

Look, if these people are so stupid they're going to let us go when we're wanted in Mexico, when we're wanted here and they're going to let us go, just shut up, and let these stupid people let us go.

So they were let go.

It was only a day or two later that the State Department said, You know what? These people are wanted fugitives, and we need to hang onto them.

They're gone and they haven't been found, and they told local law enforcement that they had access to private jets so they could come in and out of the United States when they were ready to.

Well, I hope they find them. As a former prosecutor, as a former judge and chief justice, the law needs to be addressed.

In the meantime, here in Congress, we did have a hearing today with immigration officials, including the inspector general of the immigration service, CIS. I was told during the hearing that if the chairman of our immigration committee will request an investigation, the IG will do that investigation, and I'm hopeful that will be forthcoming.

We've got to clean up this administration's mess. It's bad enough the damage that's being done to Medicare and our seniors. It's bad enough that a payroll tax rate of insurance is being reduced so that there is not enough money to pay Social Security from the Social Security tax coming in again this year and that it may go from an approximately 5 percent shortfall last year to a maybe 14 percent or so shortfall this year. It's bad enough we're doing that to the seniors. It's bad enough what ObamaCare will be doing to the seniors in making it difficult for them to find the care they need in the years to come unless we repeal ObamaCare—but now we have to deal with fugitives coming in from Mexico because they were willing to invest money that the Mexican authorities allege was stolen, embezzled money.

At some point, it is time to stop hurting American citizens who have contributed and who have been law-abiding for their lives. It's time the government became a proper referee and quit trying to divide America, quit trying to be the player, the coach and the referee and got back into the business of making sure Americans are treated fairly, that Americans are protected from outside evil forces—those who want to harm us and destroy our way of life. It's time to get the United States Government back into the business of providing for the common defense, of making sure there is a level playing field, of encouraging competition, not rewarding cronies who have some wild-eyed scheme of something that they call “green energy” while the rest of America can't even fill up their gas tanks.

It is time to do the job that is given to Congress, that is given to the President in the Constitution; and once we

get back to that and concentrate on doing that well, America could make another 200 years.

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

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 54 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 (Mrs. BLACK) at 9 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MOORE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today until 3 p.m. on account of official business in the district.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1162. An act to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 16, 2012, 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:

5004. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Trichoderma virens* strain G-41; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0053; FRL-9333-5] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5005. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility for Repealing Its Floodplain Management Regulations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0020] received January 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5006. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration,

transmitting the Administration's final rule — New Worth and Equity Ratio (RIN: 3133-AD87) received January 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5007. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Corporate Credit Unions (RIN: 3313-AD95) received January 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5008. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Covered Securities of Bats Exchange, Inc. [Release No.: 33-9295; File No.: S7-31-11] (RIN: 3235-AL20) received January 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5009. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Maryland; Determination of Nonattainment and Reclassification of the Baltimore 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0681-201124; FRL-9625-3] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5010. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Nonconformance Penalties for On-highway Heavy Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines [AMS-FRL-9623-8] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5011. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval, Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0913; FRL-9625-5] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5012. 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; Amendments to Virginia's Regulation Regarding the Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0731; FRL-9625-8] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5013. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; San Joaquin Valley; Attainment Plan for 1997 8-hour Ozone Standards [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0589; FRL-9624-5] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5014. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; South Coast; Attainment Plan for 1997 8-hour Ozone Standards [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0622; FRL-9624-6] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5015. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Amendments to the Queen Conch and Reef Fish Fishery Management Plans of Puerto

Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands [Docket No.: 100120037-1626-02] (RIN: 0648-AY55) received January 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5016. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Amendments to the Reef Fish, Spiny Lobster, Queen Conch and Coral and Reef Associated Plants and Invertebrates Fishery Management Plans of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands [Docket No.: 101217620-1788-03] (RIN: 0648-BA62) received January 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5017. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2012 Gulf of Alaska Pollock and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts [Docket No.: 101126522-0640-02] (RIN: 0648-XA917) received January 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5018. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; Amendment 18 [Docket No.: 101206604-1758-02] (RIN: 0648-BB33) received January 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5019. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Amendment 88 [Docket No.: 110314196-1725-02] (RIN: 0648-BA97) received January 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5020. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Fishing Restrictions for Bigeye Tuna and Yellowfin Tuna in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2012 [Docket No.: 11127732-1745-01] (RIN: 0648-BB73) received January 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5021. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Removal of Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Regulations [Docket No.: 111219777-1775-02] (RIN: 0648-BB52) received January 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5022. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 for the South Atlantic Region [Docket No.: 110831547-1736-02] (RIN: 0648-BB26) received January 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5023. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Interim 2012 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Specifications; 2012 Research Set-Aside Projects [Docket No.: 111220786-1781-01] (RIN: 0648-AX795) received January 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia):

H.R. 4032. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the 2010 increase in the deduction for start-up expenditures; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

H.R. 4033. A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to provide for community approval before Indian class III gaming operations may take effect; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. VELAZQUEZ:

H.R. 4034. A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to provide grants for school-based mentoring programs for at risk teenage girls to prevent and reduce teen pregnancy, and to provide student loan forgiveness for mentors participating in such programs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. REICHERT (for himself and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 4035. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt private foundations from the tax on excess business holdings in the case of certain philanthropic enterprises which are independently supervised, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio:

H.R. 4036. A bill to amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 to impose a daily reduction in the rates of pay for Members of Congress if Congress fails to agree to a concurrent resolution on the budget; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. SABLAN:

H.R. 4037. A bill to provide that no Federal funds may be used for any construction project in the Northern Mariana Islands the cost of which exceeds \$100,000, unless the workforce carrying out the project is composed of at least 60 percent United States workers; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. ELLISON):

H.R. 4038. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 4-year extension of the deduction for tuition and related expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. AMODEI (for himself, Mr. HECK, and Ms. BERKLEY):

H.R. 4039. A bill to convey certain Federal land to the city of Yerington, Nevada; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. AUSTRIA):

H.R. 4040. A bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BERMAN (for himself and Mr. MANZULLO):

H.R. 4041. A bill to amend the Export Enhancement Act of 1988 to further enhance the promotion of exports of United States goods and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:

H.R. 4042. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GALLEGLY:

H.R. 4043. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish Southern Sea Otter Military Readiness Areas for national defense purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. KINZINGER of Illinois:

H.R. 4044. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to create a Federal Spectrum Reallocation Commission, to provide for the use of a portion of the proceeds from the auction of reallocated Federal spectrum for deficit reduction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KLINE:

H.R. 4045. A bill to modify the Department of Defense Program Guidance relating to the award of Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence administrative absence days to members of the reserve components to exempt any member whose qualified mobilization commenced before October 1, 2011, and continued on or after that date, from the changes to the program guidance that took effect on that date; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. JONES, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. LATTA, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. COLE, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. CONAWAY, and Mr. MARCHANT):

H.R. 4046. A bill to amend the General Education Provisions Act to prohibit Federal education funding for elementary or secondary schools that provide access to emergency postcoital contraception; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut:

H.R. 4047. A bill to require solicitations for Federal procurement contracts to include information about the applicability of Buy American law and whether foreign goods may be used to fulfill the requirements of