

writes campaign checks by its affiliates to candidates, and the three people who headlined this, on the top of the list, CHARLES SCHUMER, Senator; Representative LUIS GUTIERREZ; and Representative MAXINE WATERS, all tightly affiliated with ACORN, none of whom are very interested in investigating ACORN.

And if we go down through the list, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Interesting. A number of interesting names. John Podesta, Henry Cisneros of the Clinton administration, recognized and patted on the back for their affiliation with ACORN.

It is a sad day, indeed, when we see the corruption of our election politics, Mr. Speaker, and we see it done by an organization that is set up now with 361 affiliates. And, strangely, the Congress doesn't have enough curiosity in order to do an investigation, and the Justice Department doesn't have enough curiosity to do an investigation, and ACORN themselves admit that they produced over 400,000 fraudulent voter registrations in the last election cycle.

Their goal was to register, they said, I believe, 1.3 million, and they admitted to producing and turning in over 400,000 fraudulent voter registrations. ACORN is under investigation in 12 to 14 States. Across those States, there have been at least 70 ACORN employees that have been convicted of some type of fraudulent activity. Most of it is voter registration fraud. ACORN itself in Nevada is under investigation/indictment for election fraud.

This isn't something that is an anomaly; this is a pattern. This is the MO, the mode of operations, of a criminal enterprise that is corrupting our election process. And we know it's for political gain. We know it's for the money machine that gets churned. They are linked together with the SEIU. I read that part.

There is more to that as well. Those dollars pour into the coffers of Democrat candidates, not Republican candidates. ACORN then hires people and gets volunteers to go to the streets to turn out the vote, turn out the vote for Democrats, not for Republicans. I don't know of a case where we have ACORN out supporting a Republican unless it would be—let me just say for tonight I don't know of a case, although I've got something in mind.

This is the headquarters, ACORN's headquarters, 2609 Canal Street, an Obama sign in the window, an ACORN sign on the outside.

President Obama got his start in politics, in Chicago-style politics, with Project Vote, an arm of ACORN, that was registering people and turning out the vote. And he has since hired ACORN to turn out the vote. It was an ACORN affiliate to the tune of \$800,000. And that fungible money, some of it was commingled into the same accounts and distributed out as if it's their own personal slush fund, Rathke's own personal slush fund, to build power in a power-based width.

We have also the White House having reached out and signed an agreement with ACORN to help with the consensus.

Now, any organization that can produce 400,000 fraudulent voter registrations can't be trusted to count the American people, not when there is political gain involved. This can be done without ACORN.

There has since been a statement issued by the Census Bureau that they were not going to use ACORN. I have to see that to believe it. Are they not going to use any one of the 361 affiliates that are listed in this Government Reform report? I think it's going to be hard to see, no, they aren't. Are they not going to use any of the employees that work for them, Mr. Speaker?

So let's not forget President Obama has been tied to ACORN since the first days of his political life in Chicago. He has worked for them; they have worked for him. He has hired them with campaign money, and they have contributed campaign money to him. President Obama is part and parcel ACORN.

When the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, JOHN CONYERS, took interest in investigating ACORN and made such remarks in a Judiciary Committee meeting a couple of months ago, I was given heart that perhaps we would start to investigate ACORN. But 3 weeks later, the chairman came back in a public statement and he said the powers that be decided that there isn't enough evidence there to investigate ACORN.

Now, who would the powers that be be that are more powerful than the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee? Would it be Speaker PELOSI or President Obama?

Mr. Speaker, I am not convinced that it's necessarily Speaker PELOSI. But I point this image out. This is the cover of National Review magazine from March 23, 2009, this year. They put this image out here, Mr. Speaker, and I have just removed the letters so that it doesn't blur the image. It just says National Review on top, the date on the bottom, and whatever their headline story was. I take note to the logo on the shirt pocket of the polo shirt. That says it all, I think, Mr. Speaker.

This is what we have going: we have a criminal enterprise that is being hired by the White House to help run the census that helped put the President in the White House, a massive organization that reaches into 43 States and the District of Columbia, that has engaged in a number that approaches a million dollars in embezzlement and covered it up for 8 years, 400,000 fraudulent voter registration forms, Federal tax violations, and violations of not-for-profit conditions on 501(c)(3) corporations that are being used for partisan purposes.

And, Mr. Speaker, we have the image, we have the logo, and we have the national headquarters here at 2609 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, with the Obama sign in the window and the ACORN flag out on that side.

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Mr. Speaker, we have to investigate this organization. We have to bring the Judiciary Committee to bear and the Government Reform Committee to bear. We need the Justice Department to drill into this. No one single entity can unravel this spider web of 361 corporations. It must happen, or it will corrode and destroy this great constitutional Republic, the United States of America.

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

Ms. LEE of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MACK, for 5 minutes, July 28.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, July 29 and 30.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, July 30 and 31.

Mr. BOOZMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BACHMANN, for 5 minutes, today, July 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. LUJAN, for 5 minutes, today.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CUELLAR (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of travel delays due to weather.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. LYNCH (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of travel delays due to weather.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of travel delays due to weather.

Mr. CRENSHAW (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a family medical issue.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2245. An act to authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing

by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission's command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

H.R. 2632. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

H.R. 3114. An act to authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to use funds made available under the Trademark Act of 1946 for patent operations in order to avoid furloughs and reductions-in-force, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 56. Joint Resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, 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 10 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2826. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Grape Crop Insurance Provisions and Table Grape Crop Insurance Provisions (RIN: 0563-AC09) received July 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2827. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Clarification of Central Contractor Registration and Procurement Instrument Identification Data Requirements (DFARS Case 2008-D010) (RIN: 0750-AG05) received July 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2828. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Peer Reviews of Contracts (DFARS Case 2008-D035) (RIN: 0750-AG28) received July 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2829. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Protection of Human Subjects in Research Projects (DFARS Case 2007-D008) received July 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2830. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Govern-

ment Property (DFARS Case 2007-D020) (RIN: 0750-AF92) July 13, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2831. A letter from the Assistant Inspector General, Communications and Congressional Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department of Defense Inspector General Semiannual Report, October 1, 2008 — March 31, 2009, pursuant to Section 5(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2832. A letter from the Associate Director, PP&I, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Persons Contributing to the Conflict in Cote d'Ivoire Sanctions Regulations — received July 16, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2833. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 18-137, "Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington Property Acquisition Temporary Act of 2009", pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2834. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 18-138, "Commission on Uniform State Laws Appointment Authorization Temporary Act of 2009", pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2835. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 18-139, "Closing of a Paper Alley in Square 5401, S.O. 07-121, Act of 2009", pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2836. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs National Marine Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Recreational Management Measures for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Fishing Year 2009 [Docket No.: 090211163-9795-02] (RIN: 0648-AX69) received July 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2837. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — West Virginia Regulatory Program [WV-115-FOR; OSM-2009-0006] received July 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2838. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [PA-148-FOR; OSM-2008-0014] received July 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2839. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalties [Docket ID: OSM-2009-0004] received July 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); 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. GEORGE MILLER of California: Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 3221. A

bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 111-232). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### 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. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3345. A bill to amend titles 5, 10, and 32, United States Code, to eliminate inequities in the treatment of National Guard technicians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. KANJORSKI):

H.R. 3346. A bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to permit the sharing of confidential supervisory information with foreign auditor oversight bodies; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCCOTTER:

H.R. 3347. A bill to withdraw normal trade relations treatment from the products of foreign countries that do not maintain acceptable standards of religious freedom and worker rights; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CAO:

H.R. 3348. A bill to amend the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to extend the interoperable emergency communications grant program through fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN:

H.R. 3349. A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JENKINS (for herself, Mrs.

BLACKBURN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BOREN, Mr. AL-EXANDER, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. GOHMERT, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. COLE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. SOUDER):

H.R. 3350. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require roll call votes acknowledging the effect of the costs of legislation on the National debt; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. KILROY:

H.R. 3351. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with a non-binding vote on executive compensation; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SABLAN:

H.R. 3352. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand certain restrictions relating to the overhaul and repair of vessels in foreign shipyards to the Commonwealth of