

basic right of American law that we deal with that in the proper way to stop price fixing. The Republicans have stood in the way without any leadership on that issue.

In terms of price gouging by the oil companies, we have passed, the Democrats have passed legislation cracking down on Big Oil that are gouging American consumers.

The Energy Price Gouging Prevention Act would give our Federal Trade Commission authority to investigate and punish companies that artificially inflate the price of energy. It sets criminal penalties for price gouging, and permits States to bring lawsuits against wholesalers or retailers who engage in such practices. The Bush administration has threatened to veto the measure and the Republican leadership has consistently voted “no, no, no” and “no” on price gouging.

On renewable energy as we discussed, we have been moving towards renewable energy provisions. The House leadership of the Republicans, every single one of them has voted “no” on renewable energy. They are voting “no” on America’s future. They are voting “no”, on a responsible free market. And on our energy security which we have been working on as Democrats to make sure that we are moving to real security for the United States and energy independence, they voted “no, no, no.”

So in closing, and there is so much more we could say about what we have been doing, but as I close tonight I want to say to you and to the Speaker’s attention I appreciate, another member of our freshman class of 2006, a distinguished member, that it is time to say yes to the future. It is time to say yes to American consumers. Our special interest must be the interest of the people of this country. It must be an answer to the pain that they are feeling at the pumps, and where they know, where the American people know the great future and destiny of this country lies.

So our job is to say yes. We understand that we need to do something now and we are. We are answering the call now. Democrats will answer, Republicans will say no, but we will be steadfast in the special interest of the people. We will be responsible in unleashing the forces of the free market to take us into the energy future that the American people need and deserve. It is time to say yes to the future. Green is the new red, white and blue. I look forward to working in the years to come on the legislation and the policies that will move us into the future in a way that the American people will be proud of, and I thank you for being with me tonight.

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. DEFAZIO) to revise and ex-

tend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. YARMUTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WEINER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. GIFFORDS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, June 25.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, June 25.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, June 19.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, for 5 minutes, June 19.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, June 19.

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

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on June 16, 2008 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 6124. To provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HODES. 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, Thursday, June 19, 2008, 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:

7185. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — User Fees for 2008 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [AMS-CN-07-0092; CN-08-001] (RIN: 0581-AC80) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7186. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendments to Rules of Practice Regulations Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) To Increase Reparation Complaint Filing and Handling Fees [Docket Number AMS-FV-06-0217; FV07-376] (RIN: 0581-AC72) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7187. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the

Department’s final rule — Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0159; FV08-955-1 FR] received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7188. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — User Fees for 2008 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers [AMS-CN-07-0092; CN-08-001] (RIN: 0581-AC80) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7189. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0159; FV08-955-1 FR] received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7190. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendments to Rules of Practice Regulations Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) To Increase Reparation Complaint Filing and Handling Fees [Docket Number AMS-FV-06-0217; FV07-376] (RIN: 0581-AC72) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7191. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s report entitled, “Assessment of the Livestock and Poultry Industries for FY 2007,” pursuant to Public Law 106-472; to the Committee on Agriculture.

7192. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule — Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Mission-Related Investments, Rural Community Investments (RIN: 3052-AC42) received May 29, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7193. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Risk-Based Capital Regulation — Loss Severity Amendments (RIN: 2550-AA38) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7194. A letter from the General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Rehabilitation Training — Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program — received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

7195. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — West Virginia Regulatory Program [WV-114-FOR; OSM-2008-0010] received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7196. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of payments to eligible governments in the State of California for Fiscal Year 2008 under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7197. A letter from the Associate General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the Office’s report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency, entitled, “Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources,” pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(2)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7198. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Participating in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in Bycatch Limitation Zone 1 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 071106673-8011-02] (RIN: 0648-XI14) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7199. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Guided Sport Charter Vessel Fishery for Halibut [Docket No. 071031633-8385-02] (RIN: 0648-AW23) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7200. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Individual Fishing Quota Program; Community Development Quota Program [Docket No. 070717351-8507-02] (RIN: 0648-AV64) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7201. 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 Crab Rationalization Program [Docket No. 070718364-8478-03] (RIN: 0648-AV19) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7202. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Group-er Resources of the South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction [Docket No. 060525140-6221-02] (RIN: 0648-XI05) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7203. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Guideline Harvest Levels for the Guided Recreational Halibut Fishery; Correction [Docket No. 080515668-8669-01] (RIN: 0648-AW82) received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7204. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's report on excess harvesting capacity in U.S. fisheries, pursuant to Section 312 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7205. A letter from the Director, National Drug Intelligence Center, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Cities in Which Mexican DTO's Operate Within the United States"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7206. A letter from the Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting notification that funding under Title V, subsection 503(b)(3) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, has exceeded \$5

million for the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3230-EM in the State of Illinois, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7207. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's position on budgeting for the Lock and Dam 3 Mississippi River Navigation Safety and Embankments Navigation Improvement Project, Minnesota and Wisconsin; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7208. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates [Notice 2008-53] received June 11, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7209. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting consistent with Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, the "2008 Comprehensive Report on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act"; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7210. A letter from the Acting Assistant Director, Directives and Regulations Branch, Office of Regulatory and Management Services, USDA Forest Service, Department of transmitting the Department's final rule — Clarifying Prohibitions for Failure To Maintain Control of Fires That Damage National Forest System Lands (RIN: 0596-AC30) received June 13, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

7211. A letter from the Commissioner, Department of the Interior, transmitting a copy of a draft bill entitled, "Reclamation Title Transfer Act of 2008"; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and the Judiciary.

7212. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a report on the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system, including any recommendations for financing changes, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f-1; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and 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:

Ms. SLAUGHTER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1281. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 110-719). 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. CONAWAY:

H.R. 6289. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the maximum reduction in estate tax value for farmland and other special use property, to restore and increase the estate tax deduction for family-owned business interests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. HOOLEY, and Mr. WU):

H.R. 6290. A bill to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. WU, and Ms. HOOLEY):

H.R. 6291. A bill to adjust the boundary of Oregon Caves National Monument, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments in Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELLER:

H.R. 6292. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require local educational agencies to provide to parents, on request, information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's specialized instructional support persons; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. HAYES (for himself, Mr. McINTYRE, and Mr. EDWARDS):

H.R. 6293. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a discretionary grant program for school construction for local educational agencies affected by base closures and realignments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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. BOYD of Florida:

H.R. 6294. A bill to provide for a comprehensive study by the National Research Council of the National Academies to assess the water management, needs, and conservation of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River System; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California (for himself and Mr. POE):

H.R. 6295. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit operation by any means or embarking in any submersible or semi-submersible vessel that is without nationality and that is navigating or has navigated into, through or from waters beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea of a single country or a lateral limit of that country's territorial sea with an adjacent country, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. EHLERS, and Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California):

H.R. 6296. A bill to extend through 2013 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 6297. A bill to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. ROSE LEHTINEN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. HINCHY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. FORTENBERRY):

H.R. 6298. A bill to restrict nuclear cooperation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MEKES of New York (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. Sires, and Mr. KUHL of New York):