

must pay for it in an honest way. While the Bush administration has asked our troops and their families to make the ultimate sacrifice, the President has given the wealthiest Americans a huge tax cut. That is wrong. It is wrong to pass the buck to the next generation. It is wrong to ask the younger generation, including our troops and their children, to bear the burden alone. And it is wrong to shield the wealthiest Americans from paying their fair share.

We now face a huge responsibility gap in our government. It is the gap between those who understand that we now have a responsibility to establish stability in Iraq and help rebuild Iraq and who are prepared to pay for it the right way and up front and those who call upon the country in their rhetoric to pay any price in Iraq, but then run from responsibly paying that price. I filed an amendment in this House to fill that responsibility gap. It was an amendment to scale back the Bush tax cut for the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans to pay for the costs of the bill we passed today. Incredibly, the House leadership prohibited that amendment from even coming to a vote.

The President is asking the American people to invest billions of dollars of our money to build schools, hospitals, roads, electric grids and communications systems in Iraq when here at home our Federal, State and local governments are experiencing huge revenue shortfalls in this very difficult economy. The President's budget request of this year falls \$9 billion short of what was promised by we, the Federal Government, just a year and a half ago to meet our obligations to America's schoolchildren under the No Child Left Behind legislation. Three out of five children in this country who are eligible for Head Start cannot receive help because of lack of funds. Years ago, the Federal Government pledged to cover 40 percent of ensuring that children with disabilities receive a good education in this country. That was the right thing to do. But today we are only paying 18 percent of what was promised. The same shortfalls occur in health programs, our national transportation infrastructure, job creation initiatives and a range of other important domestic needs. We must meet our needs here at home at the same time that we meet our international responsibilities in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the globe. We as a Nation, as a people, have enormous resources. We can meet both our domestic needs and our international responsibilities, but we must be prepared to pay for them. If we refuse to pay now for our efforts in Iraq by reducing portions of the tax cut to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans, it will make it much, much harder to make the investments that we also must make in education, health, transportation and other needs here at home.

Already this year when many of us in the Committee on Education and the

Workforce called for full funding for No Child Left Behind and for special education programs, we were told we did not have the resources because of the large tax cuts disproportionately weighted to the wealthiest. Adding this \$87 billion to the deficit will make it even more difficult to meet those pressing needs. We must pay now for the costs of our efforts in Iraq. We cannot put everything on our national credit card.

The President, I believe, has totally abdicated his leadership responsibilities in this area. Our international responsibilities now require us to pay the price of leadership. Leadership is about setting priorities. The war in Iraq was a war of choice. Regardless of what any of us may think about how that choice was made, we now have a responsibility to pay for the consequences of that choice. The President, by refusing to honestly pay for the war and its aftermath, by refusing to reverse the tax cuts on even the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans, refuses to acknowledge the real costs of those choices.

There are some who argue that because the President has refused to scale back his tax cuts to pay for the war and its aftermath, those of us who believe we have a responsibility to provide security and aid in reconstruction of Iraq have no alternative but to support the President's request for \$87 billion without conditions, that we have to go along with his plan to wage war and peace by credit card. That is a false choice, and, I believe, an irresponsible position. We have an obligation as a Congress to hold the President to a higher standard of leadership. If the President believes, as I do, that we now have an obligation to provide security and help rebuild Iraq, he should have the simple courage to ask the wealthiest Americans to give up some portion of the huge tax cuts to help pay for our efforts in Iraq. The choice is not between doing nothing and doing it the President's way. We should do it the right way.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MARSHALL (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

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

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, October 20.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, October 20, 2003, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4801. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

4802. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the revised Strategic Plan for the fiscal years 2003 to 2008, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4803. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the strategic plan for fiscal years 2003 through 2008 in compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4804. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled "Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to Revised Revenue Estimates Through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2003"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4805. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting the sixteenth report in a series on The Impact of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA), pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2704; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4806. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the ninth annual report on the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) entitled "Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution," pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 3204; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BUYER:

H.R. 3330. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to amend the Federal charter of the United States Olympic Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CARSON of Indiana (for herself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs.

NAPOLITANO, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. LEE, and Mr. SANDERS):

H.R. 3331. A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive practices by organizations providing debt counseling, debt consolidation, or debt settlement services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana:

H.R. 3332. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a safety net Medicare outpatient prescription drug program for indigent beneficiaries without other outpatient prescription drug coverage; 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. BOYD:

H.R. 3333. A bill to exempt certain coastal barrier areas in Florida from limitations on Federal expenditures and financial assistance under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act, and limitations on flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. CALVERT:

H.R. 3334. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder in cooperation with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside, California; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. GILLMOR:

H.R. 3335. A bill to reduce the instances of releases from underground storage tanks by strengthening tank inspections, operator training, program enforcement, oxygenated fuel cleanup, and providing States greater Federal resources from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GILLMOR:

H.R. 3336. A bill to clarify congressional approval of certain State energy production tax practices; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. HOLT):

H.R. 3337. A bill to give livestock operators holding a grazing permit or lease on Federal lands in the State of Arizona the opportunity to relinquish their grazing permit or lease in exchange for compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. POMEROY (for himself and Mr. OSBORNE):

H.R. 3338. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in elementary and

secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. TIAHRT, and Ms. DEGETTE):

H.R. 3339. A bill to expand upon the Department of Defense Energy Efficiency Program required by section 317 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2002 by authorizing the Secretary of Defense to enter into energy savings performance contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FILNER:

H. Con. Res. 305. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Major League Baseball officials should select Monterrey, Mexico, to host 25 percent of the total number of Montreal Expos games in the 2004 season as a gesture of goodwill between the United States and Mexico; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. RENZI (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. FROST):

H. Con. Res. 306. Concurrent resolution honoring the service of Native American Indians in the United States Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. UPTON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CAMP, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. MCCOTTER, and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan):

H. Res. 405. A resolution commending Michigan State University President Peter McPherson for his service to his country and his significant contribution to the financial reconstruction of Iraq; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. KING of New York:

H. Res. 406. A resolution recognizing the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, 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.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 34: Mr. BELL.
H.R. 65: Mr. JONES of North Carolina.
H.R. 97: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
H.R. 284: Mrs. JONES of Ohio.
H.R. 303: Mr. TOOMEY.
H.R. 331: Mr. FILNER.
H.R. 391: Mr. THORBERRY.
H.R. 645: Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. GORDON, and Mr. OTTER.
H.R. 664: Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 742: Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. ROSELEHTINEN, and Ms. GRANGER.
H.R. 764: Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. DICKS, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BELL, and Mrs. TAUSCHER.
H.R. 791: Mr. REHBERG.
H.R. 806: Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.

H.R. 839: Mr. SWEENEY, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BELL, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 1155: Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 1157: Mr. BALLANCE.

H.R. 1345: GRIJALVA, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Mr. ROSS, and Mrs. MALONEY.

H.R. 1372: Mr. WU.

H.R. 1430: Mr. SCHIFF and Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 1482: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 1513: Ms. BERKLEY.

H.R. 1554: Mrs. DAVIS of California.

H.R. 1563: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 1592: Mrs. JONES of Ohio and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

H.R. 1662: Ms. HARRIS.

H.R. 1749: Mr. GOSS and Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky.

H.R. 1755: Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 1787: Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. CASE, and Mr. COX.

H.R. 1860: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 1910: Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. GEPHARDT, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Ms. MAJETTE.

H.R. 1916: Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. WATT, and Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 1919: Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.

H.R. 1924: Mrs. JONES of Ohio and Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 1943: Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. MCINTYRE.

H.R. 2021: Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 2038: Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 2047: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 2096: Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. BAKER, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 2131: Mr. PLATTS, Mr. DREIER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. COBLE, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. OTTER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. POMBO, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Mr. BELL, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. FARR, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. HONDA, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SKELTON, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. JENKINS, Mrs. JOHNSON, of Connecticut, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. OSE, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2203: Mr. MURPHY.

H.R. 2244: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

H.R. 2246: Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. SPRATT.

H.R. 2255: Mr. LEACH.

H.R. 2262: Mr. RAHALL.

H.R. 2318: Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 2366: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. DEFazio.

H.R. 2394: Ms. MCCOLLUM and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 2402: Mr. McDERMOTT.

H.R. 2517: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 2519: Mr. PASCRELL and Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 2638: Mr. CANTOR.

H.R. 2694: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 2699: Mr. McCRERY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. CANTOR.

H.R. 2700: Mr. LYNCH and Mr. EMANUEL.

H.R. 2719: Mr. REHBERG.

H.R. 2720: Mr. REGULA, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. OXLEY.

H.R. 2816: Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 2883: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 2915: Mr. WALSH and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.