

Security that the lines would be long in the airport, there would be delays and there would be all kinds of problems. Initially, it was announced that FAA officials would be pulled from between 150 to 200 airports. They were going to make America feel as much pain as possible. But with all the tough news for travelers, we can all be comforted. This is dated March 5, a story by Elizabeth Harrington: The TSA was able to seal a \$50-million sequester-eve deal to buy new uniforms.

So the lines will be longer traveling. We are told by Homeland Security they are going to make America feel pain because we managed to cut less than 2 percent of government spending when it's increased over 20 percent over the last 4 years, when every American who works and pays taxes had their taxes go up 2 percent on January 1. This was merely taxes going up 2 percent, giving basically a tax on government for 2 percent, the same one America suffered.

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That is the same amount basically, and yet we have officials in this administration who say, Oh, no. We can't stand a 2 percent cut. Heck, here at the House itself, our budgets have been cut 11½ percent over the last 2 years. We did it. And you've got TSA, you've got FAA, you've got Homeland Security, you've got people being released from custody that will put American citizens in jeopardy all to make the point that we can't live with a 2 percent cut like every hardworking American taxpayer has. At least we know that TSA will have new uniforms while the lines are getting longer.

It also is worth noting a story here by Terence Jeffrey March 4 of this year, that President Obama borrowed nearly six times as much in February as the sequester cuts all year. I recall in 2006, the last year Republicans were in the majority before Speaker PELOSI took the gavel, Democrats on this side of the aisle appropriately beat up Republicans because we had a budget, an appropriations that year that spent \$160 billion more than we brought in, and we should have gotten it balanced. They were right.

I would never have dreamed that within a few years and with a Democrat in the White House, with a Democratic majority in the House and a Democratic majority in the Senate, that they wouldn't spend \$160 billion more than we took in; they'd spend \$1.6 trillion more than we took in. And here, with all the gloom and doom and claims of how bad it's going to be—oh, it's going to be horrible—we find out that the President borrowed \$253.5 billion in one month, the shortest month of the year, February, six times more than the sequester was with all the complaints.

I have an interesting story here in Townhall.com by Heather Ginsberg: "President Obama's Golf Trip Could Have Saved 341 Furloughed Jobs." She

goes on to outline the millions of dollars it cost for the last golf outing. That's pretty tragic.

I think we have one of the most gracious and graceful First Ladies that we've ever had. She made a wonderful quote previously. She said:

This is really what the White House is all about. It's the people's house. It's a place that is steeped in history, but it's also a place where everyone should feel welcome. And that's why my husband and I have made it our mission to open up the house to as many people as we can.

That was our First Lady, and that was a wonderful position to take.

So I'm sure she was not consulted today when the White House in its frustration that all of us in Congress—heck, the cut we are having in Congress is going to put us around a 20 percent cut of our budget in the House. The Senate hadn't cut themselves 11½ percent like we have, but we will have cut our own budget in the House of Representatives in every office at least 20 percent in 3 years' time. The President, even though his government has grown about 20 percent in 4 years, could not live with just pulling back 2 percent of that 20 percent increase.

So, today, as the story indicates from today—this is from the Washington Examiner:

Never say the White House isn't affected by sequestration. The Visitors Office just notified Congress that tours of the White House are canceled until further notice.

Due to staffing reductions resulting from sequestration, we regret to inform you that White House Tours will be canceled effective Saturday, March 9, 2013 until further notice, the White House email to legislative offices explains. Unfortunately, we will not be able to reschedule affected tours. We very much regret having to take this action, particularly during the popular spring touring season.

Well, knowing that, as the story reports here, we could have had 341 Federal employees that could have kept their jobs and not been furloughed if the President had not taken his last golf outing. It seems to me that since there are so many people coming to Washington—it appears to me as many Democrats as Republicans, possibly more—they have wanted, they have counted on the quote from the first lady. They were so looking forward to touring the White House.

I filed an amendment with the Rules Committee this afternoon so that we can work together. The amendment to the continuing resolution of funds—and I'm hoping and begging and pleading that the Rules Committee will make this amendment in order. It's an amendment to H.R. 933 offered by Mr. GOHMERT of Texas:

At the end of division C (before the short title), insert the following:

None of the funds made available by a division of this act may be used to transport the President to or from a golf course until public tours of the White House resume.

That way we will both work together so the President will not be able to take a golf outing that causes 341 more Federal officials to be furloughed and

lose their job, at least temporarily. Then perhaps by avoiding furloughing all these Federal employees, we'll be able to get the Democrats and Republicans across America, people that didn't even have a party because they're just Americans, they'll be able to get their tour of the White House, and all it will cost is one or two golf trips less.

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

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 4 o'clock and 27 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. WOODALL) at 5 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.

HOURLY MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 933, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

Mr. COLE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-12) on the resolution (H. Res. 99) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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. 307. An act to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

576. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations (St. Helena Parish, LA, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2013-0002] received February 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

577. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations (Unincorporated Areas of Craven County, North Carolina) [Docket ID: FEMA-2013-0002] received February 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

578. A letter from the Chair, Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, transmitting the 2013 Recommendations of the Public Members of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

579. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting fiscal year 2012 Performance Report to Congress for the Animal Drug User Fee Act to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

580. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting fiscal year 2012 Performance Report to Congress for the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

581. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-479, "Compassionate Release Authorization Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

582. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-654, "Council Notification on Enforcement of Laws Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

583. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-649, "Schedule H Property Tax Relief Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

584. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-655, "Retail Incentive Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

585. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-652, "Israel Senior Residences Tax Exemption Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

586. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-656, "Sign Regulation Authorization Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

587. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting

Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-657, "Re-entry Facilitation Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

588. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-653, "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

589. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-658, "Motorized Bicycle Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

590. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-659, "Service Animals Access Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

591. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-668, "Workplace Fraud Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

592. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-660, "Bloomington and LeDroit Park Backwater Valve and Sandbag Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

593. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-667, "Uniform Commercial Code Revision Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

594. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-661, "District of Columbia Flood Assistance Fund Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

595. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-662, "Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Accountability Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

596. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-666, "Bad Actor Debarment and Suspension Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

597. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-663, "Administrative Disposition for Weapons Offenses Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

598. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-664, "United House of Prayer for All People Real Property Tax Exemption Technical Temporary Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

599. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-665, "Beulah Baptist Church Real Property Equitable Tax Relief Temporary Act of 2013" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

600. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-651, "State Board of Education Personnel Authority Amendment Act of 2012" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

601. A letter from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Defense, transmitting nineteen reports pursuant to the Fed-

eral Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

602. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting a copy of the Report of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the September 2012 session to the Committee on the Judiciary.

603. A letter from the Federal Register and Regulatory Liaison Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—NASA Information Security Protection [Document No.: NASA-2012-0006] (RIN: 2700-AD61) received February 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

604. A letter from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of the Port Limits of Green Bay, WI [Docket No.: USCBP-2011-0031] (CBP Dec. 13-2) received February 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

605. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revised Exhibit: Sample Notice to Interested Parties (Announcement 2013-15) received February 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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:

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Billions on Oversight and Government Reform. Billions of Federal Tax Dollars Misspent on New York's Medicaid Program (Rept. 113-11). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COLE: Committee on rules. H. Res. 99. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-12). 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. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARR, Mr. BARTON, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROWN of Georgia, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. COLE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. FLEMING, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. HARPER, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LONG, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr.