

House Office Buildings, you will note this Blue Dog Coalition poster reminding every Member of Congress and those who walk the halls that today the U.S. national debt is \$8,841,089,074,666.40. And every one of us, every man, woman and child in America, our share is \$29,326.47.

Mr. Speaker, I submit to you that it is our duty and obligation to restore fiscal discipline to our national government; and that when we leave here someday we will be able to say to our children and grandchildren that we helped make this country a better place for all of us to call home.

With that, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 43 member strong, fiscally conservative Democratic Blue Dog Coalition, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ANDREWS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

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

Mr. RODRIGUEZ, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SHEA-PORTER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, March 28.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, for 5 minutes, March 28.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 474. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.; to the Committee on Financial Services.

S. 1002. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 28, 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:

972. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Reprocessed Single-Use Devices; Requirement for Submission of Validation Data [Docket No. 2006N-0335] received March 18, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

973. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Reprocessed Single-Use Devices; Requirement for Submission of Validation Data; Withdrawal [Docket No. 2006N-0335] received March 18, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

974. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting reports in accordance with Section 36(a) of the Arms Export Control Act, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(a); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

975. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report providing information on steps taken by the U.S. Government to bring about an end to the Arab League boycott of Israel and to expand the process of normalization between Israel and the Arab League countries, as requested in Section 535 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Pub. L. 109-102); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

976. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting extension of the waiver of Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, Pub. L. 102-511, with respect to assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

977. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to Section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with section 1(a)(6) of Executive Order 13313, a report prepared by the Department of State and the National Security Council on the progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period December 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

978. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on the status of the use of Pub. L. 107-228 Authority for Russian Federation Debt Reduction for Nonproliferation; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

979. A letter from the Assistant Secy for Administration & Management, Department of Labor, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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of Labor, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

981. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Spikedace (*Meda fulgida*) and the Loach Minnow (*Tiaroga cobitis*) (RIN: 1018-AU33) received March 22, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

982. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of the American Crocodile Distinct Population Segment in Florida from Endangered to Threatened (RIN: 1018-AI41) received March 22, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

983. A letter from the Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and Subpart D-2007-08 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Shellfish Regulations (RIN: 1018-AU57) received March 22, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

984. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule Designating the Greater Yellowstone Area Population of Grizzly Bears as a Distinct Population Segment; Removing the Yellowstone Distinct Population Segment of Grizzly Bears From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; 90-Day Finding on a Petition to List as Endangered the Yellowstone Distinct Population Segment of Grizzly Bears (RIN: 1018-AT38) received March 22, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

985. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; 2007 and 2008 Final Harvest Specifications for Groundfish [Docket No. 070213033-7033-01; I.D. 112706A] received March 18, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

#### 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. DINGELL: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 477. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 110-75). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DINGELL: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1132. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers; with an amendment (Rept. 110-76). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DINGELL: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 727. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-77). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. CASTOR: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 274. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1538) to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-78). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. SUTTON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 275. Resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 99) revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009 through 2012 (Rept. 110-79). 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. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. GERLACH, Ms. GIFFORDS, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GORDON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. HARE, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. HILL, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HONDA, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. SHULER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, and Mr. WYNN):

H.R. 1705. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to direct the Administrator of General Services to install energy efficient lighting fixtures and bulbs in constructing, altering, and maintaining public buildings; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. NUNES (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 1706. A bill to provide for assistance to United States exporters of certain fruits and vegetables in order to ensure better access to foreign markets; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Homeland Security, 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. McGOVERN (for himself, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. GUTTEREZ, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. PETRI, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. WALSH of New York, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. HOLT, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. KIND, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. FARR, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. MALONEY of

New York, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. WATSON, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. CARSON, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. DELLAURO, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. STARK, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. CLAY, Ms. WATERS, Mr. OLVER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. ALTMIRE, and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 1707. A bill to suspend the authority for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (the successor institution to the United States Army School of the Americas) in the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. HARMAN (for herself and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 1708. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to expand passenger facility fee eligibility for noise compatibility projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida:

H.R. 1709. A bill to authorize resources for sustained research and analysis to address Colony Collapse Disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. HOOLEY:

H.R. 1710. A bill to modify the calculation of back pay for persons who were approved for promotion as members of the Navy and Marine Corps while interned as prisoners of war during World War II to take into account changes in the Consumer Price Index; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. HOOLEY:

H.R. 1711. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve certain accountability and assessment provisions; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 1712. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to improve America's research competitiveness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. LEE (for herself and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 1713. A bill to require the President and the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator to establish a comprehensive and integrated HIV prevention strategy to address the vulnerabilities of women and girls in countries for which the United States provides assistance to combat HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MACK:

H.R. 1714. A bill to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. McCARTHY of New York:

H.R. 1715. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to address homeland security preparedness shortcomings of units of municipal and county government; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. McCUAUL of Texas (for himself, Mr. HILL, Mr. EHLERS, Ms. SCHWARTZ, and Mr. McCOTTER):

H.R. 1716. A bill to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

By Mr. McCUAUL of Texas (for himself, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. ETHERIDGE, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas):

H.R. 1717. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a National Bio and Agro-defense Facility; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and 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. MOORE of Kansas (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOLT, Mr. McCUAUL of Texas, Mr. REYES, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 1718. A bill to provide additional student loan forgiveness to teachers of foreign languages; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky):

H.R. 1719. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize and expand the New Markets Venture Capital Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey):

H.R. 1720. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on the sale of animals which are raised and sold as part of an educational program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. BEAN, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. MAHONEY of Florida, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. CANNON):

H.R. 1721. A bill to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, by establishing a swimming pool safety grant program administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to encourage States to improve their pool and spa safety laws and to educate the public about pool and spa safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Ms. CASTOR, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BILAKRASIK, Mr. BUCHANAN, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. MAHONEY of Florida, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MACK, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. KELLER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MICA, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, and Mr. WELDON of Florida):

H.R. 1722. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. WILSON of Ohio (for himself and Mr. CLAY):

H.R. 1723. A bill to amend the National Housing Act to ensure fair appraisals in connection with mortgages insured under the