

prices ranging up to \$180 a barrel in a few years.

Oil is the most important form of energy in the world today. Historically, no other energy source equals oil's intrinsic qualities of extractability, transportability, versatility, and cost. The qualities that enabled oil to take over from coal as the front line energy source for the industrialized world in the middle of the 20th century are as relevant today as they were then. And then this quote: In general, all non-renewable resources follow a natural supply curve, getting more and more till you reach a peak and then falling down the other side. And they are concurring, a careful estimate of all the estimates lead to the conclusion that world oil production may peak within a few short years, after which it will decline. Once peak oil occurs, then the historic patterns of world oil demand and price cycles will cease.

And the last one from this source: Petroleum experts indicate that peaking is either present or imminent; will occur around 2005.

And now some charts from the Hirsch Report. This is very widely publicized. They concluded that we would have unprecedented risk management problems as we face the problem of transitioning from declining quantities of gas and oil and moving to alternatives. The economic, social, and political costs will be unprecedented. And then they state, We cannot conceive of any affordable government-sponsored crash program to accelerate normal replacement schedules. They said we should have started 20 years before peaking. If it is here, we are 20 years too late, aren't we?

And then this quote: The world has never faced a problem like this. There is a third report out there and that is by the Cambridge Energy Research Associates, and they believe that peaking will occur sometime in the future. And they present this little chart. This shows Hubbert's peak here, by the way, and because the actual data points didn't exactly follow his prediction, they are saying that you can't rely on his analysis. The little peak here, by the way, and the next chart will show us, that is from the Alaska oil find. Just a blip and the slide down the other side of Hubbert's peak.

And then in the couple of minutes remaining to us, the last slide we will have a chance to look at here. And this shows several predictions, depending upon whether you think the world will find enormously more oil than we now have found. And I will tell you that most of the experts that I have talked to believe we have found 95 percent of all the oil we will ever find. That is this curve. If you think we are going to double the amount of oil that we have now found, then that is this curve. And the one on top here, and by the way, they say that they don't believe in peaking, but they present this curve which shows peaking. This is unconventional oil.

Make up your own mind how much of that we are going to get, remembering the discussion we had earlier of the difficulty of getting this oil.

Mr. Speaker, we in the world face a huge challenge. I just returned from China. They are talking about post oil. They get it. I wish we did.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LEVIN (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today until 1:00 p.m.

Mr. RAMSTAD (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 2:00 p.m. on account of attending a funeral.

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

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today and January 19, 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Mr. GILCHREST, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, January 22, 23, and 24.

Mr. HULSHOF, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 19, 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:

318. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's

final rule — Fluthiacet-methyl; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0788; FRL-8108-8] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

319. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Zeta-Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0769; FRL-8093-6] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

320. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [PA200-4201; FRL-8249-6] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

321. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Amendment to Tier 2 Vehicle Emission Standards and Gasoline Sulfur Requirements: Partial Exemption for U.S. Pacific Island Territories [EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0363; FRL-8263-4] (RIN: 2060-AN66) received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

322. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; PM-10 Test Methods [EPA-R03-OAR-2006-0904; FRL-8264-8] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

323. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Requests for Rescission [EPA-R09-OAR-0590; FRL-8260-1] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

324. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan [EPA-R04-OAR-2004-TN-0004, EPA-R04-OAR-2005-TN-0009, EPA-R04-OAR-2006-0532, 200607/17(a); FRL-8256-6] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

325. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan [EPA-R04-OAR-2006-0577-20062 (a); FRL-8265-4] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

326. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan [EPA-R04-OAR-2005-TN-0009, EPA-R04-OAR-2006-0471, EPA-R04-OAR-2006-0532, 2006014(a); FRL-8265-8] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

327. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories From Oil and Natural Gas Production Facilities [EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0238; FRL-8254-1] (RIN: 2060-AM16) received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

328. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (Surface Coating) Operations [EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0357; FRL-8264-2] (RIN: 2060-AO03) received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

329. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Extension of the Reformulated Gasoline Program to the East St. Louis, Illinois Ozone Nonattainment Area [EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0841; FRL-8261-9] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

330. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2006-0876; FRL-8258-8] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

331. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2005-CA-0011, FRL-8289-9] received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

332. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR) for Public Water Systems Revisions [Docket No. OW-2004-0001; FRL-8261-7] (RIN: 2040-AD93) received December 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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:

[Filed on January 2, 2007]

Mr. BARTON of Texas: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Report on the Activity of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 109th Congress (Rept. 109-751). 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 Mr. GORDON:

H.R. 547. A bill to facilitate the development of markets for alternative fuels and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel through re-

search, development, and demonstration and data collection; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. LEE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. WU, and Mrs. TAUSCHER):

H.R. 548. A bill to establish a Congressional Trade Office; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CAMP of Michigan (for himself, Mr. TANNER, and Ms. PRYCE of Ohio):

H.R. 549. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase, extend, and make permanent the above-the-line deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. McNULTY (for himself and Mr. CAMP of Michigan):

H.R. 550. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect to solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. HERGER, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. CARDOZA, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. FARR, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HONDA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. LANTOS):

H.R. 551. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage bond financing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself and Mr. PICKERING):

H.R. 552. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services; 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 Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. PETRI, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WALSH of New York, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CAMP of Michigan, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. STUPAK, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. UPTON, Mr. EMANUEL, and Mr. McHUGH):

H.R. 553. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to operate and maintain as a system the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal dispersal barriers; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. McGOVERN (for himself and Mr. RENZI):

H.R. 554. A bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. RUSH (for himself, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. WYNN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. CUMMINGS):

H.R. 555. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe rules regulating inmate telephone service rates; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BAKER, Ms. BEAN, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. REYNOLDS, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. REICHERT, and Ms. WATSON):

H.R. 556. A bill to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Foreign 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. BRADY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 557. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. DAVIS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CLAY, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 558. A bill to provide relief for African-American farmers filing claims in the cases of Pigford v. Veneman and Brewington v. Veneman; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. DELAHUNT (for himself, Ms. HERSETH, and Mr. INSLEE):

H.R. 559. A bill to promote renewable fuel and energy security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and 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. DOOLITTLE:

H.R. 560. A bill to establish a pilot program to eliminate certain restrictions on eligible certified development companies; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 561. A bill to expand visa waiver program to countries on a probationary basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. POMEROY):