

percent. So the top 5 percent of individuals in our Nation pay over 50 percent of the taxes.

Mr. Speaker, I think that probably really shows, one, the facts and the truth, but it also makes it so that the argument that the other side brings forth over and over and over about the class warfare just is so destructive, and it is not even true. It is not even true.

So the foundation of their argument does not even hold any water. And that tall bar over there, Mr. Speaker, that is the top 50 percent, and in fact the top 50 percent pay about 96 percent of the taxes.

The hard-working Americans taxpayers, hard-working American taxpayers. But this is a very progressive scale. And it is important that we appreciate that. It is also important that we remember that. It is important that we talk about it, because when you try to define these issues as they relate to taxes in terms of class warfare, it does not help.

It is not a positive solution. It does not bring us together as a people. We have so many challenges out there, Mr. Speaker, they are not Republican challenges, they are not Democrat challenges, they are American challenges. And we do best when we work together.

I encourage my friends on both sides of the aisle to make certain that we do indeed talk about facts, talk about truth, try to make certain that we work together as we move through the remarkable challenges that are present in our Nation today.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be able to come tonight and bring that positive information about the economy, positive information about where we are going as a Nation, and as a United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, we live in a wondrous and a remarkable Nation, a Nation that remains the land of opportunity for all who are here. It is indeed a beacon of hope and a vessel of liberty to men and women around the world. It is such a privilege for me to have the opportunity to come tonight and to share that kind of positive information with not just Members of this body, but with you, Mr. Speaker, and with the men and women around the Nation.

So I thank you and the leadership so very much for the opportunity to be with you tonight.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today until 6:00 p.m. on account of weather delays.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business in the district.

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. LEVIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONAWAY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHOCOLA, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

Mr. LEVIN, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$1,774.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), the House adjourned until today, Wednesday, June 28, 2006, 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:

8292. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — States Approved to Receive Stallions and Mares From CEM-Affected Regions; Indiana [Docket No. APHIS-2006-0020] received May 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8293. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Bacillus myocides isolate J; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0303; FRL-8072-3] received June 9, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8294. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request

for FY 2007 budget amendments for International Assistance Programs; (H. Doc. No. 109-119); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8295. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Nunn-McCurdy Unit Cost (NMUC) thresholds for the listed Army Major Defense Acquisition Programs' unit cost metrics have been breached, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8296. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on recommendations in the National Research Council assessment of the Department's Basic Research, pursuant to Public Law 109-163; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8297. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of the "Annual Report on the Department of Defense Mentor-Protege Program" for FY 2005, pursuant to Public Law 101-510, section 831; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8298. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General George P. Taylor, Jr., United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8299. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of the Department of Defense (DoD) Chemical and Biological Defense Program (CBDP) Annual Report to Congress, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1523; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8300. A letter from the Acting Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8301. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners (RIN: 1219-AB29) received June 7, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8302. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Annual Report on Federal Government Energy Management and Conservation Programs during Fiscal Year 2004, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6361(c); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8303. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2005 Performance Report to Congress required by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act (MDUFMA); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8304. 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; Indiana [EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0004; FRL-8176-4] received June 9, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8305. 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; Maryland; Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter [EPA-