

that it's growing so fast we may never be able to catch it. That's a huge problem.

Now, the slides I'm showing the House tonight are not TODD ROKITA slides. They are the House Budget Committee slides. The Democrats on the House Budget Committee don't disagree with the data. There certainly is disagreement about how to fix the problem, but more and more every day, more astonishingly, I find out that many believe there is not a problem with that graph I just showed you. Here is what the Federal Government is spending its money on. I pulled out two pieces of the pie to show that that's what we vote on in terms of our budget: non-defense discretionary and defense discretionary.

We call this funding "discretionary" because we can dial it up or we can dial it down depending on our wishes and our votes here in this Congress and if the Senate agrees or doesn't. Then the President chimes in, albeit late—certainly not on time—with his budget, but it all focuses on not more than about 40 percent of our total Federal spending. The rest of it is all on autopilot. We don't get to dial it up or dial it down. I don't get to decide what the retirees in this country will get in terms of a Social Security check. I don't get to decide what services they're going to get or what fees their health care providers are going to pay for those services through Medicare. That's all decided in the underlying, substantive bills we've passed regarding those programs.

Unless we amend those programs, unless we amend that law, we will never get to what's driving most of our debt, representing about two-thirds of our Federal spending. Again, Social Security: \$768 billion per year; Medicare: \$466 billion per year; Medicaid: \$251 billion per year; the interest we owe ourselves and other countries for this debt: \$223 billion per year; other mandatory spending that I can't dial up or dial down nor can you, Mr. Speaker: \$547 billion per year—all on autopilot. Until we get to this, we will never get to reducing or to even stabilizing our debt. That's the problem.

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Some people have asked about military spending. Some people have asked about cutting it more, even though we've had drastic cuts already. Some people have asked about foreign aid spending. Some people have asked about earmark spending and wouldn't that solve the problem.

I believe that all that should be looked at, including the military. This is a Republican saying that. I believe there is tremendous waste, fraud, and abuse in our military system. I think it's immoral to have that waste, fraud, and abuse and not get every possible dollar we can to the troops.

But having said that, even if we had no military, it would only solve 20 percent of our Federal spending; and, of

course, one of our first constitutional duties is to provide for the common defense. A military is necessary. It needs to be run a lot better. And there's a lack of leadership right now amongst our military ranks. It's not leading when you come here to the Congress asking for more money for your pet projects and not doing what you can to eliminate the waste, fraud, and abuse in the military.

I know there's waste, fraud, and abuse in the military because they can't even be audited. It's not because there's a statute, Mr. Speaker, against them being audited. It's because they can't even bring themselves to an audit table to be audited. They're so big and they're so sloppy; they don't know what they spend their money on most of the time. That is wrong. That's wrong for our troops.

Regarding the social entitlement programs, regarding our health care programs, many folks come to me and say, Wait a minute, I paid into those programs. I've been paying into those programs through my paycheck all my life. Don't you dare call them "social entitlement programs." You know what? They're right. We do pay into these programs—most of us—through our working lives.

Here's another truth, and here's a more specific truth, Mr. Speaker. Look at this graph. On average, a couple who made \$71,000 or so per year through their working lives—this is about Medicare—will have paid in about 35 percent of what they're actually taking out of Medicare. And that 65 percent difference, Mr. Speaker, that comes out of our kids. That comes out of the grandchildren that don't exist yet. That's part of our national debt. That's part of the \$17 trillion and the \$100 trillion that's coming. That's what's wrong.

We are taxing the children of tomorrow who don't have any voice in this, except for mine, yours, and others who decide to stand for them. They don't have any voice in this. We're taxing them so, frankly, we can have more on our plate now. That's what's got to stop. It's got to stop with the debt ceiling that's going to come up probably for a vote this fall.

Which way will we go, Mr. Speaker? What will we do to ensure that the children of tomorrow don't have to pay for the bills of today? It will take courage. Frankly, it will take, Mr. Speaker, more than this Congress. We can't wait for Washington to do this alone. We need the help of the people; and that's why I take to the floor tonight ultimately, Mr. Speaker, to get the word out.

I know that this American family, once they know the facts, once they know the truth, they will speak that truth to power. They will demand change; they will demand to live within their means again because that's what every American generation has done before, wanting the next one to be better off. That's what Americans today want too.

I tell this to you, Mr. Speaker, and all the Members of this House, that when there's a direct conflict between the people in the here and now and the people of tomorrow—those without a voice, those who don't exist yet—that's why they don't have the voice—when there's that direct conflict in terms of a vote on an issue, on a bill, at every turn we ought to be thinking about the kids. We ought to be thinking about the grandchildren; we ought to be thinking about those who don't yet exist. And we ought to vote for them, even if it means voting against us in the here and now.

And the debt ceiling is an opportunity to do that, because if and when we raise this debt ceiling, the amount we raise it by will simply be another tax on top of a debt that we've already given them.

What are we going to get for that? If they have to pay that tax, how can we ensure through reform that these programs and other items, that by the time they become an age of majority, that they won't have to pay that kind of debt load? That's the question before us.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the time. I thank this House for the time. I thank the staff for their work, and I look forward to talking with this House again about these issues throughout the summer.

I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today and for the balance of the week on account of a minor surgery due to unforeseen medical reasons.

Mrs. WAGNER (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today and for the balance of the week on account of her son, Stephen Wagner's graduation from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, May 17, 2013, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1505. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the Department's support of the National Boy Scout Jamboree; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1506. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Native

American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Regulation [NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-11600; PPWOCRADN0-PCU00RP14.550000] (RIN: 1024-AD99) received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1507. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Recreational Closure Authority Specific to Federal Waters Off Individual States for the Recreational Red Snapper Component of the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery [Docket No.: 130213132-3132-01] (RIN: 0648-BD00) received May 7, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1508. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; False Killer Whale Take Reduction Plan [Docket No.: 110131070-2626-02] (RIN: 0648-BA30) received May 7, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1509. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Griffin, GA [Docket No.: FAA-2012-1219; Airspace Docket No. 12-ASO-43] received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1510. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; West Palm Beach, FL [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0922; Airspace Docket No. 12-ASO-38] received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1511. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Immokalee, FL [Docket No.: FAA-2012-1051; Airspace Docket No. 12-ASO-39] received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1512. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0288; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-214-AD; Amendment 39-17435; AD 2013-08-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1513. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0936; Directorate Identifier 2011-NM-269-AD; Amendment 39-17433; AD 2013-08-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1514. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2012-1073; Directorate Identifier 2012-NM-078-AD; Amendment 39-17430; AD 2013-08-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1515. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0937; Direc-

torate Identifier 2011-NM-270-AD; Amendment 39-17432; AD 2013-08-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1516. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1303; Directorate Identifier 2010-SW-049-AD; Amendment 39-17434; AD 2013-08-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1517. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0631; Directorate Identifier 2011-SW-021-AD; Amendment 39-17282; AD 2012-25-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1518. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0951; Directorate Identifier 2007-SW-52-AD; Amendment 39-17437; AD 2013-08-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. PRICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. LONG, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. JONES, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. YODER, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. HALL, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BROWN of Georgia, Mr. PERRY, Mr. MARCHANT, and Mr. COBLE):

H.R. 2009. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARR (for himself, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. STUTZMAN):

H.R. 2010. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply to Delegates and Resident Commissioners to the Congress, and to employees of committees and leadership offices of Congress, the requirement of such Act that the only health plans that the Federal Government may make available to Members of Congress and congressional staff are plans created or offered through an Exchange established under such Act; to the Committee on House Administration, 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. DELANEY (for himself and Mr. RENACCI):

H.R. 2011. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. WHITFIELD, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 2012. A bill to improve the integrity and safety of interstate horseracing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself and Mr. CHAFFETZ):

H.R. 2013. A bill to repeal the wage rate requirements commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. AMASH (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MULVANEY, and Mr. POLIS):

H.R. 2014. A bill to repeal section 2703(c)(2)(C) of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HORSFORD (for himself, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. HECK of Nevada, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 2015. A bill to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENISHEK (for himself, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. HANNA, and Ms. SINEMA):

H.R. 2016. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. VARGAS):

H.R. 2017. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to improve the operations of the Election Assistance Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. STIVERS (for himself, Mr. TIBERI, and Mrs. BEATTY):

H.R. 2018. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to identify the persons who are eligible to request headstones or markers furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HARPER (for himself, Mr. COLE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. HULTGREN, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. MESSER, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. KLINE):

H.R. 2019. A bill to eliminate taxpayer financing of presidential campaigns and party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and 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. CARTWRIGHT (for himself and Mr. ROSKAM):

H.R. 2020. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain institutions of higher education to provide notice of tuition levels for students; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.