

the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 26, 2004 at 9:10 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3926.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON.
NANCY PELOSI, DEMOCRATIC
LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
March 26, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to (10 U.S.C. 111 note) I hereby appoint retired Army Lt. General H.G. (Pete) Taylor, to the Commission On The Review Of The Overseas Military Facility Structure Of The United States.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI.

LIBYA RESPECTS AMERICA'S
INITIATIVES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in the global war on terrorism, it is reassuring that President George W. Bush is keeping focused on winning the war which was forced on America by the murderous attacks of September 11.

In the midst of Monday morning quarterbacking, we should see the facts of success: the Afghan and Iraqi dictatorships which supported terrorism have met regime change. An emboldened Pakistan has 70,000 troops uprooting terrorists on the border of Afghanistan, and Libya has abandoned its banned weapons programs.

Libya has seen the light. It is reassuring to learn from Thursday's Washington Post that the Libyan dictator's son Saif Islam Qaddafi has made the case for peace and freedom clear to other Arab countries: "Instead of shouting and criticizing the American initiative, you have to bring democracy to your countries, and then there will be no need to fear America or your people."

In conclusion, God bless our troops. We will never forget September 11.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, last week I met with the Esperanza Senior Citizen Club in City Terrace in East Los Angeles to discuss the new Medicare pre-

scription drug law enacted last year. The seniors there had many, many questions. They asked me how the law will affect them and will it provide affordable drugs. Unfortunately, I had to tell them that the law does nothing to lower the cost of prescription drugs. In fact, I told them that it prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services from negotiating lower prices. They were star struck. They could not believe that that is what we had passed here in the Congress.

In short, the law increases profits for big pharmaceutical companies and fails to protect seniors. The Esperanza Senior Club was shocked when they learned the truth about the new law because they felt that Congress had abandoned them. They told me to go back to Washington and they told me to renegotiate, to open up a discussion on that piece of legislation, because for them and the district that I represent, still they are not able to afford their drugs, their medications; and they want choices. They wanted to know if they were going to have the same physician caring for them in the HMOs.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

UTROK ATOLL VESSEL
CONVEYANCE

Mr. GILCREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2584) to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendments:

(1) Page 2, after line 17, insert:

(c) *Within 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Utrok Atoll local government, in consultation with the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, shall submit a plan for the use of the vessel to be conveyed under subsection (a) to the House of Representatives Committee on Resources, the House of Representatives Committee on Science, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.*

(2) Page 4, after line 6, insert:

SEC. 305. REBUILDING FISH STOCKS.

Section 105 of division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, is repealed.

(3) Page 4, after line 6, insert:

**TITLE IV—PACIFIC ALBACORE TUNA
TREATY**

SEC. 401. IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) *IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 201, 204, or 307(2) of*

the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1821, 1824, and 1857(2)), foreign fishing may be conducted pursuant to the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges, signed at Washington May 26, 1981, including its Annexes and any amendments thereto.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—*The Secretary of Commerce, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, may—*

(1) *promulgate regulations necessary to discharge the obligations of the United States under the Treaty and its Annexes; and*

(2) *provide for the application of any such regulation to any person or vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, wherever that person or vessel may be located.*

(c) **ENFORCEMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—*The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) shall be enforced as if subsection (a) were a provision of that Act. Any reference in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) to "this Act" or to any provision of that Act, shall be considered to be a reference to that Act as it would be in effect if subsection (a) were a provision of that Act.*

(2) **REGULATIONS.**—*The regulations promulgated under subsection (b), shall be enforced as if—*

(A) *subsection (a) were a provision of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.); and*

(B) *the regulations were promulgated under that Act.*

**SEC. 402. SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA TREATY ACT
AMENDMENT.**

Section 6 of the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973d(a)) is amended by striking "outside of the 200 nautical mile fisheries zones of the Pacific Island Parties." and inserting "or to fishing by vessels using the longline method in the high seas areas of the Treaty area."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCREST) and the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCREST).

Mr. GILCREST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 2584 passed the House on November 11, 2003, by voice vote. The bill, as passed by the House, included a number of important provisions including the transfer of a decommissioned NOAA vessel to the local government of the Utrok Atoll, the reauthorization of the Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000, the reauthorization of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and a provision to correct and ratify certain provisions within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps.

The Senate has made several additions to the legislation which make it a stronger conservation measure. These additions include language to implement the Pacific Albacore Tuna Treaty, a measure which will help ensure the sustainable conservation and management of the albacore tuna fishery shared by the United States and Canada; and language to allow certain U.S. fishing vessels access to South Pacific tuna stocks consistent with revisions to the 1988 South Pacific Tuna