

That, I believe, Mr. Speaker, colored the way that they failed to completely report the entire incident that happened in that location. I believe that honorable people will see it differently if they believe someone has been shot in the altercation. I do not believe that Ramos and Compean believed that anyone had been shot, that the drug smuggler had received a bullet. I don't believe that at all. I suspect that they would have filed a complete report had they believed or even, I'll say, deeply suspected that they had hit the drug smuggler.

There was no sign of which I know that there was any blood at the scene. The drug smuggler ran back to Mexico. All of his muscles seemed to work. He healed up. Apparently, they found the bullet, and matched it up to the gun of Agent Ramos'. Those are the facts as we know them.

I'm not alone in calling for the pardon of Agents Ramos and Compean. There are many of us in Congress on both sides of the aisle who have stood with these officers and who have pointed out that the punishment is too severe and that they have paid their debt to society. Whatever was due is surely paid, Mr. Speaker.

The compassion that I ask for out of the White House in these last days is the compassion that recognizes that the President has the power. The agents have served the time.

When U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton made the statement that, when asked, would he make a recommendation to the White House for a pardon, he said this: "With regard to a pardon or a clemency, at some point, the Department of Justice will probably ask for my recommendation, and when that comes, we'll make one." That was May 18, 2007 on CNN.

Mr. Speaker, I would point out that I read to you at least six quotes from U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton. Each of those referenced the harshness of the sentence, and the word "harsh" he uses himself several times over. The punishment was too high. It was too much. I have sympathy for that. I've said it often. It's a harsh sentence.

Johnny Sutton said he disagreed with the 11- to 12-year terms the border agents received. He said again, "I've always said the punishment in this case was harsh."

Well, I'll follow that up with this response again:

"With regard to a pardon or a clemency, at some point, the Department of Justice will probably ask for my recommendation, and when that comes, we'll make one."

I'll submit that U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton has made his recommendation. He has made it many times over the national media. I've quoted him six times. There are many other quotes that reference the same thing. The punishment was too harsh. The man who led the prosecution, who succeeded in his job of seeking a conviction, has also many times over announced that it's too harsh.

We're not arguing. Those of us in this Congress and across this country are not arguing guilt or innocence, Mr. Speaker. We're arguing about a sentence that's too harsh. We're arguing that, for officers who have put their lives on the line and for officers who have no blemishes, that I know of, on their records that would be further strikes against them, this anomaly in their careers should not ruin their careers, their lives, their families. I believe that they are deserving of a pardon. There are those here who are asking now for a commutation of a sentence.

Mr. Speaker, I don't ask for the commutation. I believe that their records should be swept clean. I believe that they have served a time and that leaving it on their records does not serve a purpose. I believe they are deserving and that a just President would look in the last days and find a way to provide justice for the highest profile cases that we have in America that cry out for the sympathy of the entire Nation and of the world and for the action on the part of our compassionate, conservative President.

I have covered this territory. I would point out there are 171 pardons by President Bush. There are eight commutations of sentences by President Bush. There are several days left in the Presidency. There likely will be other pardons and commutations and, perhaps, a whole rush of them that are queued up to go.

Mr. Speaker, I pray that the pardon for Ramos and Compean is in that work stack that will be presented to the President for his signature between now and January 20 and that the counsel who is advising the President and the Department of Justice who have defended their prosecution so aggressively can understand clearly:

They've made their point. They're successful in their prosecution and in their conviction and in their sentencing. So now the point needs to be made—the point made by U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton that the sentences are too harsh. Eleven and twelve years is too long.

In these last days, I ask only one thing of our Honorable Commander in Chief, and that is to find the compassion in his heart to pardon Agents Ramos and Compean.

Mr. Speaker, I very much appreciate your indulgence and the honor to address you on the floor of the House of Representatives 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 Mrs. MALONEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, January 21.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, January 21.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today and January 15.

Mr. BOOZMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CAMPBELL, for 5 minutes, January 15.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 60. An act to prohibit the sale and counterfeiting of President inaugural tickets, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 15, 2009, 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:

77. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Farm Program Payment Limitation and Payment Eligibility for 2009 and Subsequent Crop, Program, or Fiscal Years (RIN: 0560-AH85) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

78. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia; Interstate Movement and Import Restrictions on Certain Live Fish [Docket No. APHIS-2007-0038] (RIN: 0579-AC74) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

79. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Change in Disease Status of Surrey County, England, Because of Foot-and-Mouth Disease [Docket No. APHIS-2007-0124] received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

80. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of an Antideficiency Act violation, Army case number 08-05, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

81. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a review

of the Advanced Extremely High Frequency program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433; to the Committee on Armed Services.

82. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Statutory Waiver for Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf Items [DFARS Case 2008-D009] (RIN: 0750-AG12) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

83. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Pilot Program for Transition to Follow-On Contracting After Use of Other Transaction Authority [DFARS Case 2008-D030] (RIN: 0750-AG17) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

84. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Actions Supporting Contingency Operations or Facilitating Defense Against or Recovery from Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, or Radiological Attack [DFARS Case 2008-D026] (RIN: 0750-AG19) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

85. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Separation of Senior Roles in Source Selection [DFARS Case 2008-D037] (RIN: 0750-AG21) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

86. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Security-Guard Functions [DFARS Case 2006-D050] (RIN: 0750-AF64) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

87. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Senior DoD Officials Seeking Employment with Defense Contractors [DFARS Case 2008-D007] (RIN: 0750-AG07) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

88. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Whistleblower Protections for Contractor Employees [DFARS Case 2008-D012] (RIN: 0750-AG09) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

89. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act Exemptions [DFARS Case 2007-D022] (RIN: 0750-AF97) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

90. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Steel for Military Construction Projects [DFARS Case 2008-D038] (RIN: 0750-AG16) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

91. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmit-

ting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Delegation of Authority for Single Award Task or Delivery Order Contracts [DFARS Case 2008-D017] (RIN: 0750-AG14) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

92. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Community Reinvestment Act Regulations [Docket ID OCC-2008-0024] (RIN: 1557-AD19) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

93. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Community Reinvestment Act Regulations [Docket ID OCC-2008-0024] (RIN: 1557-AD19) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

94. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Minimum Capital Ratios; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Capital: Deduction of Goodwill Net of Associated Deferred Tax Liability [Docket ID OCC-2008-0025] (RIN: 1557-AD13) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

95. A letter from the Legal Information Assistant, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Minimum Capital Ratios; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Capital: Deduction of Goodwill Net of Associated Deferred Tax Liability [Docket ID OCC-2008-0025] (RIN: 1557-AD13) received January 9, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

96. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Recordkeeping Requirements for Qualified Financial Contracts (RIN: 3064-AD30) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

97. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Verification of Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs — received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

98. A letter from the Director, Legislative & Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

99. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a speech entitled, "Building a Value-Based Health Care System"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

100. A letter from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report on new foreign policy-based export controls on certain persons in Burma designated in or pursuant to Executive Order 13464; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

101. A letter from the Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Burma: Revision of Restrictions on Exports, Reexports, and Transfers to Per-

sons Whose Property and Interests in Property Are Blocked Pursuant to Executive Orders [Docket No. 080717847-81643-01] (RIN: 0694-AE35) received January 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

102. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's strategic plan covering the period 2008 through 2013, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

103. A letter from the Assistant Administrator Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting the Agency's fiscal year 2008 financial report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

104. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Leasing of Solid Minerals Other than Coal and Oil Shale [LLW032000.L13300000.P00000.24-1A] (RIN: 1004-AD91) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

105. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary — Water and Science, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Reclamation Rural Water Supply Program (RIN: 1006-AA54) received January 9, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

106. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes to Requirements Affecting H-2B Nonimmigrants and Their Employers [CIS No. 2432-07; Docket No. USCIS-2007-0058] (RIN: 1615-AB67) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

107. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Professional Conduct for Practitioners — Rules and Procedures, and Representation and Appearances [Docket No. EOIR 160F; A.G. Order No. 3028-2008] (RIN: 1125-AA59) received January 6, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

108. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Toksook Bay, AK [Docket No. FAA-2008-0999; Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-30] received January 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

109. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, transmitting the Department's report on recreational boating on the Great Lakes, pursuant to Section 455(c) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

110. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Business Loan Program Regulations: Incorporation of London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) Base Rate and Secondary Market Pool Interest Rate Changes (RIN: 3245-AF83) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

111. A letter from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Increase in Rates Payable Under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program and Other Miscellaneous Issues (RIN: 2900-AM67) received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

112. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's annual report for fiscal year 2007 on the activities of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board, pursuant to Section 16 of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

113. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2006 annual report on the Child Support Enforcement Program, pursuant to Section 452(a) of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

114. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "Evaluation of Phase I of the Medicare Health Support Pilot Program Under Traditional Fee-for-Service Medicare: 18-Month Interim Analysis," pursuant to Section 721(b) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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. MCGOVERN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 62. Resolution providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-3). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RAHALL:

H.R. 493. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate regulations concerning the storage and disposal of matter referred to as "other wastes" in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPRATT:

H.R. 494. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to require the Secretary of Labor to certify a group of workers in a subdivision of a firm as eligible to apply for assistance under the trade adjustment assistance program if the subdivision is a seller of articles of the firm that employed a group of workers who received a certification of eligibility under such program and such sales are related to the article that was the basis for such certification; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RODRIGUEZ (for himself, Mr. TEAGUE, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. REYES):

H.R. 495. A bill to authorize additional resources to identify and eliminate illicit sources of firearms smuggled into Mexico for use by violent drug trafficking organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts,

Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ALTMIRE, and Mr. SCHAUER):

H.R. 496. A bill to amend United States trade laws to eliminate foreign barriers to exports of United States goods and services, to restore rights under trade remedy laws, to strengthen enforcement of United States intellectual property rights and health and safety laws at United States borders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Homeland Security, 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. ELLSWORTH (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 497. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for improving mine safety; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MITCHELL (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

H.R. 498. A bill to make permanent the individual income tax rates for capital gains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAVIS of Alabama (for himself and Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida):

H.R. 499. A bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. EHLERS (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. KIRK, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KILDÉE, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. UPTON, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. HIGGINS, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 500. A bill to establish a collaborative program to protect the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Science and Technology, and House Administration, 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. BACA:

H.R. 501. A bill to require that the poverty line determined for the State of Alaska be used for all the States and the District of Columbia, during a 6-month period for the purpose of carrying out the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 Mrs. BACHMANN (for herself, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. SCALISE):

H.R. 502. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve health care choice by providing for the tax deductibility of medical expenses by individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. BONO MACK, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. INGALLIS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JONES, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MITCHELL, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WATSON, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WHITFIELD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WU, and Mr. YOUNG of Florida):

H.R. 503. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 504. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover hearing aids and auditory rehabilitation services under the Medicare Program; 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. BOREN:

H.R. 505. A bill to amend section 119 of title 17, United States Code, to allow the secondary transmission to any subscriber in the State of Oklahoma of primary transmissions of local network stations in that State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 506. A bill to provide immediate fiscal relief to cities experiencing serious budget deficits by providing funds for payments to qualified local governments; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BRADY of Texas (for himself, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 507. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a temporary dividends received deduction for taxable years beginning in 2008 or 2009; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:

H.R. 508. A bill to allow a refundable credit against Federal income tax for the purchase of digital-to-analog converter boxes for taxpayers who did not use coupons; 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.