

partly because that project has been evaluated and deemed to be wasteful, as I gave you some quotes.

This was going to be the Congress that was going to do so much. Not any bill of any consequence has passed both Houses and been signed by the President. None of their bills that they promised, their Six in '06, small ideas. Even they don't do what they said they do.

I would like to use the example of the student loans. All for last year, the Democrats said over and over and over again, oh, we are going to bring down the cost of going to college. Students have to borrow too much money. We are going to lower the cost of interest rates.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, what they did was a giant shell game. It takes 5 years for them to lower the interest rate on one small program that students borrow money from, making up, probably, less than 20 percent or fewer than 20 percent of the loans out there. It takes 5 years to get that interest rate brought down to half. The interest rate stays half for 3 whole months, and then it goes straight back up to the full rate. But they would like the American people to believe that they really have done something that they said they were going to do, which is not true.

It's over and over again. They would not raise taxes, the budget raised taxes. They would cut spending. Everything that they have done is increase spending.

They said that they would always support our troops. They do not support our troops. They have played games here for the last month or so, trying to embarrass the President, they think, and try to get through, again, more of their pork-barrel projects by putting unnecessary spending onto a war supplemental, which, again, is a giant shell game, because it would allow them to take \$24 billion off-line spending, because if it's in the supplemental, they don't have to count it against their budget. That gives them \$24 billion more they can spend somewhere else, and they pass it off as emergency funding. It's not emergency funding at all.

So, they are not supporting our troops, and they are not doing anything that they promise to do last year. Again, this latest episode, with Congressman MURTHA, should send a clear signal to the American people that that is what is happening.

You know, there is an old saying, you can fool some of the people all of the time. You can fool all of the people some of the time. But you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

I think that the American people are waking up to the hypocrisy that has been going on here by the Democrats, and they are seeing not only aren't they fulfilling their promises, but they are doing even worse. They are trying to hide everything that they are doing and trying to make it look like they

are fulfilling their promises, but they are not.

I want to say, in terms of their insisting on a surrender date, I have said this before on the floor, I have never in my life been around leaders in our country that talk about failure and impossibility as much as these people do. America is a place where we believe in things getting done, where everything is possible. We could do it all. We will win this war. We have to win the war, because our freedom is at stake.

All they talk about is surrender date. Every bill that they have passed has had surrender dates in it. It has been 105 days since the President first requested additional troop funding. While we are trying to help get that funding, Republicans are, the Democrats want to choke off or ration funding for American troops in harm's way. More of their hypocrisy. They don't want to fund the troops.

Sometimes I think they want failure just to prove a point. Yet, they would tear down the freedom that we have to stay in power and to prove a point.

We need a clean troop-funding bill. We need to give our troops the resources they need to be successful, no strings, no timelines, no pork, and it needs to be done by Memorial Day so that we show the troops how we really feel about them, and not this sham that the Democrats have been portraying here in the Congress.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BUYER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. GERLACH (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of illness.

Mr. KIRK (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a family emergency.

Ms. DEGETTE (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of family obligations.

Mr. ENGEL (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of family medical emergency.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of death in the family.

Mr. KIND (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of family commitment.

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. TANNER (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of family matter in the district.

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:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CLARKE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, May 23.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes each, today and May 22, 23, and 24.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes each, today and May 23 and 24.

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, May 23.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 9 a.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:

1861. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Acetochlor; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0203; FRL-8126-2] received May 11, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1862. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Aspergillus flavus* NRRL 21882 on Corn; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0160; FRL-8130-6] received May 11, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1863. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Chlorantraniliprole; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0800; FRL-8128-2] received May 11, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1864. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0995; FRL-8120-2] received May 11, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1865. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental