

down with a great joy that they would be relieved of it, and they would eventually abolish it and repeal it.

Yet, to set the condition as a bar to pass the Fair Tax, it is too high a bar. It's not an impossibility, but it's an extreme difficulty, and it becomes a semantics argument rather than a practical one. So, Madam Speaker, I'll make this point:

In 30 years of making this argument, I have never run into an argument for some other tax reform that is economically superior to the national sales tax, to the Fair Tax. I have not run into that argument. I have not been in a debate where I thought that the other side made a point that I had trouble addressing economically. The only point that they can make is that, in their judgment, it's too difficult to pass politically.

Well, when you tell the American people that the IRS is going to be gone and that we're going to put those smart, good people at the IRS to work in the productive sector of the economy instead of in the burdensome sector of the economy, they're going to cheer. They're going to stand up, and they're going to applaud. They've done that for me over and over again.

The time is right. The economy is in a sad condition. We don't have a President who understands this free market economy. I don't think he believes in it. He has been nationalizing it right and left. He has been nationalizing the three large investment banks; AIG, the insurance company; Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; General Motors; and Chrysler. The Student Loan Program has been completely taken over by the Federal Government. ObamaCare has swallowed up the most sovereign thing that we have, our bodies. Our skin and everything inside it has now been taken over and is managed by the Federal Government.

This President and this majority in Congress don't begin to understand the sovereignty of the individual or the free market system that we have, but the American people understand, Madam Speaker. The American people are going to be given a choice this November. They are going to choose freedom. They are going to choose liberty. They are going to choose constitutional conservatism. I look forward to the transformation, to the freedom, and to the liberty that comes from the people who step up to their own personal responsibility.

I thank you so much for your indulgence and for your attention here this evening, and I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CUMMINGS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Ms. FUDGE (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of official business.

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

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of illness.

Mr. FLEMING (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of unavoidable travel delays resulting from inclement weather.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ALTMIRE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, 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. POSEY, for 5 minutes, April 29.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, April 27 and 28.

Mr. DENT, for 5 minutes, April 28.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, April 27 and 28.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7168. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Alkyl (C12-C16) Dimethyl Ammonio Acetate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0479; FRL-8816-5] received April 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7169. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Kasugamycin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0695; FRL-8808-7] received April 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7170. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Thifensulfuron methyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0134; FRL-8818-9] received April 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7171. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Army, transmitting notification that the Average Procurement Unit Cost (APUC) and Program Acquisition Unit Cost metrics for the Army's Advanced Threat Infrared Countermeasure and Common Missile Warning System (ATIRCM/CMWS) program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7172. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting modernization priority assessments for the National Guard and Reserve equipment for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7173. A letter from the Deputy to the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Transitional Safe Harbor Protection for Treatment by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Conservator or Receiver of Financial Assets Transferred by an Insured Depository Institution in Connection With a Securitization or Participation (RIN: 3064-AD55) received April 8, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7174. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's report pursuant to the Buy American Act for Fiscal Year 2009; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7175. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Alternate Monitoring Requirements for Indianapolis Power and Light — Harding Street Station [EPA-R05-OAR-2009-0118; FRL-9124-9] received April 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7176. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2010-0045; FRL-9124-5] received April 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7177. A letter from the Principal Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Transmission Relay Loadability Reliability Standard [Docket No.: RM08-13-000; Order No. 733] April 8, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7178. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Particulate Matter Standards [EPA-R05-OAR-2009-0781; FRL-9129-7] received April 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.