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Mr. KING of Iowa. I thank the gentleman from New Jersey, and I take you north of the border. We started to hear in the news in the last week or so something that has been brought to our attention here in this Congress where we have some Interparliamentary exchange, and I have sat down with the Canadians perhaps 3 years ago.

They pressed the case that we need to do a better job of controlling our borders because we had people pouring into the United States, coming here illegally, and once they got established here, they realized there were welfare benefits to be had in Canada. And they were having thousands, at that time, about 3 years ago, they had about 50,000 illegal immigrants that they said had poured through the United States and into Canada and they were putting too much pressure on their welfare system.

So I asked the question in that meeting, what percentage of those that arrive sign up and qualify for welfare? Their answer was, Mr. Speaker, virtually 100 percent of them, because that is how the Canadian laws are set up as a magnet.

If you saw in the news this past week, there is a community there not too far north of the border into Canada that has started to raise an issue, and they said they are enclaves that are being created here with illegal immigrants that have been illegal in the United States that have gone on into Canada because the welfare benefits are better.

They interviewed some of them on the street where they laughed and smiled about how it was that their welfare check came on time, there weren't so many snags and snafus in the welfare system in Canada, and they were glad to be there despite of the winters.

That was the message I got, Mr. Speaker. And I think that study in sociology that the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) has laid out speaks to that, that people will follow a path, and if you grant them a safety net, that is fine. It fits the standards I think of the American people. But when you crank that safety net up, at some level the safety net becomes a hammock. Then they rest back in the hammock and they lose their desire to produce, there is not a reason any longer. So the merit that comes from having to produce, of having that responsibility, is part of what gives us a vitality in this country.

As I started this discussion out in the beginning, I talked briefly about the defeat of communism, the defeat of socialism, the collapse of the Soviet empire, because they found out that a managed economy and socialism didn't work. That when you let people earn, save, work, invest, and they decide when they make their purchases and they decide how they go about doing that, that creates opportunities in a free market system.

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You simply cannot manage an economy without it. It manages itself under the free market system, and people have an incentive to go to work because there is a reward for that work. If you take that reward away and you do the great leveler and you make the argument like is being made in this Socialized Clinton-style Hillary-care for Illegals and their Parents, if you make the argument that you make too much money, we are going to take it. And, by the way, we are going to take all of that that comes down someplace in the middle, and then we are going to subsidize your expenses on up to that point, and in fact we are going to cross them to where we are going to tax you on the alternative minimum tax and provide health insurance for your kids, that is the definition of the nanny state. That is a definition of socialism, and that is a definition for a nation losing its vitality, its confidence, its ambition. And the sum total of the individual productivity in America under this plan, Mr. Speaker, goes down. American people will not work as hard. They will not be as prudent and as responsible under this program that they have brought off this floor in this Pelosi Congress, and that diminishes all of us.

We need to be about raising the average individual productivity of all of our people and the quality of our life and raising our own personal responsibility. It is not just economic, Mr. Speaker, it is cultural. It is the work ethic. We used to call it the Protestant work ethic until we figured out that the Catholics got with that program pretty good, too.

But we went to work and we raised our families. We understand that is our first responsibility, then our neighborhood and our community. Also our schools and our churches and our States and our country. God, then country, make this a better place than it was when you came. That is the charge that has been handed to us because we are such grateful beneficiaries of this American Dream that has been passed to us. And we squander it under this program.

We diminish all of us when we increase the dependency, especially when we can't make an honest argument, an argument that speaks to the issue, an argument that says over there, if they just stand up and say "I am for socialized medicine," at least the Presidential candidates, the Democrats, have done that.

They haven't quite done that over there yet. They want to change the subject matter. They are for socialized medicine. We are for freedom. We are for the kids.

I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I should point out that the dependency and the loss of freedom is not only for the individual, it is for the State, too. What CHIP does is create an incentive for States to add more people

onto the program since there is a 3 to 1 ratio as far as the dollars. The State spends \$1, and they get basically a 3 to 1 ratio in dollars from the Federal Government.

That means that the State is no longer incentivized to do other creative things to actually improve the health of the kids in the State, just so they can turn around and say we are getting Federal dollars to put the kids on health insurance. So not only do we disincentivize or take away incentives from individuals, we take away incentives from the States to do the right things for themselves. We see it in New Jersey. I am sure you see it in your State.

Mr. KING of Iowa. One other point. This isn't all just about kids on SCHIP. You have States like Minnesota, 87 percent of the beneficiaries are adults, not kids. We need to take these resources and push them down to where they go to the kids that are the reason for this program. We need to provide and maintain this personal responsibility. Two hundred percent of poverty has been a good target for more than 10 years. Four hundred percent of poverty is taking the path to socialism. Three hundred percent is too much. But this program that is before us today is Socialized Clinton-style Hillary-care for Illegals and their Parents.

Mr. Speaker, I will let that be the last word.

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

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. HIRONO, 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. POE, for 5 minutes, today and October 24.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, October 24.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on October 15, 2007 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1124. To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

H.R. 2467. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building".

H.R. 2587. A Bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2654. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building".

H.R. 2765. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the "Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office".

H.R. 2778. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station".

H.R. 2825. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the "Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3052. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the "John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3106. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office".

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3748. A letter from the Acting Director/PDRA — PARA/RUS/USDA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Community Connect Broadband Grant Program (RIN: 0572-AC09) received October 1, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3749. A letter from the Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting notification regarding a report pursuant to Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3750. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Power Marketing Liaison, Department of Energy, transmitting notification regarding a report pursuant to Section 2605(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3751. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the fourth annual financial report to Congress required by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002 (MDUFMA), covering FY 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3752. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2006 financial report for the Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003 (ADUFA); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3753. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, trans-

mitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2006-028, New Designated Countries-Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, and Romania [FAC 2005-19; FAR Case 2006-028; Item VIII; Docket 2007-0001, Sequence 01] (RIN: 9000-AK77) received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3754. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2006-025, Online Representations and Certifications Application Review [FAC 2005-19; FAR Case 2006-025; Item IX; Docket 2007-0001, Sequence 3] (RIN: 9000-AK76) received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3755. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2006-006, Free Trade Agreements-El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua [FAC 2005-19; FAR Case 2006-006; Item X; Docket 2006-0020; Sequence 7] (RIN: 9000-AK49) received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3756. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2006-017, Free Trade Agreements-Bahrain and Guatemala [FAC 2005-19; FAR Case 2006-017; Item XI; Docket 2006-0020; Sequence 11] (RIN: 9000-AK61) received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3757. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments [FAC 2005-19; Item XIII; Docket FAR-2007-0003; Sequence 2] received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3758. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2006-027, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin [FAC 2005-19; FAR Case 2006-027; Item XII; Docket 2007-0001, Sequence 5] (RIN 9000-AK54) received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3759. A letter from the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-19; Small Entity Compliance Guide [Docket FAR-2007-0002, Sequence 4] received September 25, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3760. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Employee Contribution Election and Contribution Allocations; Correction of Administrative Errors; Availability of Records; Death Benefits; Loan Program; Thrift Savings Plan — received September 18, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3761. A letter from the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Reemployment of Civilian Retirees to Meet Exceptional Employment Needs (RIN: 3206-AI32) received September 19, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3762. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of the ecosystem restoration project along the Snake River near Jackson Hole, Teton County, Wyoming; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3763. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Secretary of the Army supports the reauthorization of the American and Sacramento Rivers, Folsom Dam Modification, California, as provided in Section 3029(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007; (H. Doc. No. 110-63); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

3764. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Secretary of the Army supports the authorization and plans to implement the flood damage reduction project for the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, Des Moines, Iowa; (H. Doc. No. 110-64); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

3765. A letter from the Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, transmitting notification regarding a report pursuant to Section 1010 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

3766. A letter from the Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, transmitting notification regarding a report pursuant to Section 1102(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

3767. A letter from the Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, transmitting notification regarding a report pursuant to Section 1814 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

3768. A letter from the Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, transmitting notification regarding a report pursuant to Section 979 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

3769. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report entitled "The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program: Annual Report to Congress FY 2004"; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

3770. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "The Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program," pursuant to Public Law 107-133, section 121 (439)(g); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3771. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the Report on Progress in Reducing Trade-Related Barriers to the Export of Greenhouse Gas Intensity Reducing Technologies, pursuant to Public Law 109-58, section 1611; 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. SESTAK:

H.R. 3863. A bill to provide a strategic approach to the war in Iraq to enhance the national security interests of the United States both at home and abroad, while ensuring the safety of the United States Armed Forces and ensuring stability in Iraq and the Middle East; to the Committee on Armed Services,