

Berkeley don't seem to understand so well, Mr. Speaker.

I want to make sure that went into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, but overall is this, we need to grow the size of the energy pie. We need to drill in ANWR because that's our oil, and there's no better place it could be. We need to go to the Outer Continental Shelf and drill the Outer Continental Shelf where we have 406 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. And that natural gas, by the way, is 90 percent of the feedstock that's required, 90 percent of the overall cost to produce nitrogen, which is the fertilizer foundation for the food we eat. We should not be dependent upon the Venezuelans or the Russians for their fertilizer that would essentially slow down or potentially control the food in the world.

We should pass a fair tax so that we can take our tax off of all production and put it on consumption. And we should not do class envy things like a temporary patch for this alternative minimum tax that turns it into a permanent tax increase of \$82.5 billion. We should not pay for temporary tax cuts with permanent tax increases.

We should not be subsidizing health insurance for kids and families that are making \$103,000 a year or more. We should be rewarding those that work better than those that don't so we can maintain this vitality of American exceptionalism.

And we should be downright grateful that we have had in the past, but not today, a logical immigration policy that was designed to enhance the economic, the social, and the cultural well-being of the United States of America and reached out across the world, and from every country, from every civilization, we received the cream of the crop. The people that came here had to overcome burdens and hurdles and difficulties to get here. That meant they had to have a dream. They had to have a dream that sometimes they sold themselves into servitude to come here and maybe for 7 years they worked to pay off their passage into the United States.

I have a great-great-grandfather, multiple greats back, that did that and landed in Baltimore as an indentured servant. But the people that had a dream found a way to come here, and those that sorted themselves out from their societies, and maybe it was for religious freedom and maybe it was for economic freedom, and hopefully it was for both, they came here and established a culture that's a Judeo-Christian Western civilization culture that recognizes that this is a great country that protects individuals' rights.

And we have, because we've skimmed the cream off of the Nations in the world and brought their vitality here and because we have the rights that are identified in the Bill of Rights and in our Constitution, because we have a Judeo-Christian Western civilization, Protestant work ethic culture that the Catholics have done a great job of

jumping on board with and a number of other denominations as well, we have this vitality here that makes us the unchallenged greatest Nation in the world.

And it's our duty, Mr. Speaker, to preserve and protect and promote that great blessing that we have inherited here. That's our duty on the floor of this Congress. That's what should come to the floor as the policy unfolds, not class envy but lifting each of us up and keeping faith with God and with our Founders.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the privilege to address you and the floor of the House.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. JONES of Ohio) at 4 p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today from noon to 2 p.m.

Mr. HOBSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of official business.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

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:)

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, November 16.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, November 16.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. 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. 3222. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection. Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 10:30 a.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:

4067. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Maryland [Docket No. APHIS-2007-0028] received October 9, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4068. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Strategic Materials Protection Board's report from its July 17 meeting, pursuant to Public Law 109-364, section 843; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4069. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received October 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4070. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE [Docket ID FEMA-2007-0003] (RIN: 1660-AA00) received November 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4071. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — FLOOD MITIGATION GRANTS AND HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING [Docket ID FEMA-2006-0010] (RIN: 1660-AA36) received November 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4072. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — HUD Office of Hearings and Appeals Conforming Amendments; and Technical Correction to Part 15 Regulations [Docket No. FR-5137-F-01] (RIN: 2501-AD32) received October 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4073. A letter from the Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final

rule — Sealing of Abandoned Areas (RIN: 1219-AB52) received October 9, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

4074. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 11958, Transmittal No. 11-07 informing of an intent to sign a Project Arrangement Number Four Concerning an Apache Attack Helicopter Canopy Removal System Replacement Detention Cord with the Government of Great Britain, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4075. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 11958, Transmittal No. 10-07 informing of an intent to sign the Wideband Global Satellite Communications Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and Australia, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4076. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4077. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Iran originally declared on November 14, 1979, by Executive Order 12170, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 110-75); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4078. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report concerning efforts made by the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies to employ an adequate number of Americans during 2006, pursuant to Public Law 102-138, section 181; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4079. 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; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4080. A letter from the Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's notification of the intention to obligate additional funds to Armenia under the Cooperative Threat Reduction Biological Threat Reduction-FSU Program Area, pursuant to Public Law 104-106, section 1205; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4081. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4082. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-20; Small Entity Compliance Guide [Docket FAR-2007-002; Sequence 5] received October 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4083. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2006-029, Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) — Reporting Requirement of Subcontractor Award Data [FAC 2005-20; FAR Case 2006-029; Docket 2007-0001; Sequence 5] (RIN: 9000-AK72) received October 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4084. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-20; Introduction [Docket FAR-2007-002, Sequence 5] received October 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4085. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's commercial activities inventory for FY 2007, as required under the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4086. A letter from the Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting the Agency's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, Pub. L. 103-62; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4087. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Montana Regulatory Program [MT-025-FOR] received October 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4088. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Piperia yadonii* (Yadon's piperia) (RIN: 1018-AU34) received October 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4089. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting As required by Section 417(b) of the USA Patriot Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-56), the annual report on the status of the implementation of machine-readable passports (MRPs) in countries participating in the Visa Waiver Program (VWP); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4090. A letter from the Director, Congress Watch Division, Public Citizen, transmitting the Public Citizen's report entitled, "The Arbitration Trap: How Credit Card Companies Ensnare Consumers"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. KILDEE: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 1429. A bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-439). Ordered to be printed.

Ms. CASTOR: Committee of Rules. House Resolution 813. Resolution providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality,

to expand access, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-440). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3915. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-441). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3887. Referral to the Committee on the Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than November 20, 2007.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. CAMP of Michigan, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GORDON, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KUHLMAN of New York, Mr. HAYES, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. SALI, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. SOUDER):

H.R. 4130. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. RICHARDSON (for herself, Ms. WATSON, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FARR, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LEE, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WYNN, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WATT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 4131. A bill to designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. ROSKAM, and Mrs. BIGGERT):

H.R. 4132. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion of