

now know we are not in this fight alone. Imagine having to fight against the almighty Congress when you are one jurisdiction, obviously without the means to let the entire country understand what is happening, and so most Americans had no idea until the arrests took place. Just as the District has been fighting for a vote in the people's House, the House of Representatives, and over and over again we found that most Americans thought we had the vote. There has been a nationwide survey done, and it is very interesting. It shows that more than 60 percent of the American people are for voting rights for the District of Columbia, and that survey has been cut open so as to see whether there are differences as to where people live, north and south, whether people have served in the military or not, whether people go to church or not, and the encouraging thing to those of us who live in the District of Columbia is that no matter how you cut it, Americans believe that if you pay Federal income taxes, you ought to have a vote in this body.

Yes, I have a vote in committee. Yes, I can speak as I am now. Yes, I have every privilege of the House—except that privilege that created the Nation, the privilege to vote, to cast the final vote. But, I have gone to funerals of young men who died in Iraq and Afghanistan, yet I could not vote yea or nay on whether they should have been there in the first place. Surely, if the American people realized that, there would be shame cast on the Congress.

Now the District is struggling, not for the voting rights and statehood it deserves but for the home rule and self-government it already has. It is far too late in history for any Americans to be struggling for the right to govern themselves at the local level as they see fit and to spend the funds they raise at the local level in any way they choose. That, my friends, if you are looking to the Founders, you will find that that was for them a first principle.

And so other Americans have now come to our assistance, and the difference between them and the residents whom I represent is that they have that vote on the floor of this House

while we do not. As Members voted to take away some of the local rights of the district I represent every Member of this body could vote on that matter except the Member who represented the Nation's Capital that was the object of that vote.

□ 1520

You will not find any American anywhere who will say that that represents what they believe or what our country stands for. That is why every Member of this House has been sent or will be sent a letter, and I am reading from just one part of it, because this letter comes from the coalition of a hundred different national organizations: "Should lawmakers continue to advance attacks on the District of Columbia's autonomy, we will make certain that our members—in every District—know how their representatives are spending their time in Washington: meddling in the affairs of a local jurisdiction, the District of Columbia, rather than focusing on their own residents and on the Nation's true, pressing business."

I have spent my entire service in the Congress trying to rid the District appropriation of anti-home rule attachments. We were successful in clearing the DC appropriation bill of all of the anti-democratic attachments for the first time last Congress. We did not engage in that fight only to have them put right back on. We did not enjoy seeing Congress play shutdown chicken with the American people either, and Congress must not even think about shutting down a local government ever again over a Federal fight again.

During the civil rights movement we called our approach passive resistance to tell the world we were nonviolent. But that was all that was passive about us. The operative word was "resistance." Once we resisted, civil rights workers found we were not alone. Today, District residents are joined by allies who stand with us and are working with us. On this we have no doubt. The American people are with District residents when we say local laws are for local residents alone, and most especially when we insist that when it's our money, we mean ours and only ours.

The Nation's Capital should be the 51st State by now. The city's taxpaying citizens should at least have a vote in Congress, the very Congress that demands that the citizens who live here abide by the laws that the Congress enacts.

DC residents and their local leaders are fighting with all they have. What they need most now, and what I am gratified that they are receiving, is the support of other Americans who do have the basic rights that the citizens of the Nation's Capital are still seeking. "Don't tread on DC."

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1552

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WEST) at 3 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BURTON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. COBLE (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today after noon on account of constituent appointments in the district.

Mr. ELLISON (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 18, 2011, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the second quarter of 2011 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JENNIFER STEWART, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 26 AND MAY 30, 2011

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Jennifer Stewart	5/27	5/28	Belgium		244.00		(3)				244.00
	5/28	5/29	Afghanistan		28.00		(3)				28.00
	5/29	5/30	Estonia		242.00		(3)				242.00
Committee total											514.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2011

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Matthew McCabe	4/19	4/24	Russia		1,122.16		2,796.05				3,918.21
	4/24	4/28	Israel		1,577.00						1,577.00
RETURNED PER DIEM					(752.52)						(752.52)
Thomas McDaniels	4/19	4/24	Russia		1,122.16		2,796.05				3,918.21
	4/24	4/28	Israel		1,577.00						1,577.00
RETURNED PER DIEM					(250.00)						(250.00)
Hon. Cedric L. Richmond	4/26	4/27	Czech Republic		422.50		(9)				422.50
	4/27	4/29	Azerbaijan		530.68		(9)				530.68
	4/29	4/30	Afghanistan		28.00		(9)				28.00
	4/30	5/2	Georgia		506.72		(9)				506.72
Hon. Henry Cuellar	5/20	5/21	Mexico		297.52		4,645.08				942.60
Hon. Sheila Jackson Lee	5/16	5/18	Colombia		781.33		(9)				781.33
	5/18	5/20	Panama		366.00		956.80				1,322.80
Hon. Candice S. Miller	5/15	5/17	Ireland		915.30		(9)				915.30
	5/17	5/19	Austria		903.16						903.16
	5/19	5/21	Czech Republic		830.60						830.60
Monica Sanders	6/7	6/11	Hungary		623.74		1,994.80				2,618.54
RETURNED PER DIEM					(25.00)						(25.00)
Steven Giaier	6/7	6/11	Hungary		623.74		1,994.80				2,618.54
RETURNED PER DIEM					(127.00)						(127.00)
Rosaline Cohen	6/7	6/11	Hungary		623.74		1,830.90				2,454.64
Lauren Wenger	6/24	6/29	Ireland		1,621.51		1,866.80				3,488.31
RETURNED PER DIEM					(220.92)						(220.92)
Charles Snyder	6/24	6/29	Ireland		1,621.51		1,432.80				3,054.31
RETURNED PER DIEM					(120.92)						(120.92)
Committee total					14,598.93		16,314.08				30,913.01

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³ Military air transportation.
⁴ Returned by military air transportation.

Hon. PETER T. KING, Chairman, July 7, 2011.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2011

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return.

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Hon. JEFF MILLER, Chairman, July 6, 2011.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2011

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

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Hon. DAVE CAMP, Chairman, July 11, 2011.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2486. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Report to Congress: Plan for Coordinating National Guard and Federal Military Force Disaster Response", pursuant to Public Law 110-181, section 1814; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2487. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting a determination that it is necessary in the public interest to procure additional services on a non-competitive basis from CH2MWG Idaho, LLC (CWI) under an existing contract, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 3304(a)(7); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2488. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Program Evaluation Activities of the De-

partment of Health and Human Services — Performance Improvement 2008", pursuant to Section 241(b) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended by the Preventive Health Amendments of 1993, summarizing the findings of the evaluations of PHS programs authorized under Section 241(a); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2489. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Export Controls for High Performance Computers: Wassenaar Arrangement Agreement Implementation for ECCN 4A003 and Revisions to License Exception APP [Docket No.: 110210131-1317-01] (RIN: 0694-AF15) received June 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2490. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a

six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2491. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a report on the agencies' use of the Physicians' Comparability Allowance Program for fiscal year 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5948(j)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2492. A letter from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting the Broadcasting Board of Governors' 2010 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 305(a)(9) of the U.S. International Broadcasting Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-236, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6204; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2493. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Semiannual Management Report to Congress for October 1, 2010 through March