

he could hear a variety of views, make reasoned decisions, and translate those into legislative initiatives to ensure our military personnel have the best possible training, the most modern equipment and weapons systems, and the necessary resources to carry out their missions.

Some of his accomplishments include: higher Army and Marine Corps end-strength levels, increased military personnel pay, reductions in the unfair tax on veterans' disability and military retired pay, and more military retiree benefits for our troops.

It is for these reasons that President Obama tapped John McHugh to be his Secretary of the Army. In that position, John is continuing his work on behalf of the men and women of our military and their families.

Mr. LEE of New York. Mr. Speaker, while I only had a few months to serve with Secretary McHugh, I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know this great statesman.

As one of the first Members I met, he was not only gracious but mindful of how to respect this institution and make a positive contribution.

It's no surprise that Members on both sides of the aisle like and respect him. Moreover, his unparalleled dedication to serving the people of the 23rd District rightfully earned him a record of strong constituent service.

Given his commitment to fighting for our servicemembers overseas and at home, I can think of no one better suited to serve as Secretary of the Army.

I know he's greatly invested in our future in Afghanistan—especially given that Fort Drum was located in his district.

While this is certainly a loss for our New York delegation, I look forward to working with Secretary McHugh in the future to meet the needs of our military personnel and their families.

I know my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join us in wishing Secretary McHugh well and thank him for his distinguished service to this body and our Nation.

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my colleague and my friend Congressman John McHugh. I had the pleasure of serving with John McHugh both on the Armed Services Committee and on the Intelligence Committee. I have always been impressed with his dedication to his constituents and to the men and women who protect and defend our nation.

Given his role as the Chairman of the Congressional Army Caucus and his

strong support for Army programs, it is fitting that he was selected by President Obama to serve as the 21st Secretary of the United States Army. During his tenure as the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Military Personnel, he was a forceful advocate for military members and their families, and I am sure that he will continue those efforts to improve the quality of life of our nation's Army.

Congressman, now Secretary, McHugh knows better than most that our soldiers, and the families who support their service, give so much to protect the freedom and values of all Americans and that we owe them an immeasurable debt of gratitude. I am certain that he will give his all in his new role, just as he did as a Member of Congress, and I join my colleagues in wishing our friend John McHugh the best as he undertakes this new and important challenge. At this time in the Army's history, we need a leader like Secretary McHugh.

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009, AT PAGE H11869

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

The amendment to be offered by Representative VELAQUEZ, or a designee, to H.R. 3854, the Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009, does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BUYER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of the birth of his grandchild.

Ms. TSONGAS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

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.
Mr. EDWARDS of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, 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, November 4.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, November 4.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAULSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FORTENBERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WESTMORELAND, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 29, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-authorized official travel during the third quarter of 2009, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Nick J. Rahall II	8/6	8/8	Republic of Palau	668.10			(3)		2,017.69		2,685.79
Hon. Eni Faleomavaega	8/6	8/8	Republic of Palau	668.10			(3)				668.10
Hon. Madeleine Bordallo	8/6	8/8	Republic of Palau	668.10			(3)				668.10
Hon. Gregorio Sablan	8/6	8/8	Republic of Palau	668.10			(3)				668.10
Hon. Donna Christensen	8/6	8/8	Republic of Palau	668.10			(3)				668.10
Hon. Henry Brown	8/6	8/8	Republic of Palau	668.10			(3)				668.10
Brian Modeste	8/6	8/8	Republic of Palau	668.10			(3)				668.10
Jean Flemma	8/6	8/8	Republic of Palau	668.10			(3)				668.10
Bonnie Bruce	8/6	8/8	Republic of Palau	668.10			(3)				668.10

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2009—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Committee total					6,012.90				2,017.69		8,030.59

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.
³ Military air transportation.

HON. NICK J. RAHALI II, Chairman, October 20, 2009.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return.

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² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. ZOE LOFGREN, Chairwoman, October 7, 2009.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

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HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR., Chairman, October 13, 2009.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

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HON. ROBERT A. BRADY, Chairman, October 9, 2009.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4327. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0076; FRL-8794-4] received October 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4328. A letter from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the amount of purchases from foreign entities in Fiscal Year 2008. The report separately identifies the dollar value of items for which the Buy American Act was waived, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 827 (110 Stat. 2611); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4329. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; DoD Inspector General Address (DFARS Case 2009-D001) (RIN: 0750-AG34) received October 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4330. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of an officer to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of Rear Admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4331. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement Lieutenant General Scott C. Black, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4332. A letter from the Assistant Secretary For Financial Stability, Department of the Treasury, transmitting fifth major report on the Troubled Asset Relief Program entitled "Trouble Asset Relief Program: Status of Efforts to Address Transparency and Accountability Issues"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4333. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Ireland pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4334. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Quality Designations for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0562; FRL-8969-2] (RIN: 2060-AP27) received October 13, 2009, pursuant

to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4335. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (New Orleans, Louisiana) [MB Docket No.: 09-147] received October 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4336. A letter from the Acting, Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Encryption Simplification Rule: Final [Docket No.: 080211163-9110-02] (RIN: 0694-AE18) received October 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4337. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 045-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4338. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a proposed removal from the