

“Don’t forget the college voter. They are often the most spirited, live most densely around others and are most able to attract support. We are concerned that we just want the best for our country. Thank you, Representative MEEK and RYAN. If there is any way to get involved in the election process or any literature, please let me know.” Signed Dan.

We also have one here, “I am a 40-something conservative Republican, who watches you and I, which is interesting, is it not? A 40-something.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Some demographic.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. “Thank you both for speaking honestly and not being mean-spirited in the talk about our President and other Republicans. The growth of Federal spending also concerns me. I agree in general concept with your ideas you spoke about. We all want what is best.” But a Republican concerned about Federal spending.

The one I want to end on here, “Dear Members, this is a note to ask for help in getting a state of emergency declared for the unemployed.” State of emergency. He is a union member. “Talented trades and craft union people are proud, hard-working, well-trained people who seem to always have work. Things have really slowed all over the country or gone to low paying, no benefit, nonunion contractors. We serve 4 to 5 year apprenticeships to learn our jobs properly as well as yearly updates to stay current, and we don’t need to retrain.” He says, and this is interesting, “I wish you would look into this matter, as time is crucial. We need your support right now. We union folk are in great numbers and a little help from you could mean a lot.”

These are people that are out struggling. And the CEO of Aetna, and I do not know if you saw this quote, the CEO of Aetna said, “We are pretty sure that the jobs that are going to be created will not have health care benefits associated with them.”

So talk about two Americas. I mean, literally, you are going to have millions and millions more than we have now of people who are going to be without health care. There is not a bigger stress that you could have as a parent than thinking, I cannot take my kid to the clinic, I cannot take my kid to the doctor, to the hospital, because I cannot afford it, and then when you do go, you go to the emergency room. That is no way.

I think we do have universal health care in this country, but it is just administered through the emergency rooms, and that is the worst way to do it, it is the most inefficient way to do it, and it is the most costly way to do it. Instead of providing the prevention up front, which would save everybody money in the long run, we wait. Instead of going to the doctor with a cold, you go to the emergency room with pneumonia, and it costs the tax-

payers a lot more money. It just is a bad way to administer. So, 30somethingdems@mail.house.gov, wrapping up another edition.

I want to say hello to my cousins that are in town, actually aunt and uncle, Jimmy and Tammy Schick, who are here, who took me out to dinner tonight, it was very nice, my wife Julie’s aunt and uncle.

So, that is it.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. There is nothing like family. Nothing like family.

I say to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN), it was an outstanding pleasure once again. God has made it able for us to come back again to be able to speak to the American people and Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, we appreciate the opportunity to address the American people and Members of the House tonight.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

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

Mr. ENGEL (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. HINCHEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of an injury.

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and July 7 and 8 on account of official business.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and July 7 on account of personal reasons.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

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

Ms. SOLIS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

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

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. COLE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ISAKSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, July 7, 8, and 9.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, July 7 and 8.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today and July 8.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PENCE, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2507. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, to reauthorize child nutrition programs, and for other purposes.

#### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on July 1, 2004, he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 4103. To extend and modify the trade benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o’clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 7, 2004, 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:

872. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General and the classified annex for the period October 1, 2003 — March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Armed Services.

873. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-460, “National Capital Revitalization Corporation Eminent Domain