

for electricity. In 1880, this country had 50 million people in it: 9.5 million families, 8.5 million households. In that 50-year period of time, 6 million windmills. They were smarter than us because we've become dependent on the combustion engine. We've become dependent on foreign sources for our crude oil.

It is time that we take a serious look at all the alternatives, including wind and solar, including nuclear. I'm not sure I'd like to say this. T. Boone Pickens is one of those guys, Mr. Speaker, that helped fund Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. When that guy comes to the Democrat Caucus and says you are on the right track, a staunch Republican, it tells me we are doing something right.

I would love to spend about 20 minutes here.

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Mr. ROSS. I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for coming out and joining us this evening.

Mr. Speaker, tonight, you've heard from Democrats from Texas, Ohio, Mississippi, California, Tennessee, Georgia, and yes, Arkansas. They are Democrats who share a common vision, a common plan to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, to create new jobs here at home, to drill here at home, to take the lease and royalty payments to invest in alternative and renewable fuels which will create new jobs here at home, all of which, of course, will lower the price we pay at the pump.

We invite Republicans to join us. It's H.R. 5437, the American-Made Energy Act. It's a bipartisan bill. I hope Republicans will support it as well as they will support these other bills mentioned this evening.

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROSS. I would yield to the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. One last word.

This issue demands and requires leadership probably more than any other issue that we've addressed in this Congress, leadership on doing what's right, not fabricating an issue that we can solve it by just drilling our way out of it. It's going to take leadership to give us an energy policy that will sustain America's future.

Mr. ROSS. The gentleman from Tennessee is absolutely correct.

Mr. Speaker, we don't have a Democratic energy crisis. We don't have a Republican energy crisis. We've got an American energy crisis, and we're here asking Republicans to join us, the Democrats, in passing a bill that includes drilling here at home and in investing in alternative and renewable fuels. If the Republicans will do that, if they will come to the table and will sit down and will talk to us and with us instead of at us, I promise you, Mr. Speaker, we will pass a commonsense energy plan for America, a plan that will reduce the price we pay at the pump.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of his primary election.

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. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BISHOP of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HIGGINS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KAGEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, 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, September 16.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, September 16.

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, September 15.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today and September 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. BACHUS, for 5 minutes, today and September 10, 11 and 12.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today and September 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today and September 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, September 10.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, September 10.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 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:

8142. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting draft legislation, "To amend the Packers and Stock-

yards Act, 1921, to provide authority to collect license fees from persons participating in the Packers and Stockyards Programs, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

8143. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, Case Number 07-01, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

8144. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 08-01, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

8145. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the amount of purchases from foreign entities for Fiscal Year 2007, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 827 (110 Stat. 2611); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8146. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a report entitled, "OJJDP Annual Report 2005," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5617; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

8147. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting a report entitled, "A Preliminary Report on the Potential Impacts of Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles on the U.S. Electric System"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8148. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's semi-annual implementation report on energy conservation standards activities, pursuant to Section 141 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8149. A letter from the Chief Operating Officer, Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative and Redefining Progress, transmitting a report entitled, "A Climate of Change: African Americans, Global Warming, and a Just Climate Policy for the U.S."; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8150. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a proposed removal from the United States Munitions list of cancer drugs containing nitrogen mustards, pursuant to section 38(f) of the Arms Control Export Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8151. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-496, "Health-Care Decisions for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8152. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-494, "Tenant-Owner Voting in Conversion Election Clarification Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8153. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-495, "Department of Transportation Establishment Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8154. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-493, "Animal Protection Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C.