

What if we passed a law called Energizing America? I like that title. In fact, we are going to introduce it tomorrow, Energizing America. It is a piece of legislation that would require that we provide 15 percent of the total export on American-built ships. Think about it.

Perhaps over the next decade, our shipyards would be building maybe as many as a hundred ships. But let's just say it is 10, 20, 30 ships. Perhaps more than 100,000 people could be employed in the construction of those ships. This would be a good regulation, wouldn't it? It would be a regulation that would put Americans back to work.

It would be a law that would say a strategic national asset of this Nation will also benefit another strategic national asset: the American shipyards.

Our U.S. Navy depends on those shipyards. Every U.S. naval ship is built in America in American shipyards. And if we were to expand those shipyards, we would find more competition for the naval ships, perhaps a lower price. Perhaps we would also be able to employ marine engineers, welders, plumbers, steamfitters, steelworkers, not only at the shipyards, but in the manufacturing of the engines here in the United States.

Make it in America. Build it in America. All it takes are a couple of paragraphs of law. That is all it would take, a couple of paragraphs of law that say between now and 2024, in the next 8 years, 15 percent of that liquefied natural gas must be on American-built ships with American sailors.

Now, it turns out that these American ships and the sailors are a strategic necessity for our U.S. military. Because it turns out that if you are going to project American power around the world, you have to be able to get there with the men, the women, and the materials—and that means ships.

So we would build the U.S. merchant marine. We would build American shipyards so that they would be competitive around the world, and we would employ tens of thousands—and perhaps even hundreds or more thousand—of American workers in our shipyards. It is possible. All it takes is a law.

So when this energy bill starts moving around—and maybe here in the lameduck session—I would propose a simple amendment: between now and 2024, 15 percent of that export of LNG would be on American-built ships with American sailors.

Oh, by the way, there are some older American LNG ships that could be reflagged for the purposes of meeting at

least part of that 15 percent in the initial years. And then after 2025, let's ramp it up to 30 percent. Let's keep our shipyards busy. Let's keep our steelworkers, our welders, our plumbers, our marine engineers, our factories busy in the future with a very simple law that would be a really good regulation.

Oh, I can hear the whining of the oil industry and of the natural gas industry, "Oh, it is going to be too expensive." It is not nearly as expensive as not having American jobs and not being able to project American power because we do not have a robust merchant marine and a robust number of American ships.

Consider this fact: after World War II, we had 1,200 American ships, American sailors on them, all American flagged. In the 1980s, we had 500. Today, we have less than 80.

We are seeing the disappearance of the American merchant marine. American sailors, American-flagged ships, American shipyards are all diminishing and very rapidly disappearing. It is up to us, your elected officials—myself, my colleagues, 434 other Members of Congress and the 100 Senators. And, I guess, the new President is interested in making America great again. Hey, here is how you can do it, President-elect Trump. Do it in policies that once again call for making it in America.

So what are my colleagues going to do? Let this opportunity slip? Let this opportunity disappear? Forget about the strategic nature of energy in the United States, the strategic necessity of being able to project American power with American sailors and American ships to go wherever we want?

Oh, yes, I heard somebody say, well, we could contract to have ships sent to move our military: Oh, yeah, hello, Mr. Xi. Oh, yeah, I am phoning. Yeah, I'm phoning from Washington, D.C., and, yeah, can you folks in Beijing send over ships so that we can send men and material to the South China Sea?

It is not likely to happen, right? We can't depend on other countries. We have to depend on our own abilities, our own shipyards, our own mariners. We can do it.

There are many bad regulations to be sure. There are some that hinder the economy. But I would propose to you that a very good law could be used to build the American economy by simply requiring that the export of liquefied natural gas be done on American ships, 15 percent between now and 2024, and thereafter, 30 percent, echoing what we did back in the 1960s when the North

Slope of Alaska opened up and that oil came south.

American steel pipe and American-made ships with American sailors, we can do it once again for the benefit of our country, for our national security, and for American workers and American businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. JONES (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and for the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. POE of Texas (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and for the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2873. An Act to require studies and reports examining the use of, and opportunities to use, technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models to improve programs of the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 28, 2016, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 4902. To amend title 5, United States Code, to expand law enforcement availability pay to employees of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations.

H.R. 5873. To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 511 East San Antonio Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the "R.E. Thomason Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the second and third quarters of 2016, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2016

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Travel to Germany—June 27–July 1, 2016											
Kari Bingen	6/27	7/1	Germany		807.37		66.48				873.85
Commercial transportation							2,121.26				2,121.26
Timothy Morrison	6/27	7/1	Germany		807.37		66.48				873.85
Commercial transportation							2,121.26				2,121.26
William Spencer Johnson	6/27	7/1	Germany		807.37		66.48				873.85
Commercial transportation							2,121.26				2,121.26
Travel to Qatar, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan—July 15–21, 2016											
Hon. William M. “Mac” Thornberry	7/16	7/17	Qatar		162.00						162.00
	7/17	7/17	Bahrain								
	7/17	7/18	Iraq		11.00						11.00
	7/18	7/19	Kuwait		432.00						432.00
	7/19	7/20	Afghanistan		7.00						7.00
	7/20	7/21	Qatar								
Hon. Seth Moulton	7/16	7/17	Qatar		162.00						162.00
	7/17	7/17	Bahrain								
	7/17	7/18	Iraq		11.00						11.00
	7/18	7/19	Kuwait		432.00						432.00
	7/19	7/20	Afghanistan		7.00						7.00
	7/20	7/21	Qatar								
Robert L. Simmons	7/16	7/17	Qatar		162.00						162.00
	7/17	7/17	Bahrain								
	7/17	7/18	Iraq		11.00						11.00
	7/18	7/19	Kuwait		432.00						432.00
	7/19	7/20	Afghanistan		7.00						7.00
	7/20	7/21	Qatar								
Paul Arcangeli	7/16	7/17	Qatar		162.00						162.00
	7/17	7/17	Bahrain								
	7/17	7/18	Iraq		11.00						11.00
	7/18	7/19	Kuwait		432.00						432.00
	7/19	7/20	Afghanistan		7.00						7.00
	7/20	7/21	Qatar								
Kari Bingen	7/16	7/17	Qatar		162.00						162.00
	7/17	7/17	Bahrain								
	7/17	7/18	Iraq		11.00						11.00
	7/18	7/19	Kuwait		432.00						432.00
	7/19	7/20	Afghanistan		7.00						7.00
	7/20	7/21	Qatar								
Delegation expenses	7/20	7/21	Qatar				7,266.00				7,266.00
Visit to Japan, South Korea, the Philippines—July 15–23, 2016 with CODEL Schatz			Iraq								
Hon. John Garamendi	7/17	7/19	South Korea		371.78						371.78
	7/19	7/20	the Philippines		295.00						295.00
	7/20	7/23	Japan		599.87						599.87
Visit to United Kingdom—July 16–19, 2016											
Hon. Trent Franks	7/17	7/19	United Kingdom		1,773.39						1,773.39
Commercial transportation							2,121.26				2,121.26
Andrew Walter	7/17	7/19	United Kingdom		1,773.39						1,773.39
Commercial transportation							2,121.26				2,121.26
Visit to Nigeria, Cameroon—July 25–30, 2016 with STAFFDEL Barker											
Katherine Quinn	7/26	7/26	Nigeria								
Commercial transportation	7/26	7/29	Cameroon		436.36						436.36
							13,812.18				13,812.18
Visit to Israel, Latvia, Poland, Germany—August 19–28, 2016											
Hon. Chris Gibson	8/20	8/22	Israel		1,036.00						1,036.00
	8/22	8/24	Poland		535.87						535.87
	8/24	8/24	Latvia								
	8/24	8/25	Germany		269.15						269.15
Hon. Paul Cook	8/20	8/22	Israel		1,036.00						1,036.00
	8/22	8/24	Poland		535.87						535.87
	8/24	8/24	Latvia								
	8/24	8/25	Germany		269.15						269.15
Hon. Austin Scott	8/20	8/22	Israel		1,036.00						1,036.00
	8/22	8/24	Poland		535.87						535.87
	8/24	8/24	Latvia								
	8/24	8/25	Germany		269.15						269.15
Hon. Richard B. Nugent	8/20	8/22	Israel		1,036.00						1,036.00
	8/22	8/24	Poland		535.87						535.87
	8/24	8/24	Latvia								
	8/24	8/25	Germany		269.15						269.15
Heath Bope	8/20	8/22	Israel		1,036.00						1,036.00
	8/22	8/24	Poland		535.87						535.87
	8/24	8/24	Latvia								
	8/24	8/25	Germany		269.15						269.15
Visit to Germany, Italy—September 25–29, 2016 with STAFFDEL Barker											
Mark Morehouse	9/26	9/29	Germany		845.18						845.18
	9/27	9/28	Italy		482.77						482.77
Commercial transportation							4,005.76				4,005.76
Katherine Quinn	9/26	9/29	Germany		845.18						845.18
	9/27	9/28	Italy		482.77						482.77
Commercial transportation							4,005.76				4,005.76
Committee total					22,592.90		39,895.44				62,488.34

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MAC THORNBERRY, Chairman, Nov. 10, 2016.

(AMENDMENT) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2016

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. John Kline	3/31	4/2	Philippines		605.84		(³)				605.84
	4/2	4/7	Australia		1,638.00		(³)				1,638.00
Hon. David “Phil” Roe	3/30	3/31	USA				677.70 ^a				677.70

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Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott			Philippines		186.98*						186.98
			Australia		636.00						636.00
	3/31	4/2	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
	4/2	4/7	Australia		1,638.00		(?)				1,638.00
Hon. Rubén Hinojosa			Australia				1,168.86				1,168.86
	3/31	4/2	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
	4/2	4/7	Australia		1,638.00		(?)				1,638.00
	3/31	4/2	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
Juliane Sullivan			Australia		1,689.00		(?)				1,689.00
	4/2	4/7	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
	3/31	4/2	Australia		1,662.00		(?)				1,662.00
	4/2	4/7	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
Janelle Gardner			Australia		1,689.00		(?)				1,689.00
	3/31	4/2	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
	4/2	4/7	Australia		1,662.00		(?)				1,662.00
	3/31	4/2	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
Brian Newell			Australia		1,689.00		(?)				1,689.00
	4/2	4/7	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
	3/31	4/2	Australia		1,662.00		(?)				1,662.00
	4/2	4/7	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
Elizabeth Podgorski			Australia		1,478.00		(?)				1,478.00
	3/31	4/2	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
	4/2	4/7	Australia		1,662.00		(?)				1,662.00
	3/31	4/2	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
Richard Miller			Australia		1,662.00		(?)				1,662.00
	4/2	4/7	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
	3/31	4/2	Australia		1,662.00		(?)				1,662.00
	4/2	4/7	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
Krisann Pearce			Australia		1,662.00		(?)				1,662.00
	3/31	4/2	Philippines		605.84		(?)				605.84
	4/2	4/7	Australia		1,662.00		(?)				1,662.00
	6/24	6/27	Panama		837.00		(?)				837.00
Committee total					21,868.54		1,846.56				23,715.10

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.³ Military air transportation.

* Traveler departed trip state-side due to a death in the family. Post was unable to cancel rooms in Manila and Sydney.

HON. JOHN KLINE, Chairman, Nov. 7, 2016.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2016

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
HOUSE COMMITTEES											
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. <input type="checkbox"/>											

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HON. JOHN KLINE, Chairman, Nov. 7, 2016.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE ON BENGHAZI, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2016

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
HOUSE COMMITTEES											
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. ☒											

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HON. TREY GOWDY, Chairman, Nov. 15, 2016.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7624. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Chief Compliance Officer Annual Report Requirements for Futures Commission Merchants, Swap Dealers, and Major Swap Participants; Amendments to Filing Dates (RIN: 3038-AE49) received November 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7625. A letter from the Special Inspector General, Office of the Special Inspector General For The Troubled Asset Relief Program, transmitting the Office's quarterly report on the actions undertaken by the Department of the Treasury under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, for the period ending October 26, 2016; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7626. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment (Fall Protection Systems) [Docket No.: OSHA-2007-0072] (RIN: 1218-AB80) received November 18, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7627. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; AK; Permitting Fees Revision [EPA-R10-OAR-2016-0591; FRL-9955-48-Region 10] received November 22, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7628. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Quality Plans; Tennessee; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R04-OAR-2015-0154; FRL-9955-58-Region 4] received November 22,

2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7629. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final NUREG — Seismic Classification [NUREG-0800, Revision 3] (Section 3.2.1) received November 18, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7630. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final NUREG — Reactor Operator Requalification Program; Reactor Operator Training [NUREG-0800, Revision 4] (Section 13.2.1) received November 18, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7631. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final NUREG — Operating Organization [NUREG-0800, Revision 7] (Sections 13.1.2-13.1.3) received November 18, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121,