

abroad, but good intentions are not sufficient cause for Congress to plant its head in the sand and ignore what is becoming increasingly obvious.

Our renewable standard is creating problems with food prices here at home and food shortages abroad. It's leading to destabilization of world governments because of the effect of hunger and deprivation in developing countries. It is time for this Congress to get it right. It's time for this Congress to reexamine those renewable fuel standards, back off for a while until the price situation stabilizes in the world market. And we have to get serious about increasing energy supply to run this economy, to run what Ronald Reagan described as the last best hope on Earth for democracy.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CARTER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today after 3 p.m. on account of a family medical emergency.

Mr. COBLE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 4:30 p.m. on account of attending the graduation ceremony at the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 4:30

p.m. on account of a doctor's appointment.

Mr. TIAHRT (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a funeral in the district.

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. MURPHY of Connecticut) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LANGEVIN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CALVERT, for 5 minutes, today and May 22.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on its 40th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on May 20, 2008 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2419. To provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the fourth quarter of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2008

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Michael Burgess	2/20	2/24	Kuwait		328.00						328.00
			Iraq								
			Pakistan								
			Afghanistan								
Commercial Air Fare							8,022.00				8,022.00
Hon. Barbara Cubin	2/15	2/21	Brazil		1,616.00		(³)				1,616.00
Hon. Barbara Cubin	3/24	3/25	Egypt		278.00		(³)				278.00
	3/25	3/26	Afghanistan				(³)				75.00
	3/26	3/29	Pakistan		998.31		(³)				998.31
Hon. John Shimkus	3/29	3/30	Czech Republic		431.12		(³)				431.12
Commercial Air Fare	1/16	1/19	Lithuania		255.00						255.00
Vito Fossella			England		(⁴)						
			France		(⁵)						
Commercial Air Fare							8,429.01				8,429.01
Round trip rail fare: London/Paris							434.00				434.00
Committee total					3,981.43		24,942.40				28,923.83

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Per diem used in Kuwait only.

⁴ Per diem to be provided on amended report.

⁵ Military air transportation.

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL, Chairman, May 8, 2008.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2008

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. John Tanner	12/31	1/2	New Zealand		300.00						300.00
	1/2	1/4	Antarctica								
	1/4	1/5	New Zealand		156.00						156.00
	1/5	1/7	Australia		350.00						350.00
Hon. John Larson	1/7	1/8	Canada		288.00			485.14			773.14
	1/8	1/12	United Kingdom		650.00			1,877.34			2,527.34

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2008—

Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Jon Porter	1/7	1/9	France		376.00		8,545.21				8,921.21
	1/10	1/11	Azerbaijan		188.00						188.00
	1/11	1/15	Turkey		342.00						342.00
Hon. Phil English	1/5	1/9	France		376.00		8,545.21				8,921.21
	1/10	1/11	Azerbaijan		188.00						188.00
	1/11	1/15	Turkey		432.00						432.00
Hon. Phil English	1/18	1/19	Belgium		433.53						433.53
	1/20	1/21	Afghanistan								
	1/21	1/22	Germany		49.00						49.00
Hon. Allyson Schwartz	1/24	1/25	Kuwait		228.00		8,036.76				8,264.76
	1/25	1/25	Iraq		228.00						228.00
	1/25	1/26	Kuwait		228.00						228.00
Hon. Jerry Weller	2/16	2/18	Ecuador		590.00						590.00
	2/19	2/20	Bolivia		318.00						318.00
	2/21	2/23	Argentina		313.00						313.00
Hon. Devin Nunes	3/24	3/24	Cape Verde		242.58						242.58
	3/25	3/28	South Africa		1,468.94						1,468.94
	3/28	3/30	Ghana		528.00						528.00
	3/30	3/31	Cape Verde		295.70						295.70
Committee total					8,568.75		25,127.18		2,362.48		36,058.41

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL, Chairman, May 14, 2008.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

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

6741. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 07-06, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(a); to the Committee on Appropriations.

6742. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extension of Authority to Carry Out Certain Prototype Projects [DFARS Case 2008-D008] (RIN: 0750-AF93) received April 22, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6743. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Deletion of Obsolete Restriction on Acquisition of Vessel Propellers [DFARS Case 2007-D027] (RIN: 0750-AF91) received April 22, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6744. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Excessive Pass-Through Charges [DFARS Case 2006-D057] (RIN: 0750-AF67) received May 12, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6745. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the 38th report required by the FY 2000 Emergency Supplemental Act, pursuant to Public Law 106-246, section 3204(f); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6746. A letter from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Priority and Allocations System (RIN: 1991-AB69) received March 3, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6747. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Notice of Final Priority, Definitions, Requirements, and Selection Criteria — received May 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

6748. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Use of Materials Derived From Cattle in Human Food and Cosmetics [Docket No. 2004N-0081] (RIN: 0910-AF47) received May 13, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6749. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Meeteetse, Wyoming, Fruita, Colorado, Ashton, Burley, Dubois, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Rexburg, Shelley, Soda Springs, and Weston, Idaho, Lima, Montana, American Fork, Ballard, Brigham City, Centerville, Delta, Huntington, Kaysville, Logan, Manti, Milford, Naples, Oakley, Orem, Price, Randolph, Roosevelt, Roy, Salina, South Jordan, Spanish Fork, Vernal, Wellington, and Woodruff, Utah, Diamondville, Evanston, Kemmerer, Marbleton, Superior, Thayne, and Wilson, Wyoming) [MB Docket No. 05-243 RM-11363 RM-11364 RM-11365] Received April to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6750. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Third Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion To Digital Television [MB Docket No. 07-91] received April 30, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6751. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Comp. Bur., Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets [WT Docket No. 99-217] received May 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6752. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final

rule — In the Matter of DTV Consumer Education Initiative [MB Docket No. 07-148] received May 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6753. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules; Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999: Local Broadcast Signal Carriage Issues and Retransmission Consent Issues [CS Docket No. 00-96 CSR-5978-M] received May 7, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6754. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6755. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6756. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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6761. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine