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Let me end by quoting the famous songster, Kenny Rogers, the Gambler, because it seems like an appropriate way to wrap up this discussion. "You got to know when to hold them, you got to know when to fold them; know when to walk away and know when to run."

Let's hope the other body walks away from this risky democratic scheme so we can keep Americans from having to pick up the marker for the House's irresponsible gambling habit.

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

Mr. YARMUTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WATT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, March 13.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, March 13.

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

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUHL of New York, for 5 minutes, March 13.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 10, 2008, 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:

5643. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for fiscal year 2007, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5644. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for fiscal year 2007, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5645. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the March 2008 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2291(b)(2); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5646. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting a copy of the Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States, September 18, 2007, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 331; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5647. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's report on the activities of the Community Relations Service (CRS) for Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2000g-3; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5648. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's report on the use of exemption from antitrust laws provided by Section 405 of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, Pub. L. 109-417; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5649. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Little League Baseball, transmitting the Annual Report of Little League Baseball, Incorporated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1084(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5650. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting a copy of a draft bill to amend subsection (e)(1) of Section 210 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, or SAFETEA-LU, to allow a State to use funds from a grant under Section 210 to promote the use of motorcycle helmets; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### 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. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1312. A bill to expedite adjudication of employer petitions for aliens of extraordinary artistic ability; with an amendment (Rept. 110-540). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. DICKS):

H.R. 5541. A bill to provide a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. BOREN, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BONNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

H.R. 5542. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a temporary moratorium on enforcement of the

cap amount on payments for hospice care under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Ms. BERKLEY):

H.R. 5543. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to increase the retirement security of women and small business owners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself and Mr. STUPAK):

H.R. 5544. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration project for integrated health systems to expand access to primary and preventive care for the medically underserved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 5545. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify Medicare physician reimbursement policies to ensure a future physician workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. CANNON, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. WEINER, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 5546. A bill to amend the antitrust laws to ensure competitive market-based rates and terms for merchants' access to electronic payment systems; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. MICHAUD):

H.R. 5547. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that the mission and functions of Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators include keeping energy costs as low as reasonably possible for consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 5548. A bill to provide for the continued availability of automated stamp vending machines at facilities of the United States Postal Service serving underserved communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 5549. A bill to expand the dental workforce and improve dental access, prevention, and data reporting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently