

put their kids through college, now having to really work hard to help their children or grandchildren make it in this America. And so it is important that we bring issue to that.

It is also important to let people know that we have ideas, not only concerns but ideas. And we present that every week, at least two proposals that our colleagues have put forth or we have put forth to be able to strengthen America. So it is important that we continue on this track. I want to thank the gentleman and other members of the 30-Something Working Group for doing what they do.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN).

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I think he is exactly right. We have got to step up and pose the vision, an alternative to what is going on here. Give us an e-mail: 30somethingdems@mail.house.gov. Send us an e-mail and we will possibly read it here. We have brought in a lot of e-mail the last few weeks. We have been swamped with e-mail the last few weeks.

So I thank the gentleman for yielding, and we will be back again next week.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, once again I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) for his comments, and, like I said, everyone in the 30-Something Working Group, we would like to thank not only the Democratic leader but the Democratic leadership for allowing us to be here once again. And it was an honor to address the House, Mr. Speaker.

#### 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 medical reasons.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 4:00 p.m.

Mr. KUCINICH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 3:00 p.m. in order to save jobs at NASA Glenn and DFAS.

Mr. POMEROY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and June 23 on account of official business.

Mr. RANGEL (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of attending the memorial service for the late Hon. Jake J.J. Pickle of Texas.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of attending the funeral of the late Hon. Jake Pickle of Texas.

Mr. BONNER (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of business in his district.

Mr. LATOURETTE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today from 4:00 p.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m. on June 23 on account of a BRAC hearing.

Mr. NEY (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. OXLEY (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of business in Ohio.

Mr. SMITH of Texas (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending the funeral of the Hon. J.J. "Jake" Pickle.

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

Mr. REYES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, June 23.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, June 29.

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

Mr. TERRY, for 5 minutes, June 23.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, June 23.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 23, 2005, 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:

2429. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Energy, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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2431. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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2443. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

#### 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 on Appropriations. Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006 (Rept. 109-145). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. NEY: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 1316. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to repeal the limit on the aggregate amount of campaign contributions that may be made by individuals during an election cycle, to repeal the limit on the amount of expenditures political parties may make on behalf of their candidates in general elections for Federal office, to allow State and local parties to make certain expenditures using nonfederal funds, to restore certain rights to exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 109-146). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.