

And we think, oh, it was a good week. We had less than 400,000 new sign-ups to unemployment. And people run off the other end and they expire and they're no longer eligible, and so that number went from around 15 million unemployed down to around 14 million unemployed or a little more.

That's not the number that we should be most concerned about. It is a number. We should add the 14 million that meet the definition for unemployment to the number of Americans that are of working age that are simply not in the work force, Mr. Speaker.

The Department of Labor has that on their Web site. Anyone can go there. I think it's dol.gov, something like that. And on that Web site you'll see different age groups of those working age. It starts at age 16, 16 to 19. There are around 9 million Americans of that working age that are simply not in the workforce. Yes, they may be in school. A lot of us worked our way through school. And I started before that age of 16.

And then you go from 20 on up to 25 or so, there's another chunk. Work your way on up.

Americans of working age not in the workforce, when I came to this Congress not that long ago were 69 million. Then it became 80 million. And about 2½ months ago the number, for the first time in the history of this country, the number of Americans of working age not in the workforce now has exceeded 100 million Americans—100 million. Think what you could do with the labor of 100 million Americans.

And while that's going on, now we have, what is our number, 11, 12 or more million illegals in America? I actually think it's 20 million or more, but they keep tamping that number down. They keep coming across the border, and the number got lower instead of greater by some analysis.

But in any case, we know this: about seven out of every 12 illegals here in this country work. That's marginally a little greater than the number of Americans that are working. And that seven out of 12 that are there are part of around 8 million, 7 million to 8 million documented, I'll say study-analyzed consensus numbers, 7 to 8 million illegals in America that were working. Now, if they all woke up tomorrow in their home country, that conceivably creates 8 million new jobs.

Well, you know, if they weren't coming into this country illegally, you wouldn't need so many people to go guard the border either, and they could do something productive rather than something that's not contributing economically to this country in the fashion that produces goods and services.

So there's 8 million jobs there. But there are many other jobs out there for the people that will go out there and start a business, go ask for a job, compete in this marketplace. And every one of the 100 million Americans who are not working that puts in 1 hour's work even a week contributes to the

gross domestic product of the United States of America.

People who are not working, not producing, are not contributing, unless of course they've got investments that are returning, and then I'll give them some credit for that.

But 100 million. Think if you were on a boat or a ship, and let's say you had 300 people on that boat or ship, and you had to have some trimming the sails, some pulling the oars, some swabbing the decks, some down in the galley, some cooking, cleaning, housekeeping and somebody up there taking care of the captain.

And what if you had 100 out of those 300 people that said, I'm going to sit here in steerage. Bring me my food, clean up my mess. That's the scope of what America is faced with today.

I'd put the people on the oars. I'd put them up there trimming the sails and swabbing the decks, and we will sail a lot smoother, we'll be a lot stronger country, and we'll feel better about ourselves. This dignity of work is there for every man and woman that takes that job on.

And I challenge us all: let's step up, take the freedom we have left. Let's grasp for more of that liberty. Let's grasp more of that freedom, and let's put some of these 100 million people to work so they can contribute to their gross domestic product.

The rest of the world will respect us more. We'll be stronger economically. We'll have more prudent people that are contributing to the ideas in this Congress, and we will get to a balanced budget, and we will start to pay down this national debt, and we will enforce and respect the rule of law.

Mr. Speaker, I would go on for another half hour articulating some of the other pillars of American exceptionalism, but I recognize there is a limit to not your patience, but my time.

I appreciate your attention, and I would yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DREIER (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for November 29 and November 30 on account of official travel.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4036. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's quarterly report entitled, "Acceptance of contributions for defense programs, projects, and activities; Defense Cooperation Account", for the period ending September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4037. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David P. Fridovich, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4038. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Ireland pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4039. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to United Arab Emirates pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4040. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Investing in Innovation Fund [Docket ID: ED-2011-OI-0001] received November 4, 2011; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4041. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Promise Neighborhoods Program [CFDA: 84.215P] (RIN: 1855-ZA07) received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4042. 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; North Dakota; Revisions to the Air Pollution Control Rules [EPA-R08-OAR-2009-0556; FRL-9486-2] received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4043. 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; Virginia; Revision to Nitrogen Oxides Budget Trading Program [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0773; FRL-9487-6] received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4044. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification [EPA-R06-OAR-2011-0426; FRL-9485-3] received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4045. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District and Imperial County Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0356; FRL-9479-3] received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4046. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California

State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District and Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0382; FRL-9477-4] received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4047. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0601; FRL-9481-6] received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4048. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0463; FRL-9481-1] received November 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4049. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-49, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4050. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-47, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4051. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on Oversight Information Pertaining to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4052. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-243), the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (Pub. L. 102-1), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, a report prepared by the Department of State for the June 21- August 20, 2011 reporting period including matters relating to post-liberation Iraq under Section 7 of the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-338); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4053. A letter from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting submission of Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) 2011 Annual Report, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 839(h)(12)(B) Public Law 96-501, section 4(h)(12)(A) (94 Stat. 2711); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4054. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-234, "Cooperative Housing Association Economic Interest Recardation Tax Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4055. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-228, "Jubilee Housing Residential Rental Project Real Property Tax Exemption Clarification Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4056. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-235, "Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Establishment Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4057. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-236, "Criminal Penalty for Unregistered Motorist Repeal Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4058. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-237, "The Washington Ballet Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4059. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-238, "Vault Tax Clarification Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4060. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-239, "Arthur Capper/Carrollburg Public Improvements Revenue Bonds Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4061. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for FY 2011; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4062. A letter from the Director, Department of the Interior, transmitting the 2010 annual report on reasonably identifiable expenditures for the conservation of endangered or threatened species by Federal and State agencies, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1544; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4063. A letter from the Deputy Director, Department of the Interior, transmitting the 2009 Annual Report for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 1211(f), 1267(g), and 1295; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4064. A letter from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting notification that the Department has decided not to seek further review of the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the case United States v. Luis Mario Barajas-Alvarado, No. 10-50134 (9th Cir.); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4065. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "National Coverage Determinations for Fiscal Year 2008"; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

4066. A letter from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) October 2011 Quarterly Report; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Appropriations.

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. RYAN of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

H.R. 3521. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for a legislative line-item veto to expedite consideration of rescissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. KEATING, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. NEAL):

H.R. 3522. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the costs of certain infertility treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROGERS of Michigan (for himself, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. UPTON, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BOREN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. NUNES, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. HECK, Mr. DICKS, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. TERRY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. AMODEI, and Mr. POMPEO):

H.R. 3523. A bill to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:

H.R. 3524. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain rights for persons who receive treatment for illnesses, injuries, and disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in the uniformed services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SCHWARTZ (for herself, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 3525. A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish in the Department of Agriculture a Healthy Food Financing Initiative; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. CAPPS:

H.R. 3526. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve women's health by prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HULTGREN (for himself, Mr. BOREN, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. DOLD, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. LANCE, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. SCHOCK):

H.R. 3527. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to clarify the definition of swap dealer; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. MOORE):

H.R. 3528. A bill to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 3529. A bill to provide for the reinstatement of certain NAFTA Customs fees exemption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself and Mr. SCHWEIKERT):

H.R. 3530. A bill to require the exercise of clean-up call options under securities issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and to prohibit any new mortgage-backed securities issued by such enterprises to contain provisions for a clean-up call option; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PERLMUTTER:

H.R. 3531. A bill to authorize certain private rights of action under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 for violations by foreign concerns that damage domestic businesses; to the Committee on Energy and