

devastate them. Not only is he going after the deductions that keep them afloat, they're going after the investment in oil and gas wells by the mainstream public.

Now, if you're British Petroleum or Exxon, you don't put out a proposal that says, we're drilling a well, and here's the proposal, here's the geology, here's the other wells in the area, here's what we think it will do. And if you invest X amount of dollars, then we will give you X percentage amount of the working interest in this well. That's the kind of proposal independent oil and gas companies have to make to get investments for people to invest in their oil well. If they hit a gusher, hit a huge well, then those who invest and take a percentage of the well will do very well. If they hit a dry hole, then they lose money. And when you invest in a dry hole and it costs you money, you would hope you would be able to deduct your expenses of the investment that failed.

What this President is doing not only is going to destroy the independent oil companies by taking away deductions that keep them afloat and keep them able to keep drilling another well, he is going after their investments.

So once you begin to see these specifics, you realize—and there are some other things in here, repeal marginal well production, repeal of enhanced oil recovery—when you see the specifics, you realize, oh, wow, maybe he doesn't know that he will destroy oil and gas independent operators. Maybe he doesn't know. But it doesn't take a genius to realize if you put oil and gas operators out of business who are the independents, who are not big enough to have all the employees they need to do the drilling, who have so many subcontractors who go out and eat and go to the entertainment places and they go invest in things around town, and they go buy clothes—those people, those subcontractors, their subcontractors, all of those people will be without anything to do because this administration says he's declared war on major oil, but instead, it's really a war against independents.

If he stops 95 percent of the drilling for oil and gas in the continental U.S., then what happens to major oil? You've eliminated all of their competition among the small independents. Well, what does that mean? Well, there are only a small number of massive international oil and gas companies comparatively, and you've wiped out their competition in America. It means they will charge more for gasoline, more for diesel, and there's nothing we can do about it because they're the only ones that have any energy.

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Right now, before this President finishes driving or trying to put independents out of business, we've got to stop this train wreck that's coming.

This should be springtime in America. It should be a time of renaissance.

People shouldn't have to pay \$4 a gallon. And as soon as this President takes substantive actions, just to announce that he's going to take substantive actions, not to declare war on hydraulic fracking as they have now, not to declare war on oil companies in North Dakota because there have been eight mallards that died that had some oil on them and, therefore, they have the Justice Department under the President's thumb who is prosecuting the oil companies for violations of the Migratory Bird Act even though they've got windmills they support that are chopping them up by the thousands and thousands.

No, don't go after the windmills. They're above. So when the President says he's for all of the above, that includes all of the wind being generated here in Washington and other places where there are windmills that are driven by the hot air.

It's time to start saying what we mean, so that when this President tells the leader of Israel, "I have your back," the leader of Israel doesn't realize he's got to put on something that will stop a knife coming from the back. It's time for our allies to know we support our friends, and we're going to stop supporting and trying to buy off our enemies. It's time to bring peace and prosperity back to the continental U.S., all 50 States, all our territories, by truly having an all-of-the-above energy policy. And if we want to pursue renewables, don't be letting the Social Security trust fund or the tax money dry up and leave seniors so vulnerable. Don't take away \$500 billion from Medicare and hurt the seniors like that as ObamaCare has done. Don't do those things.

If you want to go spend billions giving it to your friends in solar energy, for heaven's sake, let's start leasing the Federal land like it used to be done, and then use 25 percent royalty, use part of our royalty, to throw away on the President's friends, not be borrowing from China, not be taxing people to give to his buddies, and we can return to springtime in America.

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

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MARINO (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for April 16 and today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5658. A letter from the Director, Policy Issuances Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes to the Schedule of Operations Regulations [Docket No.: FSIS-2010-0014] (RIN: 0583-AD35) received March 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5659. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Bacillus pumilus* strain GHA 180; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0536; FRL-9343-1] received March 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5660. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Private Transfer Fees (RIN: 2590-AA41) received March 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5661. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Regional Haze [EPA-R01-OAR-2010-1043; A-1-FRL-9652-1] received March 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5662. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Amendment to HFO-1234yf SNAP Rule for Motor Vehicle Air Conditioning Sector [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0776; FRL-9651-3] (RIN: 2060-AR20) received March 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5663. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Quality Assurance Requirements for Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources [EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0873; FRL-9653-3] (RIN: 2060-AH23) received March 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5664. A letter from the Assistant Director, Policy Division, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Iranian Transactions Regulations received March 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5665. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities; Swimming Pools [CRT Docket No.: 122; AG Order No. 3326-2012] (RIN: 1190-AA68) received March 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5666. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, transmitting the Department's final rule — United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement [USCBP-2012-0007] (RIN: 1515-AD86) received March 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5667. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue

Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Modification of Notice 2008-40; Deduction for Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings [Notice 2012-26] received March 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan: Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. H.R. 3523. A bill to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-445). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 619. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4348) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law preauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-446). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 620. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for domestic business income of qualified small businesses (Rept. 112-447). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1505. A bill to prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-448, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committees on Agriculture and Homeland Security discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1505 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

#### 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. ISSA (for himself, Mr. ROSS of Florida, and Mr. LYNCH):

H.R. 4363. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow Federal employees to continue their public service while partially retired; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MICA, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. MCHENRY, and Mr. MACK):

H.R. 4364. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to specify further conditions under which payment for the services of a recess appointee may not be made from the Treasury; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. BUERKLE (for herself and Mr. ROSS of Florida):

H.R. 4365. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in

the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. FUDGE (for herself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. SEWELL, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 4366. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants for science, technology, engineering, and math education programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 4367. A bill to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit the fee disclosure requirement for an automatic teller machine to the screen of that machine; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. STARK, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. NEAL, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. PASCRELL):

H.R. 4368. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the release of Federal tax levies which cause business hardship; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. QUAYLE (for himself, Mr. MATHESON, and Mr. ROSS of Florida):

H.R. 4369. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and the filing of such reports with the Executive Office for United States Trustees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TIPTON (for himself, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. LONG):

H.R. 4370. A bill to require new policies and procedures to address duplication and inefficient spending in the Federal grants process; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BACA:

H.R. 4371. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve pensions for surviving spouses of World War II and Korean War veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACK (for herself, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. REED, Mr. ROKITA, and Mrs. ELLMERS):

H.R. 4372. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the social security number of the student and the employer identification number of the educational institution for purposes of education tax credits, to permanently allow disclosure of return information from prison officials to prevent prisoners from filing false and fraudulent tax returns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:

H.R. 4373. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the expansion of tax benefits for adoption enacted in 2001 and to permanently reinstate the expansion of tax benefits for adoption enacted in 2010; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (for herself and Mr. PIERLUISI):

H.R. 4374. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the increased limitation on the cover over of the tax on distilled spirits to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 4375. A bill to provide a taxpayer bill of rights for small businesses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MALONEY:

H.R. 4376. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny all deductions for business expenses associated with the use of a club that discriminates on the basis of sex, race, or color; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. CHU (for herself, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr.

FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BASS of California, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAHN, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. HONDA, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. HANABUSA, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. STARK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H. Res. 621. A resolution recognizing the significance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in May as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the Nation's history; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 4363.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. I, Sec. 8

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 4364.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. I, Sec. 8

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

Art. II, Sec. 2

The President . . . shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law.

By Ms. BUERKLE:

H.R. 4365.