

As a senior member of the House Science Committee, I feel it is important to invest in our children's futures. This Congress has led the fight to address access to higher education, enrichment programs in STEM fields, advancement in educational programs for minorities, and spur critical research and development to meet the needs of the country. Education is the foundation to building a better and brighter future for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, honest, hard-working men and women are struggling to make a decent living as they go about their daily routines. The economic disparities of African American and other minorities are truly hurting this country. I am hopeful that the President will join this Congress to help find long-term, comprehensive measures as opposed to a temporary bandaids to our economic problems.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of travel delays.

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of official business in district.

Mr. KIND (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of travel delays.

Ms. GRANGER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today through April 11, 2008, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. WHITFIELD of Kentucky (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of unforeseen travel difficulties.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, today, April 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today, April 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today, April 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today, April 1, 2, and 3.

Mr. WAMP, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHMIDT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WESTMORELAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, April 1, 2, and 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at 10 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during the fourth quarter of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, PATRICK J. ALWINE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 31 AND FEB. 3, 2008

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
Patrick J. Alwine	1/31	2/1	Turkey		140.00				46.00		186.00
	2/1	2/2	Afghanistan		75.00						75.00
	2/2	2/3	Austria		209.00				295.29		504.29
Committee total											765.29

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.

PATRICK J. ALWINE, Mar. 3, 2008.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, KENNETH A. KRAFT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 31 AND FEB. 3, 2008

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
Kenneth A. Kraft	1/31	2/1	Turkey		140.00				46.00		186.00
	2/1	2/2	Afghanistan		75.00						75.00
	2/2	2/3	Austria		209.00				295.29		504.29
Committee total											765.29

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KENNETH A. KRAFT, Mar. 3, 2008.

(AMENDED) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DANIEL MURPHY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 16 AND FEB. 21, 2008

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
Daniel Murphy	2/16	2/21	Cape Verde		1,600.00		6,845.60				8,445.60
Committee total					1,600.00		6,845.60				8,445.60

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

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DANIEL MURPHY, Mar. 10, 2008.