

they've changed their tune. I'm going back home. I want businesses, job creators around the world to say, that's the country where I want to create jobs because it's the best place to do business.

And we, the policies that we adopt here, the regulations that the administration puts forth, it all has an impact. It's not happenstance. It's by design. So we need to make sure that we're doing the things here that encourage the private sector job growth.

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. And I couldn't agree more. I was just sitting here reflecting on the number of people who come up and talk to me in my district in southwest Washington about how hard it is to find work, how hard it is to find a good paying family-wage job.

I mentioned timber resources. In our neck of the woods we traditionally have had just a booming timber economy, resource-based economy; and a lot of those operations have either shut down or moved elsewhere to be more competitive.

We've got to allow job growth. I mean, it sounds simple. It really does. You know, the last time our country had the amount of spending that we see happening right now was actually in the lead up to World War II. And I've talked a lot about cutting and reducing government overspending and government growth. It needs to be done. In the last 3 years, the what we call discretionary spending, the money that has to be appropriated annually has increased by over 80 percent. Federal employment has increased by 10 percent in about that same time. So government spending has grown. And people are saying that the way to—not "people"—my colleagues on the other side of the aisle and the President are saying that the reason we have stagnant job opportunities is because we haven't spent enough.

Well, I listed earlier the stimulus, the bailouts, the auto bailouts, the health care bill, all this spending that's taken place; and we're still where we are now. And people say, well, it happened during World War II; we spent a ton of money and then coming out of that we grew jobs. The difference, the big difference was coming out of World War II, the last time our debt to GDP ratio was near where it is now, the difference was, and the thing that saved us, was the immediate cuts. Right?

We cut government spending back, but we grew jobs. We literally made things here in America. You know why? We had an environment that fostered job creation. We had an environment that cultivated entrepreneurs. We grew jobs here in America because we made things here. We produced things.

Again, in southwest Washington we had a roaring timber industry that has all but shut down, and the sad thing is if you don't manage the health of a forest, it deteriorates. Some of these folks who are here in these bureaucratic of-

fices in Washington, D.C. I swear have never stepped foot in a real forest. They think you just tie a big ribbon around it and don't let anybody in or out, and that's how we protect our environment. They're wrong. You see, they think that our environment and our economy are mutually exclusive.

Man, that is such a low opinion of American researchers. That really must say that we don't think we can, our citizens, our people are intelligent enough to come up with new and innovative ways to both manage our timber and our timber economy and protect our environment.

So what we have now is shut off stands of trees ripe for beetle infestation, disease or worse, fire as we enter the summer seasons with a lot of dry foliage and underbrush. You know, it sure would be great if the EPA would have allowed some of those companies I mentioned in my district to create their biomass facilities, because then we could create jobs because we'd have a biomass facility up and running. We would be taking the remnants of trees. We wouldn't be taking full trees, but chips and bark, and using those in the biomass facility so we are creating green energy. We're fully utilizing a renewable resource, and we're creating jobs.

My goodness. That's a novel concept. We need to get there.

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Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. I thank the gentlelady.

I yield to the gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. TIPTON. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I just came back from our work week. I traveled better than 1,500 miles throughout Colorado. It was remarkable to me. At every one of our meetings, we found cities, counties, small businesspeople, talking about the opportunity to be able to get America back to work. But the problem, the obstacle that we are truly facing, it is not the American spirit but it is over-regulation coming out of Washington, D.C. Rather than being the stepping-stone, it has become a stumbling block, and we are going to be able to get this economy working and moving forward once again if we simply free up that American spirit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Arkansas has expired.

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1380

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed from H.R. 1380.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1380

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed from H.R. 1380.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ROKITA (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. SHIMKUS (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of family reasons.

Mr. WEINER (at the request of Mr. CAPUANO) for a period of two weeks on account of personal matters.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on May 26, 2011 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1893. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 793. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the "Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office".

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House also reports that on June 1, 2011 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 754. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 14, 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:

1882. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard [Docket

No.: NHTSA-2009-0069] (RIN: 2127-AK81) received May 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1883. A letter from the Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting copy of the report entitled "Auditor's Review of the Operations and Administration of the Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization", pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1884. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone: Passenger Vessels, Sector Southeastern New England Captain of the Port Zone [Docket No.: USCG-2010-0864] (RIN: 1625-AA87) received May 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1885. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones: Fireworks Displays in the Captain of the Port Columbia River Zone [Docket No.: USCG-2010-0997] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received May 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1886. A letter from the Attorney — Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones; Charleston Race Week, Charleston Harbor, Charleston, SC [Docket No.: USCG-2010-1152] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received May 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1887. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30119; Amdt. No. 3422] received May 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1888. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30780; Amdt. No. 3423] May 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1889. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30775; Amdt. No. 3419] received May 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1890. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30774; Amdt. No. 3418] received May 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1891. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Federal Airways; Alaska [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0010; Airspace Docket No. 11-AAL-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 9, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1892. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30778; Amdt. No. 493] received May 9, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1893. A letter from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Commercial Driver's License Testing and Commercial Learner's Permit Standards [Docket No.: FMCSA-2007-27659] (RIN: 2126-AB02) received May 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1894. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning the extension of waiver authority for Turkmenistan, pursuant to Public Law 93-618, section 402(d)(1) and 409; (H. Doc. No. 112-34); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

1895. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates [Notice 2011-41] received May 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1896. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Administrative Exemptions to the Specified Tax Return Preparer Electronic Filing Requirement Under Internal Revenue Code Sec. 6011(e)(3) and Regulations Under Sec. 6011(e)(3) [Notice 2011-26] May 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1897. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — The Mailing of Individual Income Tax Returns By Specified Tax Return Preparers in Calendar Year 2011 [Notice 2011-27] received May 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1898. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Industry Director's Directive #2—Employment Tax and the Employees on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf [LB&I Control Number: LB&I-4-0211-005] received May 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1899. A letter from the Acting Chair, Social Security Advisory Board, transmitting a report entitled "A Vision of the Future for the Social Security Administration"; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1900. A letter from the Director, Office of Science and Technology, transmitting a letter regarding Section 1340 of the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011; jointly to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology and Foreign Affairs.

1901. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Veterans Benefit Programs Improvements Act of 2011"; jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and the Judiciary.

1902. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting proposed legislation to improve cybersecurity for the American people; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Oversight and Government Reform, Homeland Security, and Armed Services.

## 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:

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 300. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2112) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-103). 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. ISSA:

H.R. 2146. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself and Mr. CHAFFETZ):

H.R. 2147. A bill to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Utah except by express authorization of Congress; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mrs. ELLMERS):

H.R. 2148. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a compensable service-connected disability and to their dependents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. HANABUSA:

H.R. 2149. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4354 Pahoa Avenue in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the "Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. FLORES, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, and Mr. SOUTHERLAND):

H.R. 2150. A bill to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2011 through 2021, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HONDA:

H.R. 2151. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. HINCHAY, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. CARNEY, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DAVIS of