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Let me end by quoting the famous songster, Kenny Rogers, the Gambler, because it seems like an appropriate way to wrap up this discussion. "You got to know when to hold them, you got to know when to fold them; know when to walk away and know when to run."

Let's hope the other body walks away from this risky democratic scheme so we can keep Americans from having to pick up the marker for the House's irresponsible gambling habit.

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

Mr. YARMUTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WATT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, March 13.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, March 13.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUHL of New York, for 5 minutes, March 13.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 10, 2008, 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:

5643. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for fiscal year 2007, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5644. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for fiscal year 2007, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5645. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the March 2008 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2291(b)(2); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5646. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting a copy of the Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States, September 18, 2007, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 331; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5647. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's report on the activities of the Community Relations Service (CRS) for Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2000g-3; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5648. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's report on the use of exemption from antitrust laws provided by Section 405 of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, Pub. L. 109-417; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5649. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Little League Baseball, transmitting the Annual Report of Little League Baseball, Incorporated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1084(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5650. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting a copy of a draft bill to amend subsection (e)(1) of Section 2010 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, or SAFETEA-LU, to allow a State to use funds from a grant under Section 2010 to promote the use of motorcycle helmets; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. 1312. A bill to expedite adjudication of employer petitions for aliens of extraordinary artistic ability; with an amendment (Rept. 110-540). 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. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. DICKS):

H.R. 5541. A bill to provide a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and the Budget, 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. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. BOREN, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BONNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

H.R. 5542. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a temporary moratorium on enforcement of the

cap amount on payments for hospice care under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; 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. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Ms. BERKLEY):

H.R. 5543. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to increase the retirement security of women and small business owners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. BURGESS (for himself and Mr. STUPAK):

H.R. 5544. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration project for integrated health systems to expand access to primary and preventive care for the medically underserved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 5545. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify Medicare physician reimbursement policies to ensure a future physician workforce, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. CANNON, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. WEINER, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 5546. A bill to amend the antitrust laws to ensure competitive market-based rates and terms for merchants' access to electronic payment systems; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. MICHAUD):

H.R. 5547. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that the mission and functions of Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators include keeping energy costs as low as reasonably possible for consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 5548. A bill to provide for the continued availability of automated stamp vending machines at facilities of the United States Postal Service serving underserved communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 5549. A bill to expand the dental workforce and improve dental access, prevention, and data reporting, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. SARBANES):

H.R. 5550. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the maximum age to qualify for coverage as a "child" under the health benefits program for Federal employees; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 5551. A bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. GIFFORDS (for herself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. HILL, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and Mr. TANCREDO):

H.R. 5552. A bill to require a report on the efforts of the United States Government to increase border security; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 5553. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain travel bags; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MICHAUD (for himself, Mr. FILER, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 5554. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to veterans from the Department of Veterans Affairs for substance use disorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PLATTS:

H.R. 5555. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow volunteer firefighters a deduction for personal safety clothing; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PLATTS:

H.R. 5556. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain individuals who have attained age 50 and who are unemployed to receive distributions from qualified retirement plans without incurring a 10 percent additional tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PLATTS:

H.R. 5557. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a full deduction for meals and lodging in connection with medical care; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PRICE of Georgia:

H.R. 5558. A bill to limit the discriminatory taxation of oil pipeline property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PUTNAM:

H.R. 5559. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with

long-term care needs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WELCH of Vermont (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. CARDOZA, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DeLAURO, Mr. DREIER, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR, Mr. HALL of New York, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. HINCHAY, Mr. HODES, Mr. HONDA, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OLIVER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. SIREs, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. STARK, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEXLER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WU, and Mr. FILER):

H.R. 5560. A bill to permit California and other States to effectively control greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYNN, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. WOLF):

H. Con. Res. 311. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. WATSON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FALCOMA, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. POE, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. HOLT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FATTAH, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPACE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. CROWLEY):

H. Res. 1024. A resolution recognizing the 187th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BOUSTANY:

H. Res. 1025. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1843) to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from numerical limitations for temporary workers; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (for himself, Mr. TIAHRT, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mr. TANNER):

H. Res. 1026. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. KUHLE of New York, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. PITTS, Ms. FOX, Mrs. BACHMANN, and Mr. CANTOR):

H. Res. 1027. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strike rule XXVIII, popularly known as the

"Gephardt rule", and to require recorded votes on measures that increase the statutory limit on the public debt; to the Committee on Rules.

By Ms. LEE (for herself, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. FILER):

H. Res. 1028. A resolution reasserting congressional prerogatives in foreign policy and reaffirming the importance of following constitutional processes when the United States Government enters into agreements regarding the use or maintenance of the United States Armed Forces or the use of the financial resources of the United States to assist a foreign government or people and clarifying the nature and scope of status of forces agreements; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. BACA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HINCHAY, Mr. WATT, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. SIREs, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio):

H. Res. 1029. A resolution congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio "Chi-Chi" Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. NEUGEBAUER:

H. Res. 1030. A resolution recognizing the achievements of former Texas Tech University, Indiana University, and West Point men's basketball coach Bob Knight; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

240. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 267 memorializing the Congress of the United States to extend unemployment benefits as a key part of the federal economic stimulus package; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 248: Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. CUBIN, and Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 471: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 503: Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 552: Mr. BERMAN, Mr. DENT, and Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 579: Mr. SAXTON and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 706: Mr. LEWIS of California.

H.R. 768: Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina and Mr. COBLE.

H.R. 864: Ms. BALDWIN.

H.R. 1000: Mr. PASTOR and Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut.

H.R. 1032: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 1043: Mr. LATOURETTE and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina.

H.R. 1063: Mr. BROWN of South Carolina.

H.R. 1117: Ms. WOOLSEY and Mr. KAGEN.

H.R. 1188: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 1228: Mr. DOOLITTLE and Mr. KIND.

H.R. 1282: Mr. KILDEE, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. ANDREWS.