

with nuclear, we can dramatically increase that. And nuclear should be coming online rather than natural gas to generate electricity because the mother's milk of manufacturing, the mother's milk of our economy is natural gas.

We're having difficulty breaking down the barriers of the people that believe we ought to have more expensive energy in this country instead of less. And I'm here to make the point that the reason that they support more costly energy and give lip service to windfall profits taxes and higher regulation and trying to squeeze down the futures and the commodities market, the reason they denied a global demand increase—which for the Chinese this year, their gas imports have increased 2,000 percent so far this year—they deny that because they want to see higher energy prices, not lower, because they know higher energy prices shuts down the mother's milk of our manufacturing industry in this country, it slows the economy down, it forces Americans to park their car and ride their bicycle. And now, that serves the myopic belief that the goddess of mother nature is more important than the God that created this Earth, and that somehow we can serve her by shutting off the consumption of energy, cutting down on greenhouse gases, and answering to this question of controlling our climate here in the United States of America. Meanwhile, while China and India and the rest of the developing nations are building coal fire plants faster than we can shut them down here in the United States, we can't solve this problem, if it exists, by shutting off the energy and shutting down the world's economy that's here in the United States, this 25 percent that we produce.

That's what's wrong. They want a higher energy price, they want a slower economy. They think somehow that can be paid for by the rich in America. JOHN PETERSON and STEVE KING know it can't be.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Could I ask you a question?

Mr. KING of Iowa. I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. To the gentleman from Iowa, do you know of any energy bills scheduled for this week?

Mr. KING of Iowa. I do not.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Do you know of any energy bills scheduled for next week and the week after, before we go on the August recess?

Mr. KING of Iowa. I believe we will be going home for the August recess having done nothing with energy.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. I would have to think, if I was a citizen back home knowing just a fraction of what I know now, I would be one angry citizen. Because this Congress, like the 14 Congresses in succession, have done little to formulate an energy policy for America and produce available, affordable energy. And it's doable, it's something we can do.

Mr. KING of Iowa. I would ask the gentleman from Pennsylvania if he would support a policy like this energy pie chart that I've advocated.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Oh, absolutely.

Mr. KING of Iowa. More energy of all kinds. Supply and demand does affect the marketplace. If we put more Btus on the market, we will have lower price energy of all kinds. And we need to prioritize the utilization of that energy, bring the nuclear in to replace the gas, let the gas drive our economy, the natural gas drive our economy. And we can do this and it will be painful. JOHN PETERSON is exactly right.

I yield.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. We heat 63 million homes, we heat five million small businesses, and a quarter of a million industrial companies use natural gas in great numbers, and they're all going to get hammered this year. Our hospitals and our schools are going to pay twice as much as last year.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Commonsense solutions delivered here on this floor, Mr. Speaker. And I appreciate your attention to all of this. And I imagine we have swayed you considerably as you paid attention to the arguments of the gentleman from Pennsylvania and myself.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for July 8 and the balance of the week on account of family 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. McDERMOTT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LOEBsACK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, July 16.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, July 16.

Mr. SHUSTER, for 5 minutes, July 10.

Mrs. BACHMANN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, July 10.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 802. An act to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI.

H.R. 3721. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building".

H.R. 3891. An act to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

H.R. 4185. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building".

H.R. 5168. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Cody Grater Post Office Building".

H.R. 5395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building".

H.R. 5479. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building".

H.R. 5517. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 5528. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building".

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 10, 2008, 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:

7377. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting an annual report entitled, "Defense Acquisition Challenge Program: Fiscal Year 2007," pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2359b(j); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7378. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting letter on the approved retirement of General Teed M. Moseley, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7379. 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 major general in accordance with title 10, United