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Well, Mr. Chairman, I think that Americans will really rally to this challenge. As I have said, there is no exhilaration like the exhilaration of meeting and overcoming a big challenge, and boy, this is a huge challenge. And I think properly motivated, the American people will turn to and demonstrate to the world that we are still the most creative, innovative society in the world. I think we can again become an exporting Nation.

There is going to be a lot of technology associated with moving to these sustainable alternatives. Who better than we to develop those technologies. And let's sell them to the world. Let's not turn over the manufacture of these technologies to somebody overseas, let's sell them to the world.

There are two reasons for doing this. One is that if we are going to maintain anything like the quality of life we have now, we really need to do this. And the other thing is there is going to be a mad global scramble for energy. If we haven't led the way, if somebody hasn't led the way to move us to renewables, what will the world do when we come to the reality that there just isn't going to be enough oil there?

Just one little note in closing. We need to rethink a lot of things. Our whole financial structure needs to be rethought. If you think about our financial structure, and I am not an economist, I don't think you have to be an economist to understand obvious things. When we put more money in circulation, it is printed by the Feds. And they put it into the circulation by loaning it to somebody. Now, if there are only two of us in the world, and I borrow money and I have to pay interest on it, one of two things has to happen, either there has to be growth so that I have the money to pay the interest with, or you, if you are the only other guy in the world, you have to lose money. So I have some of your money so that I can pay interest on the money that I borrowed. That's why we start to shudder about the economy when it drops below 2 percent growth. Because we can't imagine an economy that doesn't include growth because our whole financial system is predicated on growth. We have got to have growth.

Now, we can have growth without using more energy if we become more efficient. That's a challenge. So we still can grow some. But that is not limitless growth because that you can't be infinitely efficient. So we will have to, one day, sooner or later, come to the realization that we've got to have a financial system that doesn't require growth. But we can do that.

We have met a whole lot of challenges in the past and done very well with overcoming. And Mr. Speaker, I am very encouraged that with proper leadership, and you know, I will tell you, we don't have much oil in this country, but we have even less real leadership on energy. But with responsible leadership in this country, I think that Americans will heed to, and we will surprise the world with what we can do in meeting the challenges of peak oil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GUTIERREZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of family illness.

Mr. WESTMORELAND (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of unexpected family medical reasons.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, June 21 and 22.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, June 21 and 22.

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 18, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2224. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Foramsulfuron; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0880; FRL-8125-5] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2225. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Flufenacet; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0965; FRL-8124-2] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2226. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0237] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2227. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clethodim; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0535; FRL-8127-2] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2228. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Bacillus thuringiensis Vip3Aa19 Protein in Cotton; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0913; FRL-8124-6] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2229. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Dioxin and Dioxin-like Compounds; Toxic Equivalency Information; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemicals Release Reporting [EPA-HQ-TRI-2002-0001; FRL-8311-6] (RIN: 2025-AA12) received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2230. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas from Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Washington County to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0892; FRL-8313-1] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2231. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Jefferson County to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0891; FRL-8312-7] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2232. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas of Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Redesignation of Belmont County to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0046; FRL-8312-8] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2233. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas

for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Re-designation of Allen and Stark Counties to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2006-0046; FRL-8312-9] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2234. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa [EPA-R07-OAR-2007-0015; FRL-8312-5] received May 8, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2235. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an supplemental consolidated report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, to help ensure that the Congress is kept fully informed on U.S. military activities in support of the war on terror and Kosovo, pursuant to Public Law 93-148; (H. Doc. No. —38); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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:

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 2284. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians (Rept. 110-192). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 2359. A bill to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-193). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 2366. A bill to reauthorize the veterans entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-194). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 2397. A bill to reauthorize the women's entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-195). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. FORTUÑO):

H.R. 2736. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to provide comprehensive HIV/AIDS services to racial and ethnic minorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BOSWELL (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia):

H.R. 2737. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow previously uninsured individuals a refundable credit for health insurance costs and to provide tax incentives to encourage small business health plans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. SHULER, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H.R. 2738. A bill to empower parents to protect children from increasing depictions of indecent material on television; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HAYES:

H.R. 2739. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, relating to payment of mental health counselors under TRICARE; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina:

H.R. 2740. A bill to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SHEA-PORTER:

H.R. 2741. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a wage index floor for hospitals and home health agencies located in certain areas under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. ARCURI (for himself and Mr. MCHUGH):

H.R. 2742. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide rate parity for open-loop and closed-loop biomass facilities under the renewable fuels tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland:

H.R. 2743. A bill to provide for the continuance of volunteer communications capability within the United States and its territories; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. KUCINICH, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, Mr. HARE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, and Mr. WYNN):

H.R. 2744. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and 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 Mr. COOPER:

H.R. 2745. A bill to refund passport processing fees and international travel costs as a result of unreasonable delays in passport application processing times, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 2746. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. WALZ of Minnesota):

H.R. 2747. A bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. FRELINGHUYSEN:

H.R. 2748. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the alternative motor vehicle personal credit against the alternative minimum tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GORDON (for himself and Mr. SHADEGG):

H.R. 2749. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a transition to a new voluntary quality reporting program for physicians and other health professionals; 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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself and Mr. CULBERSON):

H.R. 2750. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. HARMAN (for herself, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. HASTERT):

H.R. 2751. A bill to prohibit the sale of certain inefficient light bulbs, and require the development of a plan for increasing the use of more efficient light bulbs by consumers and businesses; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAMPSON:

H.R. 2752. A bill to amend provisions of title IX of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 relating to Federal procurement of biobased products and labeling of such products; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 2753. A bill to amend title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include law school and other graduate schools of the University of the District of Columbia as eligible professional and graduate institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. GUTIEREZ, and Mr. JONES of North Carolina):

H.R. 2754. A bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to continue to make available to the public on a weekly basis information on the measure of the M3 monetary aggregate, and its components, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PAUL:

H.R. 2755. A bill to abolish the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks, to repeal the