

the right direction. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I'm pleased to yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN).

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Require a PLAN Act. Each year, law requires the President to submit a budget by the first Monday in February. Yesterday President Obama missed this deadline for the fourth time in 5 years.

Mr. Chairman, the American people know what it's like to work through tough times and to live on a budget. When my wife and I started our small business, we made only \$50 the first month. We worked hard and made sacrifices to live within our means. Families across this great Nation are still doing that, and it's embarrassing that the President and Senate Democrats refuse to put forth a plan.

Republicans have produced a budget that made tough choices but reduces our debt and achieves fiscal responsibility. The Require a PLAN Act demands that the President explain to the American people how he intends to do the same. The great people of our Nation deserve at least that.

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. ROSS).

Mr. ROSS. I thank the gentleman from Georgia for his exceptional work on this particular act.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the PLAN Act. For the past few years, our government has been operating off of stopgap measures that have led to frequent partisan debates and negotiations, threatening government shutdowns, and withholding pay from our men and women in uniform. At a time when our country is more than \$16 trillion in debt, all of which is saddled on our children and grandchildren, we must act on the years upon years of rampant, runaway Federal spending that has occurred under both political parties. To be effective, we must create a plan for how we spend the hard-earned taxpayers' dollars. That plan is a budget—a budget that needs to balance over time.

The House has passed legislation each year that would work to balance our budget. Since the Senate will not take up our legislation that the country and the people of Florida so desperately need, we are calling upon the President to do his job: to propose a solution that will balance our budget throughout the next 10 years.

The Senate has not passed a budget in nearly 4 years. On Monday, this President, for the fourth time, missed his legally obligated deadline for filing his budget request. We're requiring the Senate and the President to show some

leadership by submitting a budget plan to preserve America's future.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. May I inquire as to how much time remains on each side.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Maryland has 16½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Georgia has 16 minutes remaining.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chairman, if I could inquire, as I understand, we're doing half of the total time tomorrow. Would the chairman know how much time remains today on each side?

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Maryland has a maximum of 16½ minutes. The gentleman from Georgia has 16 minutes. The Chair cannot enforce informal agreements, and it is up to the gentlemen how much time they wish to consume today.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that we're each going to take 15 minutes' time, which would allow the gentleman 1½ minutes, and our side will take 1 minute. And I have no more speakers, other than myself to close.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. That's my understanding, too.

Mr. Chairman, let me just make a couple comments which are 100 percent accurate, just so people watching this can understand what we're all talking about, since there's a lot of confusion. The President is going to submit a budget. He has submitted a budget every year of his 4 years. Our Republican colleagues don't like the budgets that he submits, but they're free to look at them. They're transparent. They're on the Internet. The President was late this year because we worked frantically to avoid the fiscal cliff and reach an agreement on January 2. You need to know what your revenues are going to be before you can put together a budget, number one.

Number two, the House can take whatever action it wants on the President's budget. You can tell the people you don't like it and you can have your own alternative, as you will. But he's going to submit a budget that's transparent, which is why we shouldn't be wasting time talking about this on the floor of the House when in less than 1 month we're going to see these across-the-board meat-ax cuts take place that our Republican colleagues themselves have acknowledged are going to hurt jobs and hurt the economy, which is why we proposed an alternative, a substitute to prevent those meat-ax cuts from taking place. And, unfortunately, our colleagues who keep saying they want an open and transparent process, put the gavel down and said, no, that this House of Representatives isn't going to have a chance to vote on something to prevent the across-the-board sequester cuts. Instead, they just want to keep on whistling by this problem. They haven't taken it up in this Congress.

So I urge my colleagues to get serious, come back with a plan like ours and that will demonstrate, Mr. Chairman, that we're serious.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 1 minute.

Mr. Chairman, this is what it's about. This is the debt of our country right down here. The red path is where we're headed under this President's proposals. The red path results in extreme hardship to all Americans, but especially those at the lower end of the economic spectrum.

We believe that it's extremely important for the Nation to know that the positive, principled, fair, caring solutions that the Republicans put forward to save, strengthen, and secure the programs are in contrast to a specific proposal from the other side. And to date, we haven't seen that proposal. We've seen a lot of speeches. We've heard a lot of wonderful words. But the American people need to know when the President's budget balances. And this bill simply says, Mr. President, tell us when your budget balances. Very common sense.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time, and I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) having assumed the chair, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 444) to require that, if the President's fiscal year 2014 budget does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such budget, the President shall submit a supplemental unified budget by April 1, 2013, which identifies a fiscal year in which balance is achieved, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### CONGRATULATING DAN FISHER ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Dan Fisher, the superintendent for the Bald Eagle School District in Centre County, Pennsylvania, on his upcoming retirement and for his 40 years of education service. Dan Fisher began his education career at Bald Eagle Area School District as a teacher in 1973. I had the privilege of having Mr. Fisher as a teacher, where I first learned the workings of government in a constitutional Republic. Dan later went on to become the assistant principal in 1982, the assistant superintendent in 1985, and the district superintendent in 1989, where he served for 23 years.

I have had the honor of serving on the Bald Eagle Area School Board with Mr. Fisher's leadership as superintendent. Dan has been a visionary for education and improving educational

outcomes. Superintendent Fisher has tirelessly served as a leader in our community for the past 40 years.

Thank you, Dan, for being such a tireless advocate for our kids. Thank you for being a friend to me and also my family. I wish you the very best in retirement.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CICILLINE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

Mr. CRAWFORD (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of a family emergency.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of illness.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

197. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Epoxy Polymer; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0615; FRL-9369-7] received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

198. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Labeling of Pesticide Products and Devices for Export; Clarification of Requirements [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0607; FRL-9360-8] (RIN: 2070-AJ59) received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

199. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Control of Sulfur Emissions from Stationary Boilers [EPA-R07-OAR-2012-0763; FRL-9772-6] received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

200. A letter from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, transmitting the Centers' final rule — Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Remaining Service-Life Indicator Performance Requirements [Docket No.: CDC-2012-0009; NIOSH-285] (RIN: 0920-AA38) received January 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

201. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Microwave Ovens [Docket No.: EERE-2008-BT-TP-0011] (RIN: 1904-AB78) re-

ceived January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

202. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval, Disapproval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Regional Haze Rule Requirements for Mandatory Class I Areas under 40 CFR 51.309; Correction [EPA-R08-OAR-2011-0114; FRL-9771-9] received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

203. 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 [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0849; FRL-9760-4] received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

204. 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; Massachusetts and New Hampshire; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program [EPA-R01-OAR-2009-0433; EPA-R01-OAR-2012-0149; A-1-FRL-9754-6] received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

205. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Alabama; Redesignation of the Birmingham 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Non-attainment Area to Attainment [EPA-R04-OAR-2011-0316; FRL-9771-1] received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

206. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Alabama; Redesignation of the Birmingham 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Non-attainment Area to Attainment [EPA-R04-OAR-2011-0043; FRL-9771-2] received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

207. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0611; FRL-9755-9] received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

208. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; Revision to Increase Public Availability of the Administrative Record File [EPA-HQ-SFUND-2012-0738; FRL-9772-9] (RIN: 2050-AG73) received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

209. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines; New Source Performance Standards for Stationary Internal Combustion Engines [EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0708; FRL-9756-4] (RIN: 2060-

AQ58) received January 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

210. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Financial Report of the U.S. Government; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

211. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting in accordance with Section 647(b) of Title VI of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2004, Pub. L. 108-199, the Commission's Report to Congress on FY 2012 Competitive Sourcing Efforts; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

212. A letter from the Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification that funding under Title V, subsection 503(b)(3) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, has exceeded \$5 million for the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3356-EM in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

213. A letter from the General Counsel, National Mediation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Representation Procedures and Rulemaking Authority [Docket No.: C-7034] (RIN: 3140-ZA01) received January 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

214. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Extension of Guidance in Notice 2011-14 and Rev. Proc. 2011-55 for Participants in the HFA Hardest Hit Fund, the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program, and Substantially Similar State Programs [Notice 2013-7] received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

215. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2013 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Certain Tax Items (Rev. Proc. 2013-15) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

216. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Application of Retroactive Increase in Excludable Transit Benefits [Notice 2013-8] received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### 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. HUIZENGA of Michigan (for himself, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. JONES, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LATTI, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. BOUSTANY):

H.R. 493. A bill to prohibit funds appropriated for the Department of Homeland Security from being used to pay for an abortion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined