

developing nation. Fifty times per capita. This is an extraordinary amount of money for one country.

Frankly, this is not the only country that presents us problems. Yemen is a potential terrorist site. The Sudan is a potential terrorist site. Somalia is a potential terrorist site. Afghanistan, we are doing lip service to and frankly it is too little in my opinion for Afghanistan given what is going on there with the Taliban perhaps restructuring. Indonesia, throughout that part of the world. We have lots of places where we need to keep stable governments.

Mr. STRICKLAND. If the gentleman will yield, we are talking about the \$87 billion that is currently under consideration. We ought not to forget, we have already appropriated for Iraq about \$65 billion. And, mark my word, this administration is going to come back here next year and they are going to ask for another \$50 billion or more. This \$87 billion is just part of what they are asking for. And every dollar of that \$87 billion is going to come out of Social Security and Medicare trust fund moneys. It is going to be added to our debt. Our children are going to be responsible for paying it off. And in the meantime we are nickel and diming our veterans as we said earlier. All they need is \$1.8 billion to increase their health care budget to bring it up to where we can take care of the veterans in a reasonable, defensible manner. They are not willing to spend an additional \$1.8 billion on our veterans. Think about that. Hear that, people. They are not willing to spend 1.8 billion additional dollars on our veterans, and they are asking for \$87 billion for Iraq. It in my judgment it is shameful. Shameful. And this is one of the things we ought to be talking about tomorrow when this bill comes to the floor for our consideration.

Mr. INSLEE. The gentleman just provoked a thought. You think about who is really paying for this in financial terms. The soldiers are paying for it with their lives. But in financial terms, it is our young who are going to be saddled with this debt, billions of dollars of debt, and it is our older folks, including veterans, who are not going to get their health care because this President wanted to send this money to Iraq and did not pay for it. So we are hurting the two most sort of vulnerable groups in our neighborhoods, in our communities, because this plan is not a responsible plan that fulfills our mission in Iraq and our responsibilities to our future kids and our current elders. For that reason, we ought to be asking serious questions.

Mr. STRICKLAND. Could I just say in closing before I turn it over to our good leader here this evening, I am not sacrificing for this war. The President has not asked Ted Strickland to sacrifice a thing. I am getting my full salary, my full benefits. No one in this Chamber is sacrificing. And you know the President is not sacrificing. Who is

sacrificing? His wealthy contributors are not sacrificing. Halliburton is not sacrificing. The Vice President is not sacrificing. You know who is sacrificing? Our soldiers are sacrificing. Their loved ones back here who worry that they do not have protective armor so that when they are out on patrol they are not as protected as possible. They are sacrificing. And the children of this country who are being given a huge debt to pay off at some time in the future, they are the ones that are sacrificing. I do not want to hear the President talking about us being willing to sacrifice. The sacrifice ought to be shared sacrifice. We all should be sacrificing, including the wealthy among us.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Like we did in World War II and in subsequent wars that this country has had to fight. Speaking of wars, much has been talked about the war on terrorism earlier during the course of the debate but I think it is important to remember and remind the American people that after Vice President CHENEY made the statement on national TV that there possibly were some links between Saddam Hussein and September 11, the President finally came forward and stated unequivocally that there was no evidence whatsoever in supporting that link. I would also urge Democrats to seriously consider supporting the Rohrabacher amendment, a good, conservative Republican from the State of California, because he is right. It ought to be a loan, not a giveaway. Because America and America's future is riding on this. Because once we establish that as a precedent, and the gentleman from Ohio is right, they will be coming back looking for more and more and more money right out of the pockets of the American taxpayer.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

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

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of traveling on a congressional fact-finding trip to Iraq.

Mr. SAXTON (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of traveling on a congressional fact-finding trip to Iraq.

Mr. HAYWORTH (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending to family 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. STRICKLAND) to revise and

extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, October 16 and 17.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FEENEY, for 5 minutes, today and October 16.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, for 5 minutes, today and October 16.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on October 14, 2003 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2152. To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 16, 2003, at 10 a.m.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

U.S. CONGRESS,
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE,
Washington, DC, October 15, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) for proposed amendments to the Procedural Rules of the Office of Compliance was published in The Congressional Record dated September 4, 2003. The period for submission of comments announced in that NPR ended on October 6, 2003.

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Extension of Period for Comment was published in The Congressional Record dated October 2, 2003. That Notice extended the period for submission of comments announced in the NPR to and including October 20, 2003.

The Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance will hold a hearing regarding the comments which have been submitted during the comment period. The hearing will be open to the public. The hearing will take place on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in room SD-342 of the Dirksen Office Building. Individuals or organizations who have submitted written comments during the comment period may supplement those comments by an oral presentation at the hearing. Individuals or organizations who have timely submitted comments during the comment period which ends on October 20, 2003, and who wish to make an oral presentation at the hearing, must submit a written request to William W. Thompson II, Executive Director, Office of Compliance, 110 2nd Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. on or before Friday, November 14, 2003. Oral presentations are limited to 20 minutes per commenter, unless extended by the Board.

We request that this Notice of Hearing be published in the Congressional Record. Any inquiries regarding this Notice should be addressed to the Office of Compliance at the above address, or by telephone: 202-724-9250, TTY 202-426-1665.

Sincerely,

SUSAN S. ROBFOGEL,
Chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4752. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Part 1778 — Emergency and Imminent Community Water Assistance Grants — received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4753. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4754. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-162, "Freeze of Within-Grade Salary Increase Repeal Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4755. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-161, "Domestic Violence Protection Orders Technical Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4756. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-160, "Board of Veterinary Examiners Temporary Amendment Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4757. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-159, "Food Regulation Temporary Amendment Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4758. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-158, "American College of Cariology Foundation Real Property Tax Exemption Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4759. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-157, "Tax Abatement for New Residential Developments Definition Clarification Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4760. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-156, "Revised Closing or a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 209, S.O. 02-1019, Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4761. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-155, "Cooperative Purchasing Agreements Amendment Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4762. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-180, "Suspension of Purchase Authority in the District of Columbia Government Purchase Card Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4763. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-168, "Presidential Primary Petition Waiver and Democratic State Committee Elections Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4764. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-178, "Veterans of Foreign Wars Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4765. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-167, "Health Care Privatization Rulemaking Temporary Amendment Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4766. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-179, "Office of Property Management Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4767. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-177, "Retail Incentive Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4768. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-166, "Unified Communications Center Lease Agreement Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4769. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-176, "Eastern Market Temporary Amendment Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4770. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-165, "Comprehensive

Housing Strategy Temporary Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4771. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-175, "Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation Merger Review Amendment Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4772. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-164, "Make a Difference Amendment Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4773. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-163, "Superior Court of the District of Columbia Master Jury List Project Clarification Act of 2003," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4774. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "Audit of the Public Service Commission Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 2002," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4775. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2008; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4776. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's FY 2003-2008 Strategic Plan, as required by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4777. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled "Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to Revised Revenue Estimates Through the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2003"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4778. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Proposed Revenue Procedure Regarding Home-Care Service Procedures — received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4779. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Michael and Nancy B. McNamara v. Commissioner 236 F. 3d 410 (8th Cir. 2000), rem'g, McNamara v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 1999-333; [T.C. Dkt. Nos. 7537-98 (McNamara)]; Hennen v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 1999-306 [T.C. Dkt. Nos. 7535-98 (Hennen)]; Bot v Commissioner, T.C. Memo 1999-256 [T.C. Dkt. Nos. 7970-98 (Bot)] received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4780. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Disallowance of Certain Entertainment, Etc., Expenses (Rev. Rul. 2003-109) received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4781. A letter from the SSA Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Evidence Requirements for Assignment of Social Security Numbers (SSNs); Assignment of SSNs for Nonwork Purposes [Regulation No. 22] (RIN: 0960-AF05) received October 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4782. A letter from the Chair, Office of Compliance, transmitting a Notice of Hearing for publication in the Congressional