

mire because he's going to lead us through this, he understands what you have to do. Some tough decisions have to be made. He's been given a very tough hand to play with the economic and fiscal situation of this country at the moment, but I believe that all the Nation wishes him well, and we want to work with him to get us back on the right path and fiscal responsibility.

Let's do some hard, tough work on Medicare and Social Security. We've known for years that those programs have to be reformed, that insolvency for these programs is right around the corner, and we have punted that ball down the field for many years now. He knows you can't do that anymore, and he's making the right calls and getting the right people together and getting the right team in place to move forward with this and get it done right.

So I want to thank my friend for getting this hour for us to speak for a few minutes about fiscal issues in the country and our economic situation.

Mr. MELANCON. I thank my friend from Florida, and in closing, let me just say there's an expression that you will hear in Washington, and it's called kicking the can down the street and refers to one party or another party or one administration or another administration or one politician or another politician taking the issue and just moving it down the road and trying to avoid having to face the hard issue of picking it up and resolving what the issues need to be.

We can no longer, as a government of this great country, kick the can down the road. We need to pick it up. We need to face the issues. We need to do it in a bipartisan way. We need to go back to regular order, take bills the way they used to be, where people debated them, they negotiated them. And a good deal or good bill has always been, in my mind, one where both parties either leave unhappy or both parties leave happy. When one party leaves happy and the other one isn't, then it's not a good deal, and it particularly is not a good deal for the great American citizens that put up with what has gone on through the decades.

We need to reform the way we do our business by going back to regular order, by making sure that there's transparency in our government, that people that are in this body have an opportunity to participate in the legislative process and pass bills that can muster votes from both sides of the aisle. Then we can say we're starting to act like American citizens and American politicians should.

So with that, Madam Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity for the Blue Dog Coalition to be here tonight.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of a funeral in the district.

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. ROYBAL-ALLARD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, February 10.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, February 10.

Mr. CULBERSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHAFFETZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONAWAY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 4, 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:

347. A letter from the Assistant Inspector General Communications and Congressional Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting the Inspector General's report on the physical security of Department of Defense installations, pursuant to Section 357 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

348. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Removal of North Korea from the List of Terrorist Countries [DFARS Case 2008-D036] (RIN: 0750-AG18) received January 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

349. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; List of Firms Owned or Controlled by the Government of a Terrorist Country

(DFARS Case 2008-D025) (RIN: 0750-AG22) received January 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

350. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; U.S. -International Atomic Energy Agency Additional Protocol [DFARS Case 2004-D003] (RIN: 0750-AF98) received January 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

351. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; DoD Law of War Program [DFARS Case 2006-D035] (RIN: 0750-AF82) received January 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

352. A letter from the Directors of HOPE for Homeowners Program, Board of Directors of HOPE for Homeowners Program, transmitting the Board's final rule — HOPE for Homeowners Program: Program Regulations: Upfront Payment Incentive for Subordinate Mortgage Lien Holders and Other Program Changes [Docket No.: B-2009-F-03] (RIN: 2580-AA01) received January 26, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

353. A letter from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — TARP Conflicts of Interest (RIN: 1505-AC05) received January 26, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

354. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — The Low-Income Definition (RIN: 3133-AC98) received January 26, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

355. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Temporary Exemptions for Eligible Credit Default Swaps to Facilitate Operation of Central Counterparties to Clear and Settle Credit Default Swaps [Release Nos.: 33-8999; 34-59246; 39-2549; File No. S7-02-09] (RIN: 3235-AK26) received January 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

356. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Interpretive Bulletin Relating to Investing in Economically Targeted Investments (RIN: 1210-AB29) received January 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

357. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Penalties Under ERISA Section 502(c)(4) (RIN: 1210-AB24) received January 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

358. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Interpretive Bulletin Relating to Exercise of Shareholder Rights (RIN: 1210-AB28) received January 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

359. A letter from the Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Methods for Computing Withdrawal Liability; Reallocation Liability

Upon Mass Withdrawal; Pension Protection Act of 2006 (RIN: 1212-AB07) received January 26, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

360. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Petroleum Refineries [EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0146; FRL-8768-2] (RIN: 2060-AO55) received January 29, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

361. A letter from the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, transmitting the Administration's study on the coordination of WMD terrorism programs by the National and Homeland Security Councils; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

362. A letter from the Chairman, United States Institute of Peace, transmitting the Institute's interim report from the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, pursuant to Public Law 110-417, section 1060; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

363. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008, pursuant to Public Law 106-531; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

364. A letter from the Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting the Commission's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2009-2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

365. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's annual report on the status of Telework in the Federal Government; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

366. A letter from the President & CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's fiscal year 2008 report related to its employment category rating system activities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 33199(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

367. A letter from the Chair of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's annual report as required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

368. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's report on competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2008, pursuant to Section 647(b) of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

369. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Limited Access Privilege Programs; Individual Fishing Quota Referenda Guidelines and Procedures for the New England Fishery Management Council, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and the National Marine Fisheries Service [Docket No.: 070920529-81555-02] (RIN:0648-AW05) received January 26, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

370. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Extension of Emergency Fishery Closure Due to the Presence of the Toxin that Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning [Docket No.: 050613158-5262-03] (RIN: 0648-AT48) received January 26, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

371. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting notification that the Solicitor General has decided not to cross-appeal the final judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Colorado in the case of Mark Jordan v. Mary H. Sosa, et al., No. 05-CV-1283-EWN (D. Colo. July 22, 2008); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

372. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Visas: Documentation of Immigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended: Electronic Petition for Diversity Immigrant Status [Public Notice: 6457] (RIN: 1400-AB84) received January 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

373. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report entitled, "National Water Quality Inventory: Report to Congress, 2004 Reporting Cycle," pursuant to Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

374. A letter from the Staff Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel for Import Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Withdrawal of the Regulatory Provisions Governing Targeted Dumping in Antidumping Duty Investigations (RIN: 0625-AA79) received January 26, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

375. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Allocation of Section 36 First-Time Homebuyer Credit Between Taxpayers Who Are Not Married [Notice 2009-12] received January 22, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

376. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Applicable Federal Rates — February 2009 (Rev. Rul. 2009-5) received January 22, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

377. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Treatment of Certain Obligations under Section 956(c) [Notice 2009-10] received January 22, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

378. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Field Directive on Tier I Issue: Tier I Issue Research Credit Claims Directive #2 [LMSB Control No.: LMSB-4-0608-035 Impacted IRM 4.51.5] received January 22, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

379. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Dubai Mercantile Exchange Section 1256(g)(7)(C) Qualified Board or Exchange Revenue Ruling (Rev. Rul. 2009-4) received January 22, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

380. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of funding transfers made during fiscal year 2008, pursuant to Section 8005

of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations.

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. POLIS of Colorado: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 107. Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-10). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. CARDOZA: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 108. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (S. 352) to postpone the DTV transition date (Rept. 111-11). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. POSEY (for himself, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MASSA, Mr. AKIN, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Ms. FOXX, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. ROONEY, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. TIAHRT):

H.R. 793. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the child tax credit and to allow for adjustments for inflation with respect to the child tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAMBORN:

H.R. 794. A bill to prohibit the use of funds to transfer enemy combatants detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the Florence Federal Correctional Complex in Colorado, or to construct facilities for such enemy combatants at such location; to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 Mr. TOWNES (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. HARE, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOLT, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CARNAHAN, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. ISRAEL, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr.