

to construction to business services, witnessed the creation of thousands of new jobs.

Again, these numbers that I share with my colleagues are just from last month alone, and these numbers do not even take into account the fastest growing sector of our labor force, self-employment and independent contracting. Those numbers were not even included in the figures that I gave my colleagues, which make up a third of all new job creation.

There is simply no denying the fact that we have a strong, growing, bold, dynamic economy that is creating good jobs in every corner of our Nation. JOHN KERRY wants to deny the facts. He wants Americans to believe that we are in a state of economic crisis. He wants us to believe that there are no good job opportunities out there. He wants us to believe that our lives are getting worse.

Of course, things can get better, but pessimism is not based in reality. It is not based on the strong growth, rapid job creation, thriving small businesses and climbing incomes that we are witnessing across this country.

This pessimism, Mr. Speaker, is also dangerous. Our prosperity is helping us to wage a global war on terrorism.

Next Wednesday marks this very important handover. We are going through difficult times, there is no doubt about it, but our economic strength right here at home is part of the foundation of our security as a Nation, and that clearly has a ripple effect across the world.

The evidence shows of the inextricable tie between our growing economy and peace and stability and growing job-creating economies throughout the world. It is the right thing do.

I appreciate the fact that my colleagues have participated in this. I appreciate the forbearance that the Speaker has shown, as well as those of the staff who have joined us here.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BOYD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 1:00 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Ms. SLAUGHTER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. COBLE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today after 11:45 a.m. on account of obligations in his district.

Mr. BARTON of Texas (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending the funeral of a district staff person.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

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

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. VAN HOLLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

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

S. 1292. An act to establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse in the National Archives; to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. 1932. An act to provide criminal penalties for unauthorized recording of motion pictures in a motion picture exhibition facility, to provide criminal and civil penalties for unauthorized distribution of commercial pre-release copyrighted works, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2237. An act to amend chapter 5 of title 17, United States Code, to authorize civil copyright enforcement by the Attorney General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2322. An act to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, to include employees of the District of Columbia courts as participants in long term care insurance for Federal employees; to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. Con. Res. 83. Concurrent resolution promoting the establishment of a democracy caucus within the United Nations; to the Committee on International Relations.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 884. An act to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, and 326-K, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1731. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2751. An act to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3864. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement or contract with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land.

H.R. 4103. An act to extend and modify the trade benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

H.R. 97. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on June 25, 2004 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.J. Res 97. Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

H.R. 884. To provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, and 326-K, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2751. To provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 120, 108th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY). Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 120, 108th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2004.

Thereupon (at 5 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 120, 108th Congress, the House adjourned until Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8822. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for FY 2005 budget amendments for the Departments of Commerce, Health and Human Services, Justice, State, and Transportation; as well as the General Services Administration, the Election Assistance Commission, and the Federal Communications Commission; (H. Doc. No. 108-197); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8823. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Fair Credit Reporting Act [Regulation V; Docket No. R-1187] received June 23, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8824. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Health Care Continuation Coverage, Correction (RIN: 1210-AA60) received June 24, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8825. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State,