

So I applaud you, Judge CARTER, for bringing out these issues of trust. I know the American people did not trust Republicans, and they took us out of the majority in 2006. I was not here then. In 2008, they actually took more Republicans out of office.

We have, I think, presented many things to the American people that they can look at, and they can trust the Republicans to bring forth ideas and to stand firm on good ethics. On the trust of the American people, we are presenting solutions after solutions that make sense economically and that do not borrow from our grandchildren, and hopefully, the American people will trust us.

I just applaud what you are doing, Judge CARTER. I yield back.

Mr. CARTER. I thank you for your comments.

I want to thank my friends for coming out tonight and for joining me in this hour of talk and discussion. I want to thank the Speaker for being patient with us tonight and for staying here with us, and I thank those who work to make a recording of what is said here, which I happen to know from long years of experience is a very difficult job, and I always have a lot of sympathy for the court reporters who have to take down people who talk like I do, so I want to give them some credit here tonight.

I want to thank the American people. To those who did listen in, let's use some common sense, and let's get everything out on the table, and let's resolve any ethics issues we've got so that America can trust the people who are talking to them. If we talk straight and if we try to come up with straight ideas, I think the American people know that good, solid, commonsense ideas can fix things. I hope that they will participate in this representative form of government by contacting their Representatives and by making suggestions. I have gotten good ones from my constituents. They will send me more good ones, and I hope that everybody in America will contact their Representatives and will let them know how they feel about things and will give them the good ideas, because that is what a representative form of government is all about, and that is why we have a Republic. I am proud to be a small part of this Republic.

With that, I would like to yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. WESTMORELAND (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of an illness.

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

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KRATOVIL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SUTTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SESTAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, April 1.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, April 1.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, March 30, 31 and April 1.

Mr. CASSIDY, for 5 minutes, March 30, 31 and April 1.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BARTLETT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 26, 2009, 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:

1048. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification of the result of a public-private competition, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2462(a); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1049. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [DC103-2051; FRL-8775-3] received March 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1050. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Greene County 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance

Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory [EPA-R03-OAR-2007-0176; FRL-8777-3] received March 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1051. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Amendments to the Open Burning Regulation [EPA-R03-OAR-2007-0200; FRL-8773-1] received March 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1052. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Clearfield/Indiana 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base-Year Inventory [EPA-R03-OAR-2007-0624; FRL-8777-4] received March 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1053. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Alabama; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [AL-200822; FRL-8759-9] received March 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1054. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Permits by Rule and Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification [EPA-R06-OAR-2005-TX-0026; FRL-8780-5] received March 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1055. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Final Determination to Approve Research, Development, and Demonstration Request for the Salt River Landfill [EPA-R09-RCRA-2008-0354; FRL-8777-9] received March 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1056. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0513; FRL-8400-1] received March 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1057. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0936; FRL-8402-8] received March 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1058. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [MD202-3118; FRL-8775-2] received 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1059. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of

a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 147-08), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 39, section 36(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1060. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to Australia (Transmittal No. DDTC 144-08), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 39, 36(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1061. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DDTC 148-08), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 39, 36(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1062. A letter from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1063. A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Program Performance Report, prepared in accordance with the provisions of The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1064. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a copy of the annual report for Calendar Year 2008, in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1065. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the Office's report entitled, "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the September 2008 session and the June 2008 special session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 608. A bill to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out certain construction projects, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-53, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 608. Referral to the Committee on House Administration extended for a period ending not later than April 24, 2009.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ALTMIRE (for himself, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 1699. A bill to require that certain complex diagnostic laboratory tests performed by an independent laboratory after a hospital outpatient encounter or inpatient stay during which the specimen involved was collected shall be treated as services for which payment may be made directly to the laboratory under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act; 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 Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. WATSON, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. FALLIN, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida):

H.R. 1700. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. TAYLOR):

H.R. 1701. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a special review board for certain former members of the Armed Forces with post-traumatic stress disorder or a traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MILLER of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois):

H.R. 1702. A bill to authorize assistance for affordable housing and sustainable urban development in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. FATTAH:

H.R. 1703. A bill to require a study and comprehensive analytical report on transforming America by reforming the Federal tax code through elimination of all Federal taxes on individuals and corporations and replacing the Federal tax code with a transaction fee-based system; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 1704. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve mental and behavioral health services on college campuses; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. DELAHUNT (for himself and Mr. MILLER of North Carolina):

H.R. 1705. A bill to create a Financial Product Safety Commission, to provide consumers with stronger protections and better information in connection with consumer financial products, and to give providers of consumer financial products more regulatory certainty; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. DEGETTE):

H.R. 1706. A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic

drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. GRANGER (for herself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana):

H.R. 1707. A bill to increase housing, awareness, and navigation demonstration services (HANDS) for individuals with autism spectrum disorders; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. TERRY):

H.R. 1708. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, 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. GORDON of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. EHLERS):

H.R. 1709. A bill to establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science and Technology, 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. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HARE, and Mr. YARMUTH):

H.R. 1710. A bill to include family therapists on the list of professionals recognized to provide public school mental health services under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. FALCOMA, and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 1711. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians, to provide a process for the reorganization of a Native Hawaiian government and the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, and Mr. PITTS):

H.R. 1712. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to establish a Social Security Surplus Protection Account in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund to hold the Social Security surplus, to provide for suspension of investment of