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It all starts at the top with Dr. Ronald DePinho. Dr. DePinho is an impressive individual. His main motivation is to provide the best care possible to patients while conducting creative research to dramatically reduce the number of deaths from cancer.

This year, MD Anderson will see its one-millionth patient since its doors opened in 1944. Each day lives are forever changed by the staff and the volunteers who are tenaciously determined to stop cancer.

And that's just the way it is.

KEEPING OUR WATERS HEALTHY AND FREE OF INVASIVE SPECIES IS A FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, a recent report issued by American and Canadian scientists for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans reveals alarming findings regarding the health of our Great Lakes.

The report warns that Asian carp are closer to entering the Great Lakes than we had anticipated. When introduction occurs, it will be irreversible and devastating to the ecology of the lakes and the economy of the region. This report is an urgent reminder that it is imperative that we intensify our efforts and act immediately to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes.

Today, I, along with 15 of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, sent a bipartisan letter to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers calling attention to this study, and urging swift action on the threat of the Asian carp to the Great Lakes environment.

Keeping our waters healthy and free of invasive species is a Federal responsibility. It's time to act—and to act now.

LET'S AUDIT THE FEDERAL RESERVE

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. In 1989, I sponsored a bill, along with 11 other Democrats, to audit the Federal Reserve.

The Wall Street Journal wrote an editorial saying we would destroy the American economy if we audited the Federal Reserve. Well, guess what? Eighteen years later, Wall Street destroyed the economy of the United States of America—Wall Street, the big banks—and then they were bailed out secretly by the Federal Reserve. We don't know how many trillions of dollars the Federal Reserve committed

to them. We know their profits were billions, tens of billions on the bailout they got. So it's past time to audit the Federal Reserve.

Today we'll take up a bill, finally, RON PAUL's bill, to audit the Reserve. I strongly support it.

I also urge Members to support my bill, which would establish conflict-of-interest rules for the Federal Reserve and take the two-thirds of the Federal Reserve that is controlled by Wall Street banks, take those people off the board and put citizen representatives who represent the taxpayers and the consumers of the United States, not the big banks, on that board.

KEEP TAX RATES LOW FOR MIDDLE CLASS AMERICANS

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Government Accountability Office revealed that the debt ceiling crisis Republicans put this country through last August cost us taxpayers \$1.3 billion. Now, Americans are hearing that they may be put through that wringer again.

I hope my Republican friends would agree with me that the middle class families are the backbone of our economy. Keeping their taxes at their historically low rate is the best way to get our economy back on track.

Unfortunately, that middle class tax cut extension is under threat. My friends on the other side of the aisle are demanding, instead, that the super-rich get their tax breaks.

This isn't the way forward. We tried tax breaks for the rich and tax giveaways for the corporations during the Bush years. It didn't work.

Let's keep tax rates low for the middle class Americans and move this country forward.

DRILL, BABY, DRILL? WE HAVE, BABY, WE HAVE

(Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, some claim the solution to America's energy concerns is "Drill, Baby, drill." Under President Obama, domestic oil and natural gas production increased every year, with the largest increase in the number of drilling rigs in American history. Domestic oil production last year was the highest in a decade, and natural gas production the highest ever in our history.

Under President Obama, we've reduced foreign oil imports by 1 million barrels of oil per day. Foreign oil dependence was 60 percent of U.S. consumption in 2005 under Bush. It's dropped to 49 percent in 2010 under Obama, and is now on pace to fall to 36 percent, reversing trends since the Nixon Presidency. By 2020, U.S. oil pro-

duction will be up 11 percent, rivaling the largest producer in the world, Saudi Arabia.

Under this President, U.S. oil production and exploration are booming, while foreign oil imports are plummeting.

The U.S. consumes 21 percent of the world's energy but contains 2 percent of proven oil reserves. That's why it's so imperative we follow President Obama's lead and pursue multiple sources of energy to meet our ever-expanding needs.

So to those who say, "Drill more," President Obama can respond, "We have, Baby, we have."

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EXTEND MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, both sides agree on one thing: that we must reduce taxes on the group of Americans that fuels our economy. We disagree as to who this group is. Republicans believe that it is the wealthy 2 percent. Democrats believe that it is the 98 percent—the middle class—that fuels our economy.

The bottom line is: Do you believe that the economy is going to be revived top down? But really, it isn't. Rather, it's going to be a strong and secure middle class.

Today, the White House released some figures.

For Hawaii, my State, 500,000 families qualify as middle class. Do you know what it means? If we extend the middle class tax credits and tax breaks, it will mean \$1,600 more per family per year. More importantly, what does it mean for the super wealthy? If we let those tax breaks expire, like they should, we will be able to reduce the deficit by about \$1.16 trillion in 10 years.

This is a no-brainer. Extend the middle class tax credits for those who really fuel our economy, and expire the Bush tax cuts.

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 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YODER) at 1 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN PERSONS TO UNDERMINE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON OR ITS DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OR INSTITUTIONS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 112-127)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2012.

Certain ongoing activities, such as continuing arms transfers to Hizballah that include increasingly sophisticated weapons systems, undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contribute to political and economic instability in the region, and continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared on August 1, 2007, to deal with that threat and the related measures adopted on that date to respond to the emergency.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 24, 2012.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4078, RED TAPE REDUCTION AND SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6082, CONGRESSIONAL REPLACEMENT OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ENERGY-RESTRICTING AND JOB-LIMITING OFFSHORE DRILLING PLAN

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 738 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 738

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the

House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4078) to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed two hours equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on the Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112-28, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. At any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6082) to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil; Gas Leasing Program (2012-2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in

the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112-29. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. House Resolution 738 is a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6082, the Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan, from the Natural Resources Committee and Chairman HASTINGS, and seven other bills that will be considered as a single package, including mine, H.R. 373, the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act; H.R. 4078, the Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act by Mr. GRIFFIN; H.R. 4607, the Midnight Rule Relief Act by Mr. RIBBLE; H.R. 3862, the Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act by Mr. QUAYLE; H.R. 4377, the RAPID ACT by Mr. ROSS of Florida; H.R. 2308, the SEC Regulatory Accountability Act by Mr. GARRETT; and H.R. 1840, which is a bill by Mr. CONAWAY to improve consideration by the