

that money, possibilities like canceling the Bush tax cuts. That is \$3.9 trillion right off the bat. Over \$10 trillion in total choices.

First, with that revenue, we cancel the sequester both for nondefense and for defense. Then we make investments in the future of American families with investments in education, job-creating infrastructure, the environment, scientific research, and maintain a strong social safety net. In the end, we reduce the deficit by a cumulative amount of an over \$2 trillion reduction in the deficit.

So let's be clear, we are going to make choices with the budget, choices like we made a few years ago. People say a lot about the proposal by Senator BERNIE SANDERS and \$900 billion for free college. Could we afford that? Just think, a couple of years ago, we passed, with one vote, an extension in tax cuts of \$3.9 trillion. We could have, with the same amount of money, extended \$3 trillion in tax cuts, and with the money left over, free college, but we didn't make that choice. All \$3.9 trillion went to tax cuts. The \$900 billion could have gone to free college.

Make no mistake about it, we are making choices. This year, again, we will make choices with our budget: massive tax cuts, or we can focus on a better feature and produce a more humane and responsible budget. I would hope that this year we make the right choice.

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, before I close out this Special Order hour, I do want to thank my colleague from Florida, Representative VAL DEMINGS, for participating, and I want her to just share some last words on this subject: What do we have to lose? I know she has a few more things that she wants to share with everybody.

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I spent 27 years in law enforcement, and I realized early in my career that we cannot arrest our way out of the challenges that we face, that we have to address some of the social ills that cause decay in communities in the first place if we are going to make those communities better.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson commissioned a group to look at crime in America. I would like to share just a short paragraph of their report. It says:

"Every effort must be made to strengthen the family, now often shattered by the grinding pressures of urban slums.

"Slum schools must be given enough resources to make them as good as schools elsewhere and to enable them to compensate for the various handicaps suffered by the slum child—to rescue him from his environment."

Mr. Speaker, I want you to know that we are still trying to rescue children that that particular child represents from their at-risk environments. If we are going to put America first, it starts with putting the American people first.

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative DEMINGS for her words and inspiration, and I really appreciate her perspective, again. Now she is getting an opportunity to see this as a Member of Congress, but the 27 years that she spent in law enforcement, it gave her a bird's-eye perspective on what happens when we don't invest in education, when we don't invest in health care, when we don't invest in things that help families uplift themselves and give themselves opportunities to pull one another out of poverty. I just want to thank her again for participating in tonight's Special Order hour.

Mr. Speaker, we have a lot to talk about because we do have a lot to lose, and I thank everybody for participating.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when President Trump spoke on the campaign trail, his message to the African American community was clear: "What do you have to lose?" Today, just 9 weeks into his presidency, we now know that in a Trump Administration, the American people stand to lose their access to robust medical care, jobs, and more than \$54 billion used to fund critically important programs and Departments through the Federal government.

President Trump's fiscal year 2018 budget proposal to Congress seeks roughly \$54 billion in dramatic cuts to social programs and domestic spending in order to accommodate an equal increase in spending through the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs. His proposal is a poor reflection of the priorities that we hold as a nation and undermines—or eliminates entirely—many of the very programs that millions of Americans rely on the most.

For example, the President's budget proposal slashes funding for education by cutting grants for after school programs and reduces financial aid for low-income students, such as Pell Grants. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will also see a thirteen percent—or \$6.2 billion—reduction in its budget, which is reflected in the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and Section 4 Community Development and Affordable Housing.

I cannot help but notice that there is a certain degree of hypocrisy reflected in the President's budget proposal when comparing to what he has touted during the campaign. For example, the Department of Transportation will suffer significant cuts to programs such as TIGER, which has been an incredibly successful discretionary grant program used to fund projects of nation significance in communities all across the country. President Trump's budget proposal also looks to eliminate funding for the Capital Investment Grant program, which the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) in Texas has utilized for many years to respond to the explosive population growth within my district and build up our transportation infrastructure. This moves our nation further away from the \$1 trillion in transportation infrastructure spending that the President has proposed during the campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot support the President's budget proposal in its current form. The cuts included in his proposal are irrational and

ignore the dire needs of our people to bolster our transportation infrastructure, create jobs, and pave the way for greater economic opportunity for all Americans—not just a select few. President Trump also wants to slash taxes for the wealthy and our biggest corporations. He will pay for those tax breaks by placing the burden on lower- and middle-class Americans. Just months into his presidency, it is already crystal clear that the American people have a lot to lose under his vision for America and I am proud to join my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to oppose these devastating cuts and the entire Trump agenda.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MARINO (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. SIMPSON (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and March 28 on account of business in the district.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled Joint Resolutions of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker.

H.J. Res. 69. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to "Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska".

H.J. Res. 83. Joint Resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Clarification of Employer's Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness".

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

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. WOODALL: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 229. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1430) to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing and disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible

(Rept. 115-60). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BURGESS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 230. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 34) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services" (Rept. 115-61). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. CHAFFETZ: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 1387. A bill to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, and for other purposes; (Rept. 115-62). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 1431. A bill to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes; (Rept. 115-63). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. HUNTER (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 1726. A bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to improve the organization of such title and to incorporate certain transfers and modifications into such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mrs. LOWEY):

H.R. 1727. A bill to prohibit use of body-gripping traps by personnel of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture and on lands of such departments; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. SIMPSON (for himself and Mr. LABRADOR):

H.R. 1728. A bill to modify the boundaries of the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BRAT (for himself and Mr. MOULTON):

H.R. 1729. A bill to provide the public with access to the laws of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. KILMER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS):

H.R. 1730. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky (for himself, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT):

H.R. 1731. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide funds to States and Indian tribes for the purpose of promoting economic revital-

ization, diversification, and development in economically distressed communities through the reclamation and restoration of land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining carried out before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. DENT (for himself, Mr. HIMES, and Mr. BARLETTA):

H.R. 1732. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add certain synthetic substances to schedule I, 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 by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

H.R. 1733. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the refining of used lubricating oil; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. YOUNG of Iowa (for himself, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 1734. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 1735. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to issue guidance regarding implementation of certain buy-outs or the acquisition of property for open space as a flood mitigation measure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BUCSHON (for himself, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. BUTTERFIELD):

H.R. 1736. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the process for inspections of device establishments and for granting export certifications; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. JONES, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LONG, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. HURD, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. STEWART, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HARPER, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. BOST, and Ms. JENKINS of Kansas):

H.R. 1737. A bill to amend the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 with respect to the application of the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule to certain farms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GARAMENDI:

H.R. 1738. A bill to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. LEE (for herself, Ms. ROSELEHTINEN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BEYER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KILMER, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. ROYBAL-

ALLARD, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HASTINGS, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 1739. A bill to modernize laws and policies, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services, 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 Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico (for herself, Mr. MAST, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KATKO, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LANCE, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. FASO, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SRES, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 1740. A bill to allow Homeland Security Grant Program funds to be used to safeguard faith-based community centers across the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT):

H.R. 1741. A bill to prohibit the intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs controls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MESSER:

H.R. 1742. A bill to require the Archivist of the United States to compile all applications, and rescissions of applications, made to the Congress to call a convention, pursuant to article V of the Constitution, and certain related materials, and to transmit them to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Rules, 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. O'ROURKE (for himself and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 1743. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election to the office of Representative in Congress or Senator from accepting contributions from any political committee other than an authorized committee of the candidate and from establishing a leadership PAC; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. SIRE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LANCE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. MARINO, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. COSTA):