

to us than a butterfly has to a caterpillar. I don't know whether to cry or rejoice, but I do know that our best minds in philosophy, science, ethics and even theology ought to be focused on this issue.

## ENDNOTES

1. I gave my first speech on the House floor regarding engineered intelligence on May 17, 2000. For speech go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/r106query.html> on page H 3306.

2. On April 9, 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Science, held a hearing titled *The Societal Implications of Nanotechnology*. The transcript is available at [http://commdocs.house.gov/committees/science/hsy86340.000/hsy86340\\_of.htm](http://commdocs.house.gov/committees/science/hsy86340.000/hsy86340_of.htm)

3. A test to determine whether computers are able to demonstrate intelligence matching a human's. In particular, a human sends text-only messages to communicate with both a computer and another human located in a different room. If the human sending the messages cannot determine if the response messages are composed by the computer or by the human, then the computer has passed the Turing Test. It should also be noted that one route to developing a computer with human intelligence is by reverse engineering the human brain perhaps using nanobots.

4. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

5. While I realize that supercomputers may not use chips with silicon substrate, I still prefer to call computer chips "silicon".

6. This issue is discussed in "Brave New World War" by Jamie Metzl. Published in Issue 8, Spring 2008, *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*.

7. Oliver Wendell Holmes. "Law and the Court," speech at the Harvard Law School Association of New York, 15 February 1913.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 2 p.m.

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Eternal light, Who brightens our day, here in America You find a nation of compassion. We believe that You will measure us as a free society on how we treat the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Each day citizens across America answer the universal call to feed the hungry, comfort the sick, and care for the infirm.

May all citizens in this vast pluralistic society strengthen their resolve to contribute ever more responsibly to the life of this Nation, prove themselves proud of its goodness and generosity, and so reflect Your glory now and forever. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## CELEBRATING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL

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

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to join in those sponsoring H. Con. Res. 322, celebrating the 60th anniversary of Israel's independence.

On May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel; and just minutes later in the White House, President Harry Truman signed the order so the U.S. would also recognize this new Jewish State of Israel.

Since then, the U.S. has had a close and special relationship with the State of Israel, shared democratic values and common strategic interests with the people of Israel and the United States.

The people of Israel have fought costs of war, have fought terrorism, and diplomatic and economic boycotts, and still they remain committed to peace and security in their country and the region.

I have had the privilege to visit the country twice and witness the strength and resilience of the people of Israel. They are committed to freedom of speech and freedom of religion. In this thriving democracy, we need to continue that support and the commitment to the peace process, and I congratulate Israel on the 60th anniversary of their independence.

## FISA

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

Mr. PITTS. Today marks the 66th day since this House allowed the Protect America Act that affects foreign intelligence surveillance to expire. For over 2 months now, we have needlessly hampered our intelligence agencies' ability to conduct surveillance on foreign terrorists because some in this Chamber would rather allow the trial lawyers to have an opportunity to sue telecommunications companies that assisted the government following the September 11 terrorist attack in some

50 frivolous lawsuits in the San Francisco courts.

Sixty-six days have passed while the House considers bills such as the Beach Protection Act, National Landscape Conservation System Act, Arts Require Timely Service Act, and the National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act. This body is failing in its responsibility to protect the American people by continuing to delay passage of a foreign intelligence surveillance bill that will provide our intelligence community with the tools they need to listen in on international phone calls from terrorists plotting to attack the United States.

No matter what my friends on the other side of the aisle say, this is an urgent matter.

## WE NEED LEADERSHIP

(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, the Democrat majority in this House has said they have a plan to lower gas prices and help make America more energy independent. Since January 2007, we have seen no plan but we have seen the price of gas go up over \$1 per gallon.

Our outdated domestic refinery capacity, our dependence on foreign oil, and a growing global demand for oil are responsible for the increase in oil prices. So we need to target those issues. We need to build more refineries in the United States, promote all alternative energy sources, and tap unexplored oil and natural gas reserves, including ANWR. This majority wants to target the American taxpayer and raise taxes on American companies.

We need to stop turning our backs on the resources we have here at home and start reinvigorating our energy infrastructure. We need to start investing in American ingenuity and alternative fuels and stop trying to tax our way to energy independence while blaming American companies.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

## SAN JACINTO DAY

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, April 21 is known as San Jacinto Day in Texas. In 1836, Texas was in a fight for independence from the dictator of Mexico, Santa Anna. On March 6, 1836, 186 volunteers from all races had fought and died at the Alamo trying to hold off the massive invading armies of Santa Anna. Meanwhile, General Sam Houston was forming an army of Texans and Tejanos—Tejanos were Texans of Mexican descent—to stand and fight the three invading armies of Mexico.

Finally, on the swampy, marshy plains of southeast Texas where the San Jacinto River meets Buffalo Bayou, General Sam and the boys took a stand. In broad daylight in midafternoon on April 21, 1836, the volunteers for Texas freedom charged a Mexican army over twice their number. This fierce bunch of frontiersmen from all the States overwhelmingly defeated the invaders.

In 18 minutes, Texas had won independence and the largest amount of land in North American history changed hands because of a single battle.

Texas remained a free and independent republic for 9 years, electing General Sam as its first president. Then Texas was admitted to the U.S. by just one vote. And the rest, as they say, is Texas history.

And that's just the way it is.

**HONORING ISRAEL ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

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

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today also to honor the state of Israel which will celebrate its 60th anniversary in May. The relationship between the United States and Israel is indeed a special one. Israel has been our close friend and ally through the Cold War and now in the global war on terror. It is a relationship that will continue to strengthen in the years to come.

Even after 60 years, Israel continues to fight for its very survival against relentless attacks by Hamas and Hezbollah and other terrorist groups. The United States and Israel must always stand in complete solidarity against those nations and groups that seek to destroy Israel. We have stood together against anti-Semitism for the last 60 years, and we will continue to do so for many years to come.

I congratulate the Israeli government and the Israeli people on their special day. May God continue to bless the very close American relationship with Israel not only in this special year, but for all eternity.

**OIL HITS \$118 A BARREL**

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, oil has hit \$118 a barrel. Gas is \$3.50 to \$4 a gallon. Fox News this morning said some experts say it will be \$5 a gallon by later this summer.

Most environmental radicals and extremists seem to come from very wealthy or very upper-income families. They want gas to go even higher so people will drive less. Perhaps the wealthy leaders of the Sierra Club and some of these other environmental

groups aren't being hurt, but they are really hurting the poor and the lower income and the working people of this country.

We don't need to produce all of our oil here domestically, but if we would just start producing a little bit more, then some of the OPEC countries and foreign energy producers would hold their prices down. We need to not let this country be sent into a deeper recession by environmental extremists and radicals.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 18, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 18, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 1195.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Clerk of the House.

**RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 9, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, I am hereby resigning my position as the United States Representative for the 4th District of Maryland effective 11:59 p.m. EST, May 31, 2008.

I have chosen that date because it allows me the necessary time to complete several ongoing projects and allows Governor O'Malley sufficient time to call a special election to fill the remainder of my term and maintain the super delegate seat at this year's Democratic Convention.

It has been my honor to serve the constituents of the 4th Congressional District for the past 16 years. I will do everything in my power to assist my successor with the transition.

Sincerely,

ALBERT R. WYNN,  
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 9, 2008.

Hon. MARTIN O'MALLEY,  
Governor, State of Maryland, Maryland State House, State Circle, Annapolis, MD.

DEAR GOVERNOR O'MALLEY, I am hereby resigning my position as the United States Representative for the 4th District of Maryland effective 11:59 p.m. EST, May 31, 2008.

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Sincerely,

ALBERT R. WYNN,  
Member of Congress.

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN A. BOEHNER, REPUBLICAN LEADER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 17, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, U.S. Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to Section 605(a) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110-161), I am pleased to appoint Dr. David Schonfeld of Glendale, Ohio and Mr. Lawrence E. Tan of Newark, Delaware to the Commission on Children and Disasters.

Both Dr. Schonfeld and Mr. Lawrence Tan have expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill their requests.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
Republican Leader.

**COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT LIAISON, THE HONORABLE TODD TIAHRT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jill Craven, District Liaison, the Honorable TODD TIAHRT, Member of Congress:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 15, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a preliminary hearing subpoena for testimony issued by the Court of the Eighteenth Judicial District of Kansas.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

JILL CRAVEN.

**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