

percent of the oil is owned by unstable governments. And any one of them that tips over, along with a Katrina-type storm in the gulf, can give us unaffordable energy overnight. We're vulnerable to a storm; we're vulnerable to unstable nondemocratic governments that don't even like us.

How can America go to sleep? How can this Congress go to sleep at night knowing that we are vulnerable to those we don't even trust with our energy future?

This Congress must have an energy policy soon, and it can't be the one I talked about first that takes energy off the table. It has to be one that puts energy on the table, yes, does conservation, does all of the things to conserve and use wiser, but produces the energy this country needs to compete.

We're in a global climate, we're in a global economy today, and America must figure out soon that everything we do in Congress must enable our companies to compete in the world; and affordable energy is one of the first things we ought to be doing.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and until noon on November 14.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. DOYLE (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. WOLF (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a medical appointment.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. WATSON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
 (The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, November 14.

Mr. HOEKSTRA, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and November 14, 15, and 16.

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

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 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 second and third quarters of 2007, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO UNITED KINGDOM, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 19 AND OCT. 22, 2007

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	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. Lois Capps	10/19	10/22	United Kingdom		2,439.00		(³)				2,439.00
Hon. Hilda Solis	10/19	10/22	United Kingdom		2,439.00		(³)				2,439.00
Hon. Gwen Moore	10/19	10/22	United Kingdom		2,439.00		(³)				2,439.00
Hon. Louise Slaughter	10/19	10/22	United Kingdom		2,439.00		(³)				2,439.00
Amy Fisher	10/19	10/22	United Kingdom		2,439.00		(³)				2,439.00
Melissa Shannon	10/19	10/22	United Kingdom		2,439.00		(³)				2,439.00
Hon. Donna Christensen	10/19	10/21	United Kingdom		1,854.00		4,182.28				6,036.28
Committee total					16,488.00		4,182.28				20,670.28

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.

LOIS CAPPS, Chairman, Oct. 30, 2007.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30 2007

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	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
Janice Helwig		7/1	United States				148.00				148.00
		9/30	Austria		13,748.00						13,748.00
Hon. Benjamin L. Cardin		7/4	United States				(³)				
		7/9	Ukraine		1,575.00						1,575.00
Ronald McNamara		7/9	Ukraine								
		7/14	Austria		1,636.00						1,636.00
Mischa Thompson		7/9	Ukraine								
		7/14	Austria		1,284.00						1,284.32
Janice Helwig		7/15	Austria				960.00				960.00
		7/19	Bosnia & Herzegovnia		796.00						796.00
Shelly Han		8/12	United States				10,832.97				10,832.97
		8/15	Turkmenistan		399.00						399.00
		8/15	Kazakhstan		536.00						536.00
Kyle Parker		8/12	United States				10,938.24				10,938.24
		8/15	Turkmenistan		432.00						432.00
		8/20	Kazakhstan		425.00						425.00
Winsome Packer		9/8	United States				6,267.43				6,267.43
		9/9	Austria		1,937.44						1,937.44
Erika Schlager		9/22	United States				6,754.54				6,754.54
		9/23	Poland		3,616.30						3,616.30
Janice Helwig		9/23	United States				1,199.80				1,199.80
		9/23	Poland		3,507.30						3,507.30
Mischa Thompson		9/23	United States				7,763.93				7,763.93
		9/24	Poland		1,573.95						1,573.95
Orest Deychakiwsky		9/26	United States				7,254.59				7,254.59
		9/27	Ukraine		895.00						895.00
		10/1	Poland		808.17						808.17