

learn and use it, end up better off than those who do not, the kind of motivation that has helped us have the strongest economy in the world. It was interesting that Khadafi told us that what he thinks is they need less government in Libya, that if they work 4 hours, they get paid for 4 hours; if they work 8 hours, they should get paid for 8 hours, and if they do not like what their employer is doing, changes jobs, and they do not want somebody speaking for them. In fact, also, and I made a decision early on not to take special interest PAC money for my campaigns, he said we do not want political parties in Libya because with political parties they are both going to be trying to get a majority. To get a majority, they spend money. And the first thing one knows, countries like Egypt would be coming in, financing one political party. Somebody else might be coming in with a different interest, financing another political party. And they would be tending to push laws that were good for their interests and not good for the country of Libya. That is a very interesting change of mood for an individual that has supported terrorist regimes in the past in how he thinks the future of Libya should be restructured.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING
AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CON-
SIDERATION OF H.R. 339,
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN
FOOD CONSUMPTION ACT

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOSS (during Special Order of Mr. SMITH of Michigan). Madam Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of March 8 to grant a rule for the consideration of H.R. 339, the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, which may require that amendments be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration on the floor.

The Committee on the Judiciary ordered the bill reported on January 28, 2004, and is expected to file its report with the House by Friday, March 5, 2004. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, which will be available tomorrow for their review on the Web sites of both the Committee on Rules and the Committee on the Judiciary.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

PROTOCOL AMENDING AGREE-
MENT FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA CON-
CERNING PEACEFUL USES OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY—MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108-
169)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BLACKBURN) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, consistent with sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the text of a proposed Protocol Amending the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, signed at Washington on June 30, 1980. I also transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Protocol, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) concerning the Protocol. (Consistent with section 123 of the Act, as amended by title XII of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-277), a classified Annex to the NPAS, prepared by the Secretary of State in consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately.) the joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Energy and a letter from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed.

I am advised that the proposed Protocol has been negotiated consistent with the Act and other applicable law and that it meets all statutory requirements. This Protocol will advance the nonproliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States.

The Protocol amends the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy in two respects:

1. It extends the Agreement, which expired by its terms on December 30, 2001, until December 30, 2031, with effect from the former date; and

2. It updates certain provisions of the Agreement relating to the physical protection of nuclear material subject to the Agreement.

As amended by the proposed Protocol, the Agreement will continue to meet all requirements of U.S. law.

Indonesia is a party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and has an agreement to its

nuclear program. It was also among the early sponsors of, and is a current party to the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. The United States and Indonesia have had a long and positive history of cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, with our earliest agreement for this purpose dating back to 1960.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested agencies in reviewing the proposed Protocol and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the Protocol and authorized its execution and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediately the consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House International Relations Committee consistent with section 123 b. Upon completion of the 30-day continuous session period provided for in section 123 b., the 60-day continuous session period provided for in section 123 d. shall commence.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 4, 2004.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ISAKSON (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending his daughter's wedding.

Mr. KING of New York (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. WOLF (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending the funeral of the president of Macedonia.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

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