war on terrorism; (H. Doc. No. 108-129); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

4409. A letter from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—NARA Facilities: Public Use (RIN: 3095-AB17) received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4410. A letter from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—NARA Facilities: Hours of Operation for the Exhibition Halls (RIN: 3095-AB22) received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4411. A letter from the Attorney, RSPA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazardous Materials Regulations: Penalty Guidelines and Other Procedural Regulations [Docket No. RSPA-03-15372 (RSP-5)] (RIN: 2137-AD71) received September 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4412. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements [TD 9092] (RIN: 1545-BA44) received September 16, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. LEWIS of California: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2658. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-283). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 377. Resolution providing for recommittal of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-284). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. CARDOZA):

H.R. 3157. A bill to provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other

disaster agencies in response to a federally declared disaster area as a result of a disaster; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. TURNER of Texas (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DICKS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. CASE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. DELAURA, Mr. MOORE, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. FROST, Mr. ROSS, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. STENHOLM, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. HONDA, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. JOHN, Mr. SNYDER, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BERRY, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. FARR, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. BELL, Mr. REYES, Mr. ORTIZ, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. LEE, Mr. BOYD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. MAJETTE, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BACA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILL, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. WU, Ms. WATERS, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. BALLANCE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HOLT, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. COOPER, and Mr. SKELTON):

H.R. 3158. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a task force to determine essential capabilities for State and local jurisdictions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to acts of terrorism, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to State and local governments to achieve such capability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security (Select), and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, 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.

By Mr. WAXMAN (for himself, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. CLAY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr.

CARTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Mr. BELL, Mr. SOUDER, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. LANTOS, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. OWENS, Ms. WATSON, Mr. OSE, Mr. COOPER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. TURNER of Ohio):

H.R. 3159. A bill to require Federal agencies to develop and implement plans to protect the security and privacy of government computer systems from the risks posed by peer-to-peer file sharing; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. FLETCHER (for himself, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. GOODE, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. BALLANCE, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BOYD, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HILL, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MURTHA, and Mr. ISAKSON):

H.R. 3160. A bill to eliminate the Federal quota and price support programs for tobacco, to provide transitional assistance to tobacco quota holders and traditional producers of tobacco affected by the elimination of these programs, to ensure the future quality and availability of United States-grown tobacco, to protect against the disruption of tobacco markets, to establish a trust fund to finance this Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. MARKEY):

H.R. 3161. A bill to ratify the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-call registry; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3162. A bill to require cigarette products to be placed under or behind the counter in retail sales; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3163. A bill to amend section 526 of the National Housing Act to provide that any certification of a property for meeting energy efficiency requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act shall be conducted by an individual certified by an accredited home energy rating system provider; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma:

H.R. 3164. A bill to provide for reduction of the Federal budget deficit by reducing wasteful government spending; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Resources, and Science, 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.

By Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida (for himself, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. HENSARLING, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey,