

Mr. ALLEN. On car loans and home mortgages and on business loans. That is number one. And because it means higher interest rates in the long run, it means slower economic growth, slower economic growth than we would have with more responsible policies. What does slower economic growth yield? Fewer jobs. Fewer jobs for the American people.

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So we have higher interest rates, slower economic growth, fewer jobs.

It is hard to believe the people who care about America would do what the Republican majority is doing to the American people through these budgets. They have fed the wealthiest people with tax cuts, the largest tax cuts in American history, and they are taking from the middle class opportunities for education and job training and advancement that ought to be part of what this country means.

I think it is embarrassing, it is a shameful activity, and it clearly is the worst fiscal irresponsibility that I can remember in the last 100 years.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman has just examined one of the reasons that this deficit, these deficits which are structural deficits built into the budget, not cyclical and resulting from the economy, but structural, will not go away of their own accord, will not self-resolve but will be with us on and on and on until we take significant action.

The sad part about it is the budget resolution that comes to the floor tomorrow will not take significant action. We will have a budget that appears, but we will not have a plan to reduce the deficit, and we will not have any prospect of reducing the deficit, not under this budget. We will just kick the can down the road and leave it to the next Congress.

I thank all of the gentleman here for participating tonight.

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

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTIERREZ, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ISRAEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, May 4.

Mr. CONAWAY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DENT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McHENRY, for 5 minutes, April 28 and May 3 and 4.

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, May 4.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. FILNER and to include extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$1,807.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 28, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1734. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Control Volatile Organic Compound Emissions [R06-OAR-2005-TX-0008; FRL-7890-4] received April 21, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1735. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Post 1996 Rate-of-Progress Plan, Adjustments to the 1990 Base Year Emissions Inventory, and Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Dallas/Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Area [TX-107-1-7496; FRL-7890-1] received April 21, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1736. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—South Carolina: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7889-8] received April 21, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1737. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revision of December 2000 Regulatory Finding on the Emissions of Hazardous Air Pollutants from Electric Utility Steam Generating Units and the Removal of

Coal- and Oil-fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units from the Section 112(c) List [OAR-2002-0056; FRL-7887-7] (RIN: 2060-AM96) received April 21, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1738. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Standards of Performance for New and Existing Stationary Sources: Electronic Utility Steam Generating Units [OAR-2002-0056; FRL-7888-1] (RIN: 2060-AJ65) received April 21, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1739. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Reporting Requirement for Changes in Status For Public Utilities With Market-Based Rate Authority [Docket No. RM04-14-000; Order No. 652] received March 11, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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. NEY: Committee on House Administration. House Resolution 239. Resolution dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Tennessee (Rept. 109-57). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. House Resolution 170. Resolution of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives respecting a claim made by the President on February 16, 2005, at a meeting Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that there is not a Social Security Trust; adversely (Rept. 109-58) Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 241. Resolution providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 240) amending the rules of the House of Representatives to reinstate certain provisions of the rules relating to procedures of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to the form in which those provisions existed at the close of the 108th Congress. (Rept. 109-59) Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. PUTNAM: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 242. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. (Rept. 109-60) Referred to the House Calendar.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 742. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the award of attorneys' fees and costs to small employers when such employers prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; referred to the Committee on Judiciary for a period ending not later than May 6, 2005, for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(1), rule X (Rept. 109-61, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.