

America somebody needs to take an elderly parent to see a doctor. That's today. Somebody has to take their child to school. That is today.

There are wonderful renewable technologies, but I can tell you as one who has worked in the industry, for these to be commercially viable, for them to be scalable, these technologies are easily 10 years away, perhaps 15, and in some cases, 20.

Another part of the answer, Mr. Speaker, is diversification. China is building two to three nuclear plants a year. In America, we haven't built a new nuclear plant and we haven't had any new permits in 30 years, and yet we know nuclear power has zero emissions, no impact, no carbon footprint whatsoever. We need diversification.

Another thing we need to do, Mr. Speaker, under the Republican plan to bring down the price of fuel at the pump is reduce the number of boutique fuels. There was a time in America's history where if you drove from Spokane, Washington, to Kansas City, Kansas, to Dallas, Texas, to Miami, Florida, there's only one gasoline you bought. Now it may be as many as a dozen, which drives up the price and leads to spot shortages.

Mr. Speaker, not only have we doubled, we are twice as dependent on foreign sources of energy today as we were at the height of the Arab oil embargo. Not only are we importing more oil, we are now having to import refined gasoline. Why? Because we haven't built a refinery in a generation because of this worshipping at the altar of radical environmentalism.

And Mr. Speaker, sometimes I think my friends on the other side of the aisle have forgotten that people are part of the environment, too, and they're struggling. They're struggling to keep their job, pay their rent, fill up their cars. We have to expand American refining capacity.

And then we have to produce the energy we have. Mr. Speaker, we are blessed with great energy resources. We are the Saudi Arabia of coal. That's why I and the gentleman from Texas have introduced this bill to ensure that Federal agencies can contract to help to develop these promising technologies in coal-to-liquid. It's already being done in Britain, in Saudi Arabia. We can do it now if the Democrat majority would get out of the way and let us produce.

And our oil resources, Mr. Speaker, the Outer Continental Shelf, our deep sea resources, why is 85 percent of that outlawed? Why is it off the board? Why can't we produce there?

There are decades and decades and decades of energy just sitting there for the take, and again, the radical environmental left that helps control our Democrat majority won't let it happen.

The arctic area of Alaska, half of our proven petroleum reserves sit there in an area of America where almost no one lives.

Mr. Speaker, I get to represent a large portion of East Texas, and I can

tell you, somehow man, nature and pump jack can coexist. They can coexist peacefully, and it can be done in Alaska as well.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that something as challenging as the high price of petroleum, that we could come together as Republicans and Democrats and work for the betterment of all the people in America.

But Mr. Speaker, you cannot outlaw supply and demand. You cannot do it. Demand has increased precipitously over the world, particularly in areas like China and India, and we're sitting on these great supplies, and we're the only Nation in the world that I'm aware of who sits on so much energy and refuses to produce it.

And instead, what does our Democrat majority offer us? Beg OPEC, sue OPEC, tax oil companies, castigate oil companies, impose a form of price controls. That does nothing, nothing to help American families.

The Republican plan will, and with that, I would be happy to yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. CARTER. I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I hope that everybody is listening in detail to what my colleagues are talking about here today.

You know, I spent a long time as a district judge and watching lawsuits. It is very fascinating, this sue OPEC argument that's out there, because as I understand it, the lawsuit would be you are not producing enough, therefore, you're fixing the price and we're suing you. And I would see a lawyer for the Saudi Arabians or whomever we had sued, they would say, well, wait a minute, you're not producing, therefore, you're influencing the price of oil; so I'm going to counter-sue you under this lawsuit, and now, America, let's see who's not producing the most.

I'm afraid we'd lose because we're not producing anything on the east coast, anything on the west coast, anything in half of the Gulf of Mexico and anything in a quarter of Alaska, where they can argue that they're producing everything they can pump. It's just how fast they turn up the pumps. So that lawsuit might turn its back on us right there, and that concerns me. But that's all speculation.

It's not speculation that that family's not getting to go on a vacation. You know, it's not speculation the people who worry about how they're going to get their children to their schools and their after-school activities come the start of school in the fall.

I talked to a lady two-and-a-half years ago when the Democrat minority, when we were in the majority, were criticizing us for \$2.40 a gallon, \$2.50 a gallon gasoline. They were criticizing us, and I went and pumped gas in a gas station for about 3 hours and talked to the people as I filled up their tank.

And the lady who told the most compelling story was the one who said, I have to get my kids to their various recitals, practices, after-school activities

and make sure they get to school on time. They go to three different schools. I'm a single mom, with three kids in three different schools in three different parts of town. And I have to choose between what we eat or if we eat and whether I get to drive the car to get these kids.

That was at \$2.50 a gallon of gas. We have now got \$4.07 a gallon of gas, and I can't help but think about that lady every day and wonder—I'd like to actually hear from her—wonder how she's doing.

Also, the trucker that hauled a load from Houston to San Diego and got paid \$1,800, and his fuel costs were \$1,700, how is that man going to make a living?

This is about making a living, living the American dream, just being good Americans, and we're being kept from that by the Democrats' energy policy. It's time to wake up and produce American energy for America.

Mr. HENSARLING. I thank the gentleman, and for our final closing comments, I yield to the other gentleman from Texas.

Mr. CONAWAY. I want to thank our two colleagues for being with us tonight to talk about this.

What you're really talking about is an attack on the American lifestyle. We have built a Nation predicated on cheap gasoline because it has always had cheap gasoline, and we've built suburbs. We've expanded into rural areas. We've built a lifestyle that demands low gasoline prices.

And what we are telling Americans is that this Democratic-led Congress wants high gasoline prices and wants to attack the American lifestyle.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and June 25 on account of official business in district.

Mr. PENCE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today 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 Ms. KAPTUR) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today, June 25 and 26.

Mr. WESTMORELAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

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

S. 3180. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on June 18, 2008 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 3179. To amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments.

H.R. 3913. To amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 25, 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:

7284. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the Department's report on the amount of purchases from foreign entities for Fiscal Year 2007, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 827 (110 Stat. 2611); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7285. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Richard A. Cody, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7286. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting letter on the approved retirement of General Robert Magnus, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7287. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting letter on the approved retirement of General William R. Looney III, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7288. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Depart-

ment of Defense, transmitting notification that the Department proposes to donate the submarine ex-DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) to the Maritime Museum of San Diego, California, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7306; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7289. A letter from the Director, Naval Reactors, transmitting copies of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program's latest report on environmental monitoring and radiological waste disposal, worker radiation exposure, and occupational safety and health, as well as a report providing an overview of the Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7290. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7780] received June 18, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7291. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received June 18, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7292. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-8021] received June 18, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7293. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the report on Measuring Stability and Security in Iraq pursuant to Section 9010 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007, Pub. L. 109-289, as amended by Section 1308 of Pub. L. 110-28 and Section 1224 of Pub. L. 110-181; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7294. A letter from the Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State, transmitting a letter detailing necessary corrections in the Department's annual report, "Country Reports on Terrorism 2007"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7295. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a proposed removal from the United States Munitions List of tires originally designed for use on the M977 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck, pursuant to Section 38(f)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7296. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a proposed removal from the United States Munitions List of tires originally designed for use on Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Wheeled Vehicles, pursuant to Section 38(f)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7297. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a proposed removal from the United States Munitions List of tires primarily used on military heavy trucks, pursuant to Section 38(f)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7298. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to Section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with section 1(a)(6) of Executive Order 13313, a report prepared by the Department of State on the progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period April 1, 2008 through May 31, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7299. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National

Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7300. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report of the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7301. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Library of Congress, transmitting activities of the United States Capitol Preservation Fund for the six-month period which ended on March 31, 2008, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 188a-3; to the Committee on House Administration.

7302. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan [Docket No. 030221039-6294-33; I.D. 110806C] received June 18, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7303. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — List of Fisheries for 2005 [Docket No. 041108310-5347-04, I.D. 100104H] (RIN: 0648-AS78) received June 18, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7304. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Sea Turtle Conservation: Modification to Fishing Activities [Docket No. 060405097-6161-02; I.D. 033006E] (RIN: 0648-AU10) received June 18, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7305. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Right Whale Protection; Southeast U.S. Gillnet Closure [Docket No. 061107293-6293-01; I.D. 103006B] (RIN: 0648-AU95) received June 18, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7306. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan [Docket No. 030221039-6295-34; I.D. 110806D] received June 18, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7307. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting a copy of a draft bill to establish authority for the Secretary of Labor to impose a fee on employers submitting applications to the Department of Labor for the certification of temporary employment of non-immigrant aliens in the United States under the H-2B non-agricultural worker visa program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.