Mr. POLIS. I would just say that let us hope that next year we are celebrating an anniversary of the end of the Iraq War and not the seventh anniversary of this unjust war in the wrong place.

Mr. ELLISON. Let me join with you in that hope and in that wish. I think I can speak for the members of the Progressive Caucus, Mr. Speaker, when I say that we will be working hard to make that dream a reality.

I also want to point out that there have been a great many Americans, I'm sure Minnesotans and I'm sure Coloradans as well, who have been calling for, working for, pushing for America to assert its soft power in the world and to help make peace in this world and be a source of peace in this world.

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You can bet there is a committed group of Americans who are in the United States Congress who are people who call themselves the Progressive Caucus, and you can find out what we are doing on this Web site, it's cpc.grijalva.house.gov. We are going to be here giving this progressive message every week, and we are the Progressive Caucus.

As I wrap it up, and I just want to thank you for joining me tonight, we are going to be here week in, week out, through rain, shine, winter, summer, talking about a progressive message, a progressive message for America, for the world.

Congressman POLIS, let me thank you again for joining me tonight.

I yield back.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of an event in district with the President.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal 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 Ms. LEE of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. REYES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GRAYSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COHEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, March 26.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, March 26.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, March 23, 24, 25 and 26.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mrs. BACHMANN, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1541. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on March 18, 2009 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 1127. To extend certain immigration programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 23, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

947. A letter from the Director, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's nineteenth annual report for the Pentagon Renovation and Construction Program Office (PENREN), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2674; to the Committee on Armed Services.

948. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the need for and feasibility of a mental health scholarship program, pursuant to Section 1117 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); to the Committee on Armed Services.

949. A letter from the Chairman, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's 2008 report on the Military Retirement Fund (MRF), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 183; to the Committee on Armed Services.

950. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification of the Department's decision to conduct a streamlined A-76 competition of the administrative management and correspondence services function performed by six military personnel at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma; to the Committee on Armed Services.

951. A letter from the Chair, Congressional Oversight Panel, transmitting the Panel's monthly report pursuant to Section 125(b) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Pub. L. 110-343; to the Committee on Financial Services.

952. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, ''Implementation Report: Energy Conservation Standards Activities,'' pursuant to Section 141 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

953. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting correspondence from Senate Secretary Emma Lirio-Reyes of the Republic of the Philippines; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

954. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on all data mining activities, pursuant to Section 804 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

955. A letter from the Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union, transmitting proceedings of the Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organization, which was held jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the European Parliament in Geneva on September 11 through September 12, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

956. A letter from the Acting Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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