

you name one thing that has changed between July and now as it relates to the world situation that would make gasoline come down? The uncertainty actually with regard to Iran and other oil producing countries is more now than it was then.

The only thing that has changed is we are closer to November 7th. No other factor has changed. And yet we see a dramatic reduction in the last couple weeks in gasoline prices. But the underlying factors are still there. All the uncertainty about the oil producing countries, whether it be Iraq or the situation in the Middle East, is the same as it was in July. It is interesting, isn't it?

Mr. ROSS. It is very interesting. Let me say as a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I have a plan to put America on a path toward energy independence. If we had time we would go into it in all the details tonight.

I was out visiting with constituents in 34 towns in my district in August talking about my plan to put America on a path toward energy independence. We have a plan to do that as members of the fiscally conservative Democratic Blue Dog Coalition.

Mr. TANNER. We need to start on it tonight.

Mr. ROSS. We have a plan. We have a plan to restore accountability to our government, to be sure that our government is accountable for your tax money, Mr. Speaker. We have a plan, in fact it is a 12 point plan, for budget reform.

So, Mr. Speaker, we are standing here willing, ready and able and asking that the Republican Members of this Congress work with us, work with us to restore common sense and fiscal discipline to our Nation's government so we can pay down this debt.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FATTAH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today until 4 p.m.

Mr. CASTLE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for the week of September 25 on account of medical reasons.

#### 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. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and September 27, 28, and 29.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today and September 27.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia and to include extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$1,584.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mrs. 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. 1442. An act to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "shipping", as positive law.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1275. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the "Alice R. Brusich Post Office Building".

S. 1323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska, as the "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building".

S. 2690. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office".

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 27, 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:

9594. A letter from the Acting Deputy Maritime Administrator and Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the annual report of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for Fiscal Year 2005, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. app. 1118; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9595. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of De-

fense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Joseph L. Yakovac, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9596. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of advance billing for the Defense-Wide Working Capital Fund, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2208; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9597. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the grade of real admiral (lower half) accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9598. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 06-69, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Iraq for defense articles and services; to the Committee on International Relations.

9599. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 06-55, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services; to the Committee on International Relations.

9600. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 06-59, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Netherlands for defense articles and services; to the Committee on International Relations.

9601. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No. 06-00A, relating to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 92-18 of 03 March 1992; to the Committee on International Relations.

9602. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, Transmittal No. 06-68, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Iraq for defense articles and services; to the Committee on International Relations.

9603. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the export of defense articles and services to the Government of Iraq (Transmittal No. DDTC 049-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

9604. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense articles or defense services to the Government of Canada (Transmittal No. DDTC 011-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

9605. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the export of

defense articles and services to the Government of Kazakhstan (Transmittal No. DDTC 034-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

9606. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the export of defense articles and services to the Government of Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 052-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

9607. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment to the Government of the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDTC 048-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

9608. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles and services to the Government of Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 036-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

9609. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed license for the export of defense articles and service from the Government of French Guiana (Transmittal No. DDTC 043-06); to the Committee on International Relations.

9610. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to Section 804 of the PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989 (title VIII, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 1990 and 1991 (Pub. L. 101-246), and Sections 603-604 (Middle East Peace Commitments Act of 2002) and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 2003 (Pub. L. 107-228); to the Committee on International Relations.

9611. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergency Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on International Relations.

9612. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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9615. A letter from the Assistant Secy for Administration & Management, Department of Labor, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9616. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting

a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9617. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9618. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9619. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Year 2006 Inventory of Commercial Activities, as required by the Federal Activities Reform Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-270; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9620. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting the Endowment's inventory of activities as required by OMB Circular A-76 and the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9621. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9622. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9623. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Increase in Limitation on Authorized Committees Supporting Other Authorized Committees [Notice 2006-17] received September 18, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

9624. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting a copy of the Arkansas Valley Conduit Reevaluation Statement, pursuant to Public Law 87-590; to the Committee on Resources.

9625. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, DEA, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Retail Sales of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products; Self-certification of Regulated Sellers of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products [Docket No. DEA-291I] (RIN: 1117-AB05) received September 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9626. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Twenty-Eighth Annual Report to Congress on the activities during Fiscal Year 2005 as pursuant to subsection (j) of section 7A of the Clayton Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 18a(j); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9627. A letter from the Corporation Agent, Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc., transmitting a copy of the Legion's annual audit as of April 30, 2006, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(28) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9628. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the role of military medical and behavioral science personnel in interrogations, in response to Section 750 of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2006; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations.

9629. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the budget models used for base operations support, sustainment, and facilities recapitalization, pursuant to Public Law 109-163; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations.

9630. A letter from the Secretaries, Department of Energy, Department of the Interior, transmitting a joint report on the cost of implementation of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2001 during fiscal year 2005, in compliance with the requirements of Subtitle F, section 3182 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Pub. L. 107-107); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Resources.

9631. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting a Report on Inspections for Compliance with the Public Access Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act Under Section 210 of the Congressional Accountability Act, pursuant to Public Law 104-1, section 210(f) (109 Stat. 15); jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and the Workforce.

9632. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting a Report on Occupational Safety and Health Inspections Conducted Under Section 215 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, pursuant to Public Law 104-1, section 215(e) (109 Stat. 18); jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and the Workforce.

9633. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting a report on the CALFED Levee Stability Program, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, California, required by Section 103(f) of the CALFED Bay-Delta Authorization Act, Pub. L. 108-361; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

#### 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. S. 176. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska (Rept. 109-681). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BARTON of Texas: Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 244. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming (Rept. 109-682). 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. 971. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-683). 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. 4377. A bill to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project, and for other purposes. (Rept. 109-684). 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. 4417. A bill to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory project (Rept. 109-685). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.