

thing where parents and the community have that say. So that's what we're trying to develop.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to get the reform in the rewrite of No Child Left Behind yet in this Congress. It has been a number of years. We weren't able to do it in the last Congress. But I want to thank the Obama administration and the Secretary of Education because, in recognizing the role that the ingredient of education plays in the economic recovery, they've gone with the Race to the Top program and with the waivers program for those States.

What they're really saying is, if you want to take your State and go to the future, if you want to take your district and go to the future, we want to partner with you. What does that mean? That means that those Governors and those local superintendents of schools and those State superintendents of instruction are making a decision that they want to join in an effort to have internationally benchmarked standards and internationally benchmarked curriculum and assessments. It's no longer just filling in a bubble on a multiple choice. But because of the sophistication that we've learned in assessment, that we learned from the workplace, what we learned from employers, these students will be able to demonstrate the depth of their knowledge, their understanding. They will be richer. They will be better able to adapt to the needs of employers. They can go on and get a master's degree, or they can go on and get a college degree, or they can go on and get a doctorate degree.

The fact of the matter is that the world of learning is changing dramatically, and I think that, while we're bogged down here in partisan fights, unfortunately, the administration has struck out on a bold path. I think there are now 40 States that either have applied or are hoping to apply for waivers. There are 47 Governors who have said we should have internationally benchmarked standards in this country so that we know that, when our students are learning, they're learning at the same level the students in Shanghai are learning—or in Germany or in Finland or in Singapore or in Japan—and that's the change that's possible.

But the fact of the matter is that Congress has got to want to go along with that. The Governors are taking the lead. They're taking the lead. The big city mayors are taking the lead. They understand this in terms of your agenda, Congressman GARAMENDI, in making it in America—jobs in their communities. That educated workforce is the most important investment they can make, and for parents, it's that good school. People always talk about remodeling their bathrooms or adding on a bedroom or landscaping the yard to add value to their homes. If you turn that into a high-performing school, you'll add more value than anything else you could possibly do.

The National Real Estate Association will tell you that the first question people ask is, What school will my children go to? What district is this in?

We now have the ability and the capability, and in partnering up with the entire school staff, to dramatically improve the learning environment, the teaching environment, and the outcomes for all of our students. That's the excitement, because this comes along at a time when America now realizes, yes, we thought after 1980, 1990 that we couldn't make anything in America. We now recognize that, and we now see foreign investment coming back to America, and we've got to have the talent ready to absorb that.

So thank you again for this opportunity to integrate education into the Make It in America agenda. Obviously, I think it is the most important point. But as I talk to venture capitalists and to people in the high-tech fields and in the biotech fields in our State and around the country, they'll just tell you over and over again that the workforce they're looking for is a well-educated, adaptable, understanding workforce that can work with people all around the world now because you can sit in one room and work with people everywhere else in the world.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. MILLER, your passion for education was on display in this last discussion. Thank you for that passion, and thank you for the years of service that you have provided to America in leading the fight for the improvement of our education system.

Just a couple of thoughts—not random but specifically on the subject.

Yesterday, I was in Dixon, California, for the opening of a new manufacturing facility. A company, Altech in Birmingham, Alabama, decided that they were going to stay in America for the production of these bucket trucks, which are the kind of trucks that utility companies use that take the worker up to work on the power line, way up on the top of that pole. They decided to stay there, and they're going to hire an additional 100 people to manufacture these bucket trucks in Dixon, California.

In the discussion I had with the manufacturer and the president of the company, I asked him, How are you going to train these workers? And he said, We're going to do it at the community college.

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We're going to do it at the community college. The programs that you have put together over the years, with the workforce investment program, meaning that we're investing in the workers, the retraining of the workers electricians, welders, line jobs, well-paying middle class jobs, that's what it's all about.

The most important investment that any society can make is the investment in the education of its people. We need to do more. That education of the workforce, the children, the seniors,

the others that are in the field, that investment also entails the individual's participation. The loans that they take out, the Pell Grants that they receive are essential in giving them access, as you so well know. Then when we find a blueprint that passed this House, the Republican blueprint that basically takes away that opportunity, it stifles the American economy.

I share with you your enthusiasm for the newfound awareness of our Republican colleagues, and it only took a week, and it only took three speeches by the President, and they had the "oh my" moment. "We made a mistake, yes." But don't double down on that mistake by paying for the reduction in that interest rate by taking away from the vulnerable people of America.

I think not only of the children and their vaccinations, breast cancer and early detection, but also the seniors in their prevention and detection. That's not how to do it. We know better. Your proposal, the proposal of Mr. CLARKE of using the resources that we're now giving to the most wealthy industry in the world, our tax money, literally given to the oil industry, we need to recoup that and use that instead for the very future of this country.

We're finished for this evening. It's been a good night. Thank you so very much for joining us.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Thank you very much for the opportunity and thank you for your leadership on this.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Thank you for bringing your passion for education.

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

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3523, CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4628, INTEREST RATE REDUCTION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. NUGENT, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-454) on the resolution (H. Res. 631) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3523) 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; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4628) to extend student loan interest rates for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 26, 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:

5766. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Silicic Acid, Sodium Salt etc; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0934; FRL-9333-6] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5767. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Army Case Number 11-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

5768. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Army Case Number 11-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

5769. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Army Case Number 11-09; to the Committee on Appropriations.

5770. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) case number 09-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

5771. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Quality Implementation Plans; Kentucky; Attainment Plan for the Kentucky Portion of the Huntington-Ashland 1997 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> Nonattainment Area [EPA-R04-OAR-2010-0255; FRL-9657-4] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5772. 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; Delaware; Amendments to the Handling, Storage, and Disposal of Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions; Automobile and Light-Duty Truck Coating Operations; Paper Coating; Coating of Flat Wood Paneling; Graphic Art Systems; and Industrial Cleaning Solvents [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0998; FRL-9657-1] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5773. 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; Illinois; Small Container Exemption from VOC Coating Rules [EPA-R05-OAR-2012-0073; FRL-9651-5] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5774. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Dakota; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan [EPA-R08-OAR-2011-0870; FRL-9658-9] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5775. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Missouri: Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule; New Source Review Reform [EPA-R07-OAR-2011-0825; FRL-9657-8] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5776. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Hazardous Waste Technical Corrections and Clarifications Rule [EPA-RCRA-2008-0678; FRL-9659-7] (RIN: 2050-AG52) received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5777. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Coal and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units and Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Electric Utility, Industrial-Commercial-Institutional, and Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0234; EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0044; FRL-9654-8] (RIN: 2060-AP52 and 2060-AR31) received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5778. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan Pinal County Air Quality Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2008-0359; FRL-9639-5] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5779. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Northern Sierra and Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0243; FRL-9659-8] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5780. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0180; FRL-9652-2] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5781. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on U.S. support for Taiwan's participation as an observer at the 65th World Health Assembly and in the work of the World Health Organization, as mandated in the 2004 Participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization Act, Pub. L. 108-235, Sec. 1(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5782. A letter from the Staff Director, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for FY 2011 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5783. A letter from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the Office's annual 2011 report of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR)

Act of 2002; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5784. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for FY 2011 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5785. A letter from the Director, Congressional Affairs and Public Relations, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting the Agency's Fiscal Year 2010 annual report prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5786. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Fourth Quarter 2011 report of Settlements by the United States with Nonmonetary Relief Exceeding Three Years and Settlements Against the United States Exceeding \$2 Million; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5787. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's 50th annual report of activities for fiscal year 2011, pursuant to Section 103(e) of the Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961 and Section 208 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5788. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Interest on Untimely Paid Vessel Repair Duties [USCBP-2008-0085] (RIN: 1515-AD74) received March 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5789. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Nonconventional Source Fuel Credit, 2011 Section 45K Inflation Adjustment Factor and Section 45K Reference Price [Notice 2012-30] received April 10, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5790. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates [Notice 2012-28] received April 10, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5791. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Alan Baer Revocable Trust v. United States, 105 AFTR 2d 1544, 2010-1 USTC 60,590 (D. Neb. 2010) [AOD 2012-04] received April 10, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5792. A letter from the Acting Chair, Social Security Advisory Board, transmitting the Board's report of the 2011 Social Security Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5793. A letter from the Board of Trustees, Federal Old-Age And Survivors Insurance And Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting the 2012 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 112—102); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

5794. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report to Congress on The Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Budget