

to do is take the nuclear power plants—that's 20 percent of our electric generation in America—take the 20 percent and double it. So we have 40 percent of our electric coming out of nuclear. If you do that, you would get rid of all the CO₂ from every passenger car in the country. And yet we have come up with this complicated, tremendously intrusive, huge tax increase, when you could just simply say in a page or two, just double the number of nuclear.

Now, here what you have got is, you have got all this folderol about health care, we have got to take it over, the government has got to do all this stuff, and you have got 4 percent of people who are uninsured. It just seems like, it seems like we have made our conclusion ahead of time that we want our government to run everything, and our excuse is that little tiny 4 percent wedge. Even I like cherry pie. If all I got was 4 percent, it isn't worth it. It just plain isn't worth it. That's the obvious conclusion of your chart.

And I appreciate you just taking us into the world of free enterprise and what's really going on with our Federal Government. I appreciate your leadership. The gentleman from Iowa is really a saint, and we are thankful to have some good old midwestern common-sense values here on the floor of the U.S. Congress.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Let me conclude. I reflect upon a pair of auto mechanics

that run a repair shop in my hometown of Kiron called Sandberg Brothers. They have a sign behind their counter that says, "Complicated, difficult, technical nearly impossible jobs are our specialty. Simple jobs are beyond our comprehension."

I think that's what we have here. We have taken a simple job and turned it into a complicated, technical, difficult problem. And I think it falls back to the wisdom of Congressman Tom COLE, who said one day that highly intelligent people will always overcomplicate things. If they didn't, there wouldn't be any particular advantage to being highly intelligent.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 2 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a family medical matter.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. NYE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MAFFEI, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GRAYSON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FALCOMA, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, September 23.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, September 23.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, 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. 1243. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the first quarter and second quarter of 2009, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO BOSNIA, HERZEGOVINA AND LITHUANIA FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, EXPENDED BETWEEN JUNE 26 AND JULY 3, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Departure			Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Alcee L. Hastings	6/29	7/3	Lithuania		1,030.00		(³)				1,030.00
Hon. Robert Aderholt	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Hon. Madeleine Bordallo	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Hon. G.K. Butterfield	6/29	7/3	Lithuania		1,030.00		4,055.56				5,085.56
Hon. Lloyd Doggett	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Hon. Mike McIntyre	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Hon. Gwen Moore	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Hon. Louise Slaughter	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Hon. Christopher Smith	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Fred Turner	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Edward Joseph	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Robert Hand	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Neil Simon	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Shelly Han	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Clifford Bond	6/27	6/29	Bosnia & Herzegovina		570.67		(³)				570.67
Alex Johnson	6/29	7/3	Lithuania		1,030.00		(³)				1,030.00
Winsome Packer	6/27	7/3	Lithuania		1,740.00		1,538.00				3,278.00
Daniel Redfield	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Josh Shapiro	6/27	6/28	Bosnia & Herzegovina		313.99		(³)				313.99
	6/28	7/3	Lithuania		1,450.00		(³)				1,450.00
Committee total					30,096.53		5,593.56				35,690.09

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.