

just like it does for executive salaries. Are those the same executives that were backdating the stock options? They didn't let the marketplace set their compensation. They backdated the stock options so they were guaranteed a profit in those stock options. No, they didn't rely on the market. They manipulated the market. They manipulated the market.

And how is it that somehow they want to suggest that for people at the minimum wage that they are the ones that have to survive in the marketplace? The fact of the matter is the marketplace is exploiting these individuals by failing to pay them a decent wage so that they can raise their families.

And it has got to stop. And it has got to stop here because the times has come to do this, to make sure that after 9 years, after 9 years of no increases, after six times of increasing congressional salaries, somehow something is terribly wrong for these individuals, and we have got to change that. We have got to make sure that that can't happen.

The disparities are just unbelievable in terms of these people and the rest of the country. And we cannot believe that each of these children who are in these families are going to have the same kind of opportunity that other children have, and that is why we have got to raise the minimum wage.

This is an issue of moral dimensions. It is way beyond the pay for the hours worked, the pay for the week's work. It is about whether or not we really do, in fact, believe in the value of work, whether we really do believe in the human dignity of these individuals who toil at these jobs. That is what this minimum wage is about. And it is a tragedy, it is a tragedy that the Republican leadership is now vowing that it simply will not be able to be voted on.

This is a Congress. We have a bipartisan solution; clearly we have enough votes in the Congress to pass the minimum wage. But they are going to do everything they can from keeping that vote from taking place. So the democracy is not going to work its will. The House is not going to work its will. All of the jabbering that goes on about bipartisan government is not going to work its will because bipartisan government in the House of Representatives would vote to increase the minimum wage. But that apparently is not going to happen.

But we have got to continue to struggle on behalf of these families, on behalf of their children, on behalf of this Nation in terms of human dignity.

And I want to thank my colleagues for joining me in this Special Order to raise this issue with our colleagues and with people in the country.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HUNTER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. MANZULLO (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for June 19 on account of being with his wife at the hospital.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROSS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today and June 21.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, June 27.

Mr. OTTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8176. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Radio Frequency Identification (DFARS Case 2006-D002) (RIN: 0750-AF31) received June 2, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8177. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Termination [DFARS Case 2003-D046] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8178. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Authorization for Continued Contract [DFARS Case 2003-D052] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8179. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Special Contracting Methods [DFARS Case 2003-D079] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8180. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Quality Assurance [DFARS Case 2003-D027] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8181. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Basic Agreements for Telecommunications Services [DFARS Case 2003-D056] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8182. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Describing Agency Needs [DFARS Case 2003-D073] received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8183. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report on the operations of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for fiscal year 2005, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5302(c)(2); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8184. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's notification to Congress of any significant modifications to the auction process for issuing United States Treasury obligations, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, section 203; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8185. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's report that no such exemptions to the prohibition against favored treatment of a government securities broker or dealer were granted during the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, section 202; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8186. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Twenty-Eighth Annual Report to Congress consistent with Section 815 of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692m; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8187. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of

Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cuba: Revisions of Personal Baggage Rules [Docket No. 051219342-5342-01] (RIN: 0694-AD23) received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

8188. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementation of New Formula for Calculating Computer Performance: Adjusted Peak Performance (APP) in Weighted TeraFLOPS; Bulgaria; XP and MT Controls [Docket No. 0604096-6096-01] (RIN: 0694-AD66) received April 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

8189. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Iranian Assets Control Regulations, Narcotics Trafficking Sanctions Regulations, Burmese Sanctions Regulations, Sudanese Sanctions Regulations, Weapons of Mass Destruction Trade Control Regulations, Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) Agreement Assets Control Regulations, Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations, Syrian Sanctions Regulations, Iranian Transactions Regulations, Western Balkans Stabilization Regulations, Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, Terrorism Sanctions Regulations — Received May 18, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

8190. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revision of NRC Form 7, Application for NRC Export/Import License, Amendment, or Renewal (RIN: 3150-AH89) received April 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

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. BARTON of Texas: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 5574. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals; with an amendment (Rept. 109-508). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BARTON of Texas: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 5573. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act (Rept. 109-509). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BARTON of Texas: Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 655. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: with an amendment (Rept. 109-510). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BARTON of Texas: Committee on Energy and Commerce. House Concurrent Resolution 426. Resolution recognizing the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Food and Drugs Act for the important service it provides to the Nation (Rept. 109-511). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 5076. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-512). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 235. Resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual (Rept. 109-513). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 5187. A bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007 (Rept. 109-514). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. REGULA: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 5647. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-515). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Committee on Rules. House Resolution 878. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9) to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (Rept. 109-516). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HERGER (for himself and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 5640. A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the safe and stable families program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

H.R. 5641. A bill to promote safe and ethical clinical trials of drugs and other test articles on people overseas; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. WAXMAN (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FARR, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. INSLER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SOLIS, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

H.R. 5642. A bill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the climate; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. BIGGERT (for herself, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. HALL, and Mr. GILCHREST):

H.R. 5643. A bill to authorize the commercial application and transfer of technologies developed by the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. McCAUL of Texas (for himself, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. HALL, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina):

H.R. 5644. A bill to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate

training in advanced energy and green building technologies; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. CARNAHAN:

H.R. 5645. A bill to direct the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to convey an easement to St. Louis County, Missouri, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a road in Lemay, Missouri; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ROGERS of Michigan:

H.R. 5646. A bill to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. REGULA:

H.R. 5647. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California:

H.R. 5648. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to facilitate interaction between students and older individuals with limited English proficiency; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. HARRIS:

H.R. 5649. A bill to provide for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources on the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HULSHOF (for himself, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. TERRY, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and Ms. HERSETH):

H.R. 5650. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain tax incentives for ethanol and biodiesel used as a fuel; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KOLBE:

H.R. 5651. A bill to revise the boundary of the Fort Bowie National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. LEE (for herself and Mr. FORTENBERRY):

H.R. 5652. A bill to amend the African Development Foundation Act to redesignate the name of the Foundation, to increase funding for the mission of the Foundation, and to increase the powers of the Foundation; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky:

H.R. 5653. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote investment in energy independence through coal to liquid technology, biomass, and oil shale; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WEINER:

H.R. 5654. A bill to prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from limiting the amount of Urban Area Security Initiative or State Homeland Security Grant Program grant funds that may be used to pay salaries or overtime pay of law enforcement officials engaged in antiterrorism activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. CLEAVER:

H. Res. 879. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Members of the House of Representatives should use alternative fuel vehicles in their professional and personal lives; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey:

H. Res. 880. A resolution expressing the sense of the House on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Kelo v. City of New London*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.