

how we don't have any money. There is no money for the elderly, no money for the sick, no money for the poor, no money for women, no money for children, no money for people who lost their jobs by no fault of their own. It just costs too much. No money for you, or you, or you.

But when it comes to war, war in Afghanistan, Iraq, and now Libya, there seems to be a bottomless pit of resources. And it is not fair; it is not right. We nickel and dime the people who need it most. But when it comes to war, there is a big fat blank check. We need to be honest with ourselves. We need to be honest with each other.

Across the country, there are Americans, hardworking, taxpaying citizens who oppose war. They oppose their hard-earned dollars being sent overseas to support 10 long years of war. But let me be clear, Madam Chair, they do not oppose paying their taxes. They are not anarchists or anti-government activists. But as conscientious objectors to war, these Americans want their taxes invested here at home.

They want to help provide food for the hungry, safe roads, and strong schools. They want Medicare and Social Security to exist for their parents, their children, and their grandchildren. They want their tax dollars to care for soldiers and their families when they return home. They want to see an end and a cure to cancer. They want a cure for AIDS. They want to see small businesses thrive and innovation become the engine of our economy. They want high-speed rail that rivals Europe and Asia. They want transit systems that are safe and get people where they need to go. They want government to work for them.

Even if you do not oppose war, don't you want to know what it costs you and your family? It's time, Madam Chair, it's time for the Department of Defense to be honest with the American people. This is not some wild, crazy, farfetched idea. It is simple, commonsense transparency and good government. This amendment takes a tiny, small step in the right direction.

Madam Chair, it is my hope and prayer that all of my colleagues will support this straightforward amendment.

With that, Madam Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Chairman, I make a point of order against the amendment because it proposes to change existing law and constitutes legislation in an appropriation bill and therefore violates clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule states in pertinent part: "An amendment to a general appropriation bill shall not be in order if changing existing law."

The amendment gives affirmative direction in effect.

I ask for a ruling from the Chair.

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The Acting CHAIR. Does any other Member wish to speak on the point of order?

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Chair, I wish to speak.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Georgia is recognized.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. I made my point, and I don't have another point to make.

The Acting CHAIR. The Chair is prepared to rule on the point of order.

The Chair finds that this amendment includes language imparting direction.

The amendment therefore constitutes legislation in violation of clause 2 of rule XXI. The point of order is sustained, and the amendment is not in order.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN) having assumed the chair, Ms. FOXX, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2219) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for July 6 and the balance of the week on account of family obligations.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 6 p.m. and July 8.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, July 8, 2011, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2302. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Difenconazole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0296; FRL-8876-4] received June 10, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2303. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Amendments [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-1081; FRL-8875-4] received June 10, 2011, pursuant

to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2304. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report identifying, for each of the Armed Forces (other than the Coast Guard) and each Defense Agency, the percentage of funds that were expended during the preceding fiscal year for performance of depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2466(d)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2305. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the certification of a restructured Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2306. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the certification of a restructured RQ-4A/B Unmanned Aircraft System Global Hawk Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2307. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement; Synchronized Reprogramming and Operational Tracker (SPOT)(DFARS Case 2011-D030) (RIN: 0750-AH26) received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2308. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2309. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Conservatorship and Receivership (RIN: 2590-AA23) received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2310. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Land Disposal Restrictions: Revision of the Treatment Standards for Carbamate Wastes [EPA-HQ-RCRA-2008-0332; FRL-9318-4] (RIN: 2050-AG65) received June 10, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2311. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of California; Interstate Transport of Pollution; Significant Contribution to Nonattainment and Interference with Maintenance Requirements [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0046; FRL-9318-1] received June 10, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2312. 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; State of California; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan and Interstate Transport Plan; Interference with Visibility Requirement [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0131; FRL-9317-9] received June 10, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2313. A letter from the Legal Advisor/Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Maritime Automatic Identification Systems

[WT Docket No.: 04-344] received June 13, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2314. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program [CG Docket No.: 10-51] June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2315. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Export Control Reform Initiative: Strategic Trade Authorization License Exception [Docket No.: 100923470-1230-03] (RIN: 0694-AF03) received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2316. A letter from the Associate Director for PP&I, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Alphabetical Listing of Blocked Persons, Blocked Vessels, Specially Designated Nationals, Specially Designated Terrorists, Specially Designated Global Terrorists, Foreign Terrorist Organizations, and Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers; Alphabetical Listing of Vessels That Are The Property of Blocked Persons or Specially Designated Nationals; Alphabetical Listing of Persons Determined to be the Government of Iran, as Defined in the Iranian Transaction Regulations; received June 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2317. A letter from the Associate Director for PP&I, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Foreign Assets Control Regulations; Transaction Control Regulations (Regulations Prohibiting Transactions Involving the Shipment of Certain Merchandise Between Foreign Countries; received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2318. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the Department's report on United States contributions to the United Nations and United Nations affiliated agencies and related bodies for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2319. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-79, "Housing Production Trust Fund Dedicated Tax Appropriations Authorization Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2320. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-80, "Housing Production Trust Fund Pollin Memorial Community Dedicated Tax Appropriations Authorization Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2321. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-82, "Brewery Manufacturer's Tasting Permit Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2322. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-81, "Unemployment Compensation Extended Benefits Continuation Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2323. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-90, "Closing of Water Street, S.W., S.O. 10-15906, Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2324. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-89, "Department of Forensic Sciences Establishment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2325. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-91, "Closing of Public Street adjacent to Square 4376 Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2326. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2327. A letter from the Inspector General, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting notification that the Commission will soon begin the audit of financial statements for the fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2328. A letter from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's semiannual report from the office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2329. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2330. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Commencement Bay, Tacoma, WA [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0197] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2331. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Chelsea St. Bridge Demolition, Chelsea River, Chelsea, Massachusetts [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0420] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2332. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Limited Service Domestic Voyage Load Lines for River Barges on Lake Michigan [Docket No.: USCG-1998-4623] (RIN: 1625-AA17) received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2333. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; 28th Annual Humboldt Bay Festival, Fireworks Display, Eureka, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0167] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2334. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Severn River, Spa Creek and Annapolis Harbor, Annapolis [USCG-2011-0046] (1645-AA08) received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2335. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; M.I.T.'s 150th Birthday Celebration Fireworks, Charles River, Boston, Massachusetts [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0375] (RIN:

1625-AA00) received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2336. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0257] (RIN: 1625-AB69) received June 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2337. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones; Annual events requiring safety zones in the Captain of the Port Sault Saint Marie zone [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0188] (RIN: 1625-AA00), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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:

Mrs. EMERSON: Committee on Appropriation. H.R. 2434. A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-136). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California: Committee on House Administration. First Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Administration for the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-137). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 340. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1309) to extend the authorization of the national flood insurance program, to achieve reforms to improve the financial integrity and stability of the program, and to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risk, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-138). 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. MILLER of Florida:

H.R. 2433. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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 Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. PAULSEN):

H.R. 2435. A bill to allow individuals to choose to opt out of the Medicare part A benefit and to allow individuals opting out of such benefit to be eligible for health savings accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MANZULLO (for himself, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. BACHUS):

H.R. 2436. A bill to prohibit any reduction in the rate of dividends paid to the Secretary