

numbers when they come in. I think we can go out and get about eight more Lear jets and I will take that home that I've been dreaming about.

You know what it means? It is on the backs of the taxpayers. And I want to make sure everyone sees this chart and understands what is going on, because I am also hopping mad, Mr. Speaker. I can tell you that for those of us who serve in public service, we wish we would have a retirement like this after going to all those town hall meetings, going out talking to all those American people and coming here early in the morning, leaving late at night, working every day, and then here we are.

Now, I am not going to identify him as an individual, I am just saying it is what it is, and this is what is happening: \$398 million in a retirement package and \$2 million in tax breaks. A \$2 million tax break. That is how you get rewarded.

Now, it goes against logic, Mr. Speaker, for someone to say, you know, we are for finding alternative fuels and we are for saving the taxpayers money, but meanwhile they are making record-breaking profits. I wonder what the speech that they give not on the "Today Show" or not on one of the news shows, I wonder what the speech is that they give before their shareholders.

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The speech that they are giving is saying thanks to the Republican majority in the House, thanks to the President of the United States, the future looks good. We are going to have a great year.

I think it is important for us to look at investing in the Midwest versus the Middle East, and E-85 is a big part of the plan. I want to bring Members' attention to this document that they can find on HouseDemocrats.gov and how we can start making ourselves energy independent in a matter of years. It's not just a philosophy and not just a speech. It is not someone just saying maybe one day we could, but saying we can.

In this document it says we are looking to increase production of American-made biofuels, using things like corn and sugarcane, sugar beets, things that we have right here, coal. Alternative fuels that we have here in the United States. We do not need to go to foreign countries and hear from people from South America and the Middle East, and having the President say it's not us, it is the fact that the American people are addicted to oil. I mean, that is a statement that I think you need to let sink in.

It also will make sure that the biodiesel, that we have a way to be able to increase that, expand tax credits for ethanol and biodiesel through 2015, and increase tax benefits to small biofuel producers. It expands also the market for distribution of biofuels. That is going to be important, Mr. Speaker.

Oil companies are just not going to do it because it is the right thing to do. We are going to have to make them do it so we can wean ourselves off of this addiction to oil. We want to give them an alternative. We do not just want to talk about it, we want to give the American people an alternative so they can move in that direction.

We talk about increasing the number of gas stations offering E-85 through new initiatives and requirements to make sure that we get the oil companies to do so.

In 7 years, 75 percent of all cars made in America would be flex fuel cars. Those are cars that can take the E-85 and can take regular gas. I think it is important for us to head in that direction. I think it is important for the future of our country, and I think it is important to have a true debate and a true philosophy towards alternative fuels and saving money.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think it is important for us to be able to do the things that we talk about and we preach about. The Republican majority is going to have to drop this stamp. It is going to have to give it up. You are going to have to go to group and say "We can no longer rubber stamp whatever the President of the United States sends to the Congress." The President wants tax cuts for wealthy Americans, they have to say Mr. President, we cannot do it.

Now for the Republican majority to have group, it is going to have to make a change in philosophy. They may have to work in a bipartisan way. They may even have to take a Democratic proposal, the pay-as-you-go philosophy, and make a change. I personally feel the Republican majority is not capable of doing that.

I have been on this floor going on 3 years. If I thought it made a difference in the Republican majority and encouraging them to work in a bipartisan way, then I would feel a little more encouraged, but I do not. I think the Republican majority knows exactly what the 30-something Working Group talks about when we come to the floor. We talk about fiscal responsibility and respecting hardworking Americans. We talk about making sure that we do right by our children and that we educate our children at all levels, whether it be K-12 experience, higher education, postgraduate, making sure that we have the workforce to compete with other countries that are competing against us.

I am not talking about competing against the school down the street or the school in the other county. We are competing against other countries as it relates to math and the sciences. That is talk for the Republican majority. We have a true mission. We have the will and desire on this side, through our innovation agenda which is on HouseDemocrats.gov, the Republican majority has to stop rubber stamping.

And I can tell you right now, they can't help it. They just continue to hit

the rubber stamp. Let's not even have a committee hearing, let us just get this bill to the floor and get it out because that is what the President wants. We have a number of issues that the Republican Congress has rubber stamped. One was \$1.05 trillion in record-breaking borrowing from foreign nations, rubber stamped, no problem. Deficits as far as the eye can see. Yes, you can have all of the study groups and all of the folks that write documents, and you can have all of the Republican Members come to this floor, but the reality is that this Congress has overseen the largest increase in the deficit in the history of the Republic, period.

Go to CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, pick up the newspaper, it's there. The Republican Congress, the only way I think that the Republican Congress is going to change its ways is when we have real leadership in this House. And the only way we do that is when the Democratic Caucus becomes the majority caucus in this House on this floor to put in the policies that need to be placed in the statute books, in the budget, in committee and making sure that we put this country back on the fiscal track it should be on.

How can I say that with boldness? Because we have done. It's almost like a job application. Someone tells you they can do something and you don't see it on their résumé that they have actually done it, it is hard to believe they can do it. It is on our résumé without one Republican vote balancing the budget.

I think it is also important to get the Republican Congress of the rubber stamp so you're making sure that they don't have the ability to rubber stamp. When you have the ability to rubber stamp, you are in the majority and that is what the American people are going to have to speak to, Mr. Speaker.

I am hoping we are able to see some change in philosophy here in the House. And we encourage the Members, if you want to share your thoughts or comments or you have other alternative ideas, we want to hear them because we believe in working in a bipartisan way. HouseDemocrats.gov/30somethingworkinggroup.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I would like to thank our working group that met earlier this week a couple of days ago, and I would also like to thank the staff and thank everyone that takes part in what we do and why we come to the floor. I would like to thank the Democratic leader for the time.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honor addressing the House of Representatives.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 11:00 a.m.

Mr. COSTELLO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of attending the funeral of a relative.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of family illness.

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. DAVIS of Illinois) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GOHMERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, June 15 and 16.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, June 12.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on June 8, 2006, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1953. To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", and for other purposes.

H.R. 3829. To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

H.R. 5401. To amend section 308 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act to make certain clarifying and technical amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 12, 2006, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7939. A letter from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standby Support for Certain Nuclear Plant Delays (RIN: 1901-AB17) Received May 18, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7940. A letter from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy,

transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Distribution Transformers [Docket No. EE-TP-98-550] (RIN: 1904-AA85) received May 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7941. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, HRSA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Smallpox (Vaccinia) Vaccine Injury Table (RIN: 0906-AA60) received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7942. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, HRSA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Administrative Implementation (RIN: 0906-AA61) received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7943. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, CMS, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2006 (RY 2007) [CMS-1306-F] (RIN: 0938-AN82) received May 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7944. A letter from the Regulations Officer, CMS, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to the Interim Final Regulation for Mental Health Parity [CMS-4094-F4] (RIN: 0938-AN80) received April 28, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7945. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — New Animal Drugs; Removal of Obsolete and Redundant Regulations [Docket No. 2003N-0324] received April 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7946. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NUHOMS HD Addition (RIN: 3150-AH93) received May 23, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7947. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2006 (RIN: 3150-AH83) received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7948. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2006 (RIN: 3150-AH83) received May 24, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7949. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Change to Vintage Date Requirements (2005R-212P) [T.D. TTB-45; RE: Notice No. 49] (RIN: 1513-AB11) received May 10, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7950. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Coordinated Issue: All Industries Credit

for Increasing Research Activities — Extraordinary Expenditures for Utilities [UIL 41.51-01] received May 10, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7951. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Sample Amendment for Roth Elective Deferrals [Notice 2006-44] received May 11, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7952. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Exempt Facility Bonds for Qualified Highway or Surface Freight Transfer Facilities [Notice 2006-45] received May 1, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7953. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Last-in; First-out Inventories (Rev. Rul. 2006-28) received May 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7954. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2006-29) received May 18, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7955. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2006-24) received April 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7956. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Announcement of Rules to be Included in Final Regulations Under Sections 897(d) and (e) of the Code [Notice 2006-46] received May 25, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7957. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Computer Software Under Section 199(c)(5)(B) [TD 9262] (RIN: 1545-BF57) received May 31, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7958. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous (Rev. Proc. 2006-21) received May 31, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7959. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Methods of Determining W-2 Wages for Purposes of the section 199(b)(1) Limitation on the section 199 Deduction for Income Attributable to Domestic Production Activities (Rev. Proc. 2006-22) received May 31, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7960. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Qualified NMWHPIT Exception Extension [Notice 2006-30] received May 31, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7961. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Business Electronic Filing and Burden Reduction [TD