

President of the United States that says we're not going to stand down with you, we're going to stand up for our kids.

Because if we don't do it, if the people of this country don't do it, if the House of Representatives, if the Congress won't stand up for kids, we know the President won't, who will? We have the opportunity in the next week or so to come to a vote, and I think it's going to come up to the floor of this House on Monday next week. Maybe I'm off on my date. It will be the 18th of October. There's going to be a vote right here on this floor where you and I are standing of whether or not we are going to override the President's veto, and I want my colleagues and especially those who we need on the other side of the aisle who are thinking about whether or not to support the President or support the kids to hear from the people of this country, because I'm betting, as sure as I'm standing here representing the good people of New Hampshire, I'm betting the people of this country want the President and the Congress to stand up for kids, not to stand down with the discredited President.

That's what I'm betting. That's where I am putting my money. I'm putting my money on the kids, and I'm putting my money on the people of the United States of America. What do you think?

Mr. KAGEN. I appreciate your sentiment, your energy, and I agree with everything that you have been saying, and I would ask another question of the American people, not just what kind of Nation are we, but this essential question that you will recognize. If not now, when? And if not you, then who? This moment does matter.

I am so grateful for our leadership in giving us this opportunity this week to have an ongoing conversation with constituents and voters and parents and children all across the country. We need to have a discussion about what kind of Nation we are and in which direction we're going to turn, shall we invest in the health of our children, those who are most in need, or shall we be unkind and immoral and turn away from them? I think most people would agree with us, that it's a great idea to be healthy and especially to invest in the health of our children.

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In the State of Wisconsin, the SCHIP program under BadgerCare, what we call BadgerCare, 16,527 children are covered. We can enhance with this bill up to 37,000 additional children who have access to health care. My friends, if not now, when? And if not you, then who? You must contact your representative to make sure that he or she is speaking the way you want them to speak.

We have been listening to you all throughout our election and all throughout our careers, we will continue. Because a politician is someone

who is looking forward to their next election. We are statesmen looking out for our next generation.

Mr. HODES. You know, in my home State, the bill would preserve care for 11,000-plus children, and we could add 8,000 children with our bill. I think, as we have talked tonight with each other and with the American people about what this means for our children, it is clear, certainly, that you and I are here listening to the American people, trying to do the best we can for hard-working families and our kids.

There is nothing as simple. It's a pretty simple proposition we face. Are we going to stand up for our kids, or stand down with a discredited President, and we both said that we need the American people to speak loud and clear, because we are two voices among many. But the American people can speak on this issue with a solid unified voice, send a message to Congress, send a message to the President, that we will stand up together for our kids. It's the least we can do. It's the best we can do. Together, we can make a difference for the kids of this country.

Mr. KAGEN. By working together, we will.

Mr. HODES. Thank you for having a great evening and a great chance to talk together on this important issue.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CUMMINGS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 5 p.m.

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NADLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAYNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LOEBACK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ELLISON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SOLIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HARE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KAGEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COHEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GRIJALVA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, October 17.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DOGGETT, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1124. An act to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 12, 2007, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3674. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Mexican Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. APHIS-2007-0051-3] received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3675. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks [Docket ID OCC-2007-00014] (RIN: 1557-AD02) received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3676. A letter from the Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementation of the Undertaking Reached at the June 2007 Australia Group (AG) Plenary Meeting; Addition to the List of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) [Docket No. 070705267-7492-01] (RIN: 0694-AE08) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3677. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Use of Campaign Funds for Donations to Non-Federal Candidates and Any Other Lawful Purpose Other Than Personal Use [Notice 2007-18] received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

3678. A letter from the Director, Reg. Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final

rule — Disclosure of Information to Organ Procurement Organizations (RIN: 2900 AM65) Received September 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3679. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Regulations Governing Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service [TD 9359] (RIN: 1545-BA72) received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on 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. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2102. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; with an amendment (Rept. 110-370). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. MATSUI: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 724. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2095) to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-371). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LAMPSON:

H.R. 3791. A bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WAMP:

H.R. 3792. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to repeal the limitation on party expenditures on behalf of candidates in general elections; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. ALTMIRE (for himself, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, and Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3793. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 3794. A bill to improve the availability of benefits for veterans and the surviving spouses of veterans who were exposed while in military service to ionizing radiation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' 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. FILNER:

H.R. 3795. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that veterans of serv-

ice in the 1991 Persian Gulf War and subsequent conflicts shall be considered to be radiation-exposed veterans for purposes of the service-connection of certain diseases and disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 3796. A bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to minimize the adverse effects of employment dislocation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

H.R. 3797. A bill to require the President to seek to institute a regional diplomatic plan for the Middle East, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HAYES (for himself and Ms. BORDALLO):

H.R. 3798. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for employment and reemployment rights for certain individuals ordered to full-time National Guard duty; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HOYER, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California):

H.R. 3799. A bill to provide that 8 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. ESHOO (for herself and Mr. ROGERS of Michigan):

H.R. 3800. A bill to advance the adoption of nationwide interoperable health information technology and to improve health care quality and reduce health care costs in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. KIND, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. DICKS, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. BEAN, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 3801. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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. BOSWELL (for himself, Mr. TERRY, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3802. A bill to prohibit the collection of tolls on highways, bridges, and tunnels constructed using Federal funds; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD (for himself, Mr. WATT, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. SHULER, and Mrs. MYRICK):

H.R. 3803. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3100 Cashwell Drive in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "John Henry Wooten, Sr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CAMPBELL of California:

H.R. 3804. A bill to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ELLISON:

H.R. 3805. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to provide to States an option to provide food assistance to foster community reintegration; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FORBES (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. COBLE, Mr. GALLEGLY, and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 3806. A bill to amend title 18, with respect to certain crimes affecting national security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. GIFFORDS (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. ALTMIRE, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. INSLEE, and Mr. MOORE of Kansas):

H.R. 3807. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and extend certain renewable energy and energy efficiency incentives; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. GIFFORDS (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ALTMIRE, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. MITCHELL, and Mr. HARE):

H.R. 3808. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the special rule treating combat pay as earned income for purposes of the earned income credit and to increase the standard deduction for individuals performing service in the uniformed services while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KANJORSKI (for himself, Mr. DENT, and Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3809. A bill to amend the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988 regarding the local coordinating entity of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. KUHL of New York (for himself and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 3810. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse located in Farmington, New York, and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Women's Rights National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.