

I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today after 5 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons due to family matters.

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

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, July 23.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, July 23.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STEARNS, for 5 minutes, today.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on July 9, 2008 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 6304. To amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on July 10, 2008 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 802. To amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI.

H.R. 3721. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building".

H.R. 3891. To amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

H.R. 4185. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building".

H.R. 5168. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Cody Grater Post Office Building".

H.R. 5395. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building".

H.R. 5479. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building".

H.R. 5517. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 5528. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building".

H.R. 6331. To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 17, 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:

7580. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the eighteenth annual report on the Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1637 note. Public Law 100-583, section 8 (102 Stat. 2969); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7581. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's Annual Report to Congress on the Presidential \$1 Coin Program, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5112 Public Law 109-145, section 104(3)(B); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7582. A letter from the Senior Vice President, Office of Congressional Affairs, Export-Import Bank, transmitting the Bank's report on export credit competition and the Export-Import Bank of the United States for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7583. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7584. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7585. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program and Other Federal Student Aid Programs [Docket ID ED-2008-OPE-0001] (RIN: 1840-AC93) received July 8, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

7586. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report on the

Community Services Block Grant Statistical Report and Report on Performance Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

7587. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification terminating the suspensions pertaining to the issuance of temporary munitions export licenses for exports to the People's Republic of China, pursuant to Public Law 101-246, section 902(b)(2) (104 Stat. 85); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7588. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7589. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification for FY 2008 that no United Nations organization or United Nations affiliated agency grants an official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization which promotes, condones, or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization, pursuant to Public Law 103-236, section 565(b) (108 Stat. 845); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7590. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Texts of Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labor Conference at Geneva, pursuant to Art. 19 of the Constitution of the International Labor Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7591. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed technical assistance agreement for technical data, defense services, and defense articles to the United Arab Emirates (Transmittal No. DDTC 003-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7592. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles or defense services to the Government of Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 012-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7593. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the manufacture of military equipment to the Government of the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDTC 045-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7594. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding an application for a license for the manufacture of military equipment abroad and the export of defense services, including technical data, and defense articles to the Government of Poland (Transmittal No. DDTC 071-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7595. A letter from the Board of Directors, Tusiad, transmitting an analysis of the factual and legal deficiencies of H. Res. 106; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7596. A letter from the Adjutant General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., transmitting proceedings of the 108th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, held in Kansas City, Missouri, August 18-23, 2007, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 118 and 44 U.S.C. 1332; (H. Doc. No. 110-

132); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7597. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Notification of the intention to waive the prohibition on the use of FY 2007 Economic Support Funds provided with respect to Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Ecuador, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Niger, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, South Africa, and Tanzania, pursuant to Public Law 109-102, section 574; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Appropriations.

7598. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 2008 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system, pursuant to Public Law 100-647, section 7105; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

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. WELCH of Vermont: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1350. Resolution providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (Rept. 110-761). 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. BOUSTANY:

H.R. 6506. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to require SCHIP annual reports to include information on the HEDIS measure relating to access to primary care practitioners by individuals eligible for child health assistance under such plans and on State efforts to avoid certain displacement of private health coverage, and to express the sense of Congress that such States should utilize Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems consumer satisfaction surveys to measure access by such individuals to physicians; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CHILDERS:

H.R. 6507. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the partial exclusion for gain from certain small business stocks; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MILLER of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. NADLER, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina):

H.R. 6508. A bill to provide an alternate procedure for the prosecution of certain criminal contempts referred for prosecution by the House of Representatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. GOHMERT, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 6509. A bill to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA:

H.R. 6510. A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to conduct a national intelligence assessment on national security and energy security issues relating to rapidly escalating energy costs; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

By Mr. TANCREDO:

H.R. 6511. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital under construction in Aurora, Colorado, as the "Petty Officer 2nd Class Danny Dietz Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina:

H.R. 6512. A bill to require agencies to review all major rules within 10 years after issuance, including a cost-benefit analysis using a standard government-wide methodology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. KANJORSKI (for himself, Mr.

BACHUS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Ms. BEAN, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HODES, and Mrs. CAPITO):

H.R. 6513. A bill to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance the effectiveness of the Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement, corporation finance, trading and markets, investment management, and examination programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 6514. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that every military chaplain has the prerogative to close a prayer outside of a religious service according to the dictates of the chaplain's own conscience; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. CASTOR, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Ms. GIFFORDS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HODES, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. SPACE, Mr. SIRES, Mr. WILSON of Ohio, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. FOSTER):

H.R. 6515. A bill to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious environmentally responsible program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Ms. HIRONO):

H.R. 6516. A bill to provide for retirement equity for Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' 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. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. CAPUANO):

H.R. 6517. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to reinstate the uptick rule on short sales of securities; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 6518. A bill to increase public confidence in the justice system and address any

unwarranted racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself and Mr. ISSA):

H.R. 6519. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to temporary admission of nonimmigrant aliens to the United States for the purpose of receiving medical treatment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Ms. WATSON, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PITTS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. SOLIS, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida):

H.R. 6520. A bill to increase global stability and security for the United States and the international community by reducing the number of individuals who are de jure or de facto stateless and at risk of being trafficked; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. JONES of North Carolina):

H.R. 6521. A bill to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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 Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN (for herself, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. KAGEN, and Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS):

H.R. 6522. A bill to prohibit the importation of ruminants and swine, and fresh and frozen meat and products of ruminants and swine, from Argentina until the Secretary of Agriculture certifies to Congress that every region of Argentina is free of foot and mouth disease without vaccination; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KAGEN:

H.R. 6523. A bill to ban the export of Alaskan oil; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. LATOURETTE (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR):

H.R. 6524. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to take certain actions with respect to parcels of real property located in Eastlake, Ohio, and Koochiching County, Minnesota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota (for herself and Mr. WALZ of Minnesota):

H.R. 6525. A bill to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. MELANCON:

H.R. 6526. A bill to establish the 8/29 Investigation Team to examine the events beginning on August 29, 2005, with respect to the