

Rules of the House of Representatives, that my office has been served with two grand jury subpoenas for documents issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with counsel, I will make the determination required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

PETER J. VISCLOSKY,
Member of Congress.

HONORING THE LIVES OF JOHN BROWN, JR. AND THOMAS CLAW

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lives of two American heroes. In May, we lost two of the last surviving Navajo Code Talkers, John Brown, Jr., of Crystal, New Mexico, and Thomas Claw of Chinle, Arizona.

Navajo Code Talkers saved the lives of countless Americans in World War II and Korea by using DINE to communicate without risk of interception.

Mr. Brown was among those who developed the original code. At the 2001 ceremony, where the original 29 Code Talkers received Congressional Gold Medals, he said, "As Code Talkers, as Marines, we did our part to protect freedom and democracy. It is my hope that our young people will carry on this honorable tradition as long as the grass shall grow and the rivers flow."

I hope for just as long, we remember to honor the memory of Mr. Brown, Mr. Claw and all those DINE who served our Nation.

SAVING PLANET EARTH TAX

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the new carbon energy tax is about to nail all Americans who use energy. It's about old-fashioned, central planning control that would make the now-defunct Soviet Union green with envy.

In the name of saving Planet Earth, the taxacrats want to control every dollar spent on energy in America. They also want control over who can use it and how. So they came up with the mother of all mandates: The cap-and-trade national tax on energy consumption. This scheme will bankrupt manufacturing businesses and cost American families thousands of dollars a year in new taxes.

If you use electricity or natural gas in your home, you've got another tax. If you drive your car, the gasoline tax will go up. It's all about government control over our lives.

And the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the cap-and-trade boondoggle will be a major tax increase or a massive expansion of government, or both. And they also told the Senate last week that it won't have any impact on the Earth's temperature. Now isn't that lovely.

And that's just the way it is.

CONCERN FOR THE DOLLAR

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, the dollars in your wallet are about to become less valuable, a lot less valuable.

Over the last several months, the Federal Reserve has been lending money to the Federal Government using "monetized" assets. That's Washington-speak for printing money we do not have. To date, the Fed has printed over \$130 billion by just running a virtual electronic printing press on its balance sheet. Most Americans do not know this is happening. Most Chinese do.

The dollar-printing policy of Chairman Bernanke and Secretary Geithner should worry every American. High interest rates and inflation are the enemy of homeowners with a mortgage and senior citizens on a fixed income. Nothing sinks a middle class faster than inflation.

Concern for the dollar is also front page news in China. China's leaders approved over \$1 trillion in lending to the U.S. And if the Fed continues printing money, then China's dollar-denominated loans will lose considerable value.

As co-chair of the China Working Group, I led a mission to China, where I heard about deep concern in China. It's a concern that we should all listen to for our own sakes, as well as our international trade.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT LEEVI K. BARNARD

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in solemn remembrance of the life of a fallen hero, 1st Lieutenant Leevi Khole Barnard, of the North Carolina National Guard. Lieutenant Barnard was killed while serving his country in Iraq on May 21 when an improvised explosive device targeted his unit in Baghdad.

Lieutenant Barnard joined the North Carolina National Guard in 2004 after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Advanced Individual Training Class at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His unit, the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, was recently deployed to Iraq this April.

Lieutenant Barnard graduated from UNC Charlotte, where he participated in the university's ROTC program. This selfless American patriot, who paid the heaviest price for his country, will be remembered forever as a young man whose life was overflowing with potential and whose personality filled other people's lives with joy. His tragic death in the line of duty is an irre-

placeable loss for his family and friends, his community and his country.

Today we mourn with those who mourn. And we pay tribute to and honor this soldier and his inspiring life that was cut short while he was serving his country. His country owes him an immeasurable debt of gratitude for his 5 years of service and his great sacrifice on the battlefield.

May God's peace be with Lieutenant Barnard's family, friends and all those who continue to mourn his death and remember his life.

CAP-AND-TRADE OR CAP-AND-TAX

(Mr. LUETKEMEYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, the cap-and-trade bill currently working its way through the House is nothing more than a national energy tax. The right to emit carbon would essentially be auctioned off to generate revenue for more government spending programs, amounting to a major tax increase for all American consumers.

This proposed cap-and-trade is actually a cap-and-tax system that will increase taxes, eliminate jobs, or drive them offshore, and raise the cost of energy and the price of purchasing any product or service dependent upon energy. Many sources have looked at this and said that it will cost about \$4,000 per household, if not more. Even the President expects energy prices to rise, and describes them as skyrocketing. This national energy tax will be disastrous, particularly in light of our Nation's current economic circumstances.

As an alternative, I support an "all of the above" energy policy to end our dependence on foreign oil. I support increasing domestic exploration for oil, investing in biofuels, alternative fuels, clean coal and nuclear technology.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF ARMY FIRST SERGEANT BLUE C. ROWE

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of America's bravest, First Sergeant Blue Rowe, who sacrificed his life in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 1994, after graduating from Siloam Springs High School, Blue enlisted in the Army. He served honorably all over the world, and earned several military awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal and Posthumous Combat Action Badge, and a Bronze Star.

Blue's family and friends describe him as funny, compassionate, hard-working and 100 percent Arkansan. A lifelong Razorback fan, it wasn't out of the ordinary for Blue to leave Northwest Arkansas with a bag full of new

Razorback gear and show his support for the team while stationed in California.

Blue made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He is a true American hero.

I ask my colleagues to keep Blue's family and friends in their thoughts and prayers during these very difficult times, and I humbly offer my thanks to Army First Sergeant Blue Rowe for his selfless service to the security and well-being of all Americans.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

AVRA/BLACK WASH RECLAMATION AND RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECT

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 325) to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 325

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project".

SEC. 2. PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102-575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 16 ____ . AVRA/BLACK WASH RECLAMATION AND RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECT, PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with Pima County, Arizona, may participate in the planning, design, and construction of water recycling facilities and to enhance and restore riparian habitat in the Black Wash Sonoran Desert ecosystem in Avra Valley west of the metropolitan Pima County area.

"(b) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost of the project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the project.

"(c) LIMITATION.—Federal funds provided under this section shall not be used for operation or maintenance of the project described in subsection (a).

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$14,000,000.

"(e) USE OF FUNDS.—Federal funds provided under this section shall only be used for the design, planning and construction of water-related infrastructure."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for Public Law 102-575 is amended by inserting after the last item relating to title XVI the following:

"Sec. 16 ____ . Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project, Pima County, Arizona."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) each will control 20 minutes. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 325, sponsored by the National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee chairman, RAÚL GRIJALVA, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project. The extremely arid conditions and climate of the Tucson, Arizona metropolitan area require the careful and innovative planning of both water supply and wastewater treatment systems.

The proposed Avra Valley Reclamation and Riparian Restoration site would spread treated wastewater on the mesquite riparian forest in Black Wash, creating valuable riparian habitat for migrating birds while recharging groundwater for the greater Tucson area.

I commend Mr. GRIJALVA for bringing this legislation to our attention, and I urge my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 325.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LAMBORN. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Democratic bill manager has adequately explained this bill. An earlier version of the bill would have allowed water infrastructure funds to be expended for trails and a visitors center. The bill now targets funding for water recycling infrastructure only. As such, we have no objection to this narrowly focused bill.

I would yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 325.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the

rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CENTRAL TEXAS WATER RECYCLING ACT OF 2009

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1120) to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1120

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102-575; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 16 ____ the following new section:

"SEC. 16 ____ . CENTRAL TEXAS WATER RECYCLING AND REUSE PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the City of Waco and other participating communities in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities to reclaim and reuse water in McLennan County, Texas.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the costs of the project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the project described in subsection (a).

"(d) SUNSET OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provisions of this section shall terminate 10 years after the date of enactment of this section."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections in section 2 of Public Law 102-575 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 16 ____ the following:

"Sec. 16 ____ . Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1120 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to participate