

for electricity. In 1880, this country had 50 million people in it: 9.5 million families, 8.5 million households. In that 50-year period of time, 6 million windmills. They were smarter than us because we've become dependent on the combustion engine. We've become dependent on foreign sources for our crude oil.

It is time that we take a serious look at all the alternatives, including wind and solar, including nuclear. I'm not sure I'd like to say this. T. Boone Pickens is one of those guys, Mr. Speaker, that helped fund Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. When that guy comes to the Democrat Caucus and says you are on the right track, a staunch Republican, it tells me we are doing something right.

I would love to spend about 20 minutes here.

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Mr. ROSS. I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for coming out and joining us this evening.

Mr. Speaker, tonight, you've heard from Democrats from Texas, Ohio, Mississippi, California, Tennessee, Georgia, and yes, Arkansas. They are Democrats who share a common vision, a common plan to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, to create new jobs here at home, to drill here at home, to take the lease and royalty payments to invest in alternative and renewable fuels which will create new jobs here at home, all of which, of course, will lower the price we pay at the pump.

We invite Republicans to join us. It's H.R. 5437, the American-Made Energy Act. It's a bipartisan bill. I hope Republicans will support it as well as they will support these other bills mentioned this evening.

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROSS. I would yield to the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. One last word.

This issue demands and requires leadership probably more than any other issue that we've addressed in this Congress, leadership on doing what's right, not fabricating an issue that we can solve it by just drilling our way out of it. It's going to take leadership to give us an energy policy that will sustain America's future.

Mr. ROSS. The gentleman from Tennessee is absolutely correct.

Mr. Speaker, we don't have a Democratic energy crisis. We don't have a Republican energy crisis. We've got an American energy crisis, and we're here asking Republicans to join us, the Democrats, in passing a bill that includes drilling here at home and in investing in alternative and renewable fuels. If the Republicans will do that, if they will come to the table and will sit down and will talk to us and with us instead of at us, I promise you, Mr. Speaker, we will pass a commonsense energy plan for America, a plan that will reduce the price we pay at the pump.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of his primary election.

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:)

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BISHOP of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HIGGINS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KAGEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, September 16.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, September 16.

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, September 15.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today and September 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. BACHUS, for 5 minutes, today and September 10, 11 and 12.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today and September 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today and September 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, September 10.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, September 10.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8142. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting draft legislation, "To amend the Packers and Stock-

yards Act, 1921, to provide authority to collect license fees from persons participating in the Packers and Stockyards Programs, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

8143. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, Case Number 07-01, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

8144. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 08-01, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

8145. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the amount of purchases from foreign entities for Fiscal Year 2007, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 827 (110 Stat. 2611); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8146. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a report entitled, "OJJDP Annual Report 2005," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5617; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

8147. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting a report entitled, "A Preliminary Report on the Potential Impacts of Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles on the U.S. Electric System"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8148. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's semi-annual implementation report on energy conservation standards activities, pursuant to Section 141 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8149. A letter from the Chief Operating Officer, Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative and Redefining Progress, transmitting a report entitled, "A Climate of Change: African Americans, Global Warming, and a Just Climate Policy for the U.S."; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8150. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a proposed removal from the United States Munitions list of cancer drugs containing nitrogen mustards, pursuant to section 38(f) of the Arms Control Export Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8151. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-496, "Health-Care Decisions for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8152. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-494, "Tenant-Owner Voting in Conversion Election Clarification Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8153. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-495, "Department of Transportation Establishment Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8154. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-493, "Animal Protection Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C.

Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8155. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-473, "Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8156. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-501, "Income Tax Secured Bond Authorization Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8157. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-500, "Center Leg Freeway (Interstate 395) Amendment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8158. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-499, "Southwest Waterfront Bond Financing Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8159. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-498, "Youth Council of the District of Columbia Establishment Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8160. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-497, "Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8161. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8162. A letter from the Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for FY 2007 prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8163. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a letter detailing the activities undertaken by the Department to expand training efforts, improve coordination across jurisdictions, and deploy technology to more effectively respond to the threat posed by sex offenders using the Internet and other technology to abuse and exploit children, pursuant to Public Law No. 109-248; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8164. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report entitled, "Rural Interstate Corridor Communications Study," pursuant to section 5507 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8165. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Stemme GmbH & Co. KG Model S10-VT Powered Sailplanes [Docket No. FAA-2008-0598; Directorate Identifier 2008-CE-031-AD; Amendment 39-15543; AD 2008-11-20] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8166. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Cirrus Design Corporation Model SR20 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2008-0284; Directorate Identifier 2008-CE-006-AD; Amendment 39-15541; AD 2008-11-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8167. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls Royce plc (RR) Trent 500 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. FAA-2007-27955; Directorate Identifier 2007-NE-15-AD; Amendment 39-15539; AD 2008-11-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8168. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) Models Trent 768-60, 772-60, 772B-60, and 772C-60 Turbofan Engines [Docket No. FAA-2008-0597; Directorate Identifier 2008-NE-12-AD; Amendment 39-15542; AD 2008-11-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8169. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28598; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-036-AD; Amendment 39-15529; AD 2008-11-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8170. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10F, DC-10-30F (KC-10A and KDC-10), DC-10-40F, MD-10-10F, and MD-10-30F Airplanes; and Model MD-11 and MD-11F Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28748; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-115-AD; Amendment 39-15537; AD 2008-11-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8171. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes; Model DC-9-10 Series Airplanes; Model DC-9-20 Series Airplanes; Model DC-9-30 Series Airplanes; Model DC-9-40 Series Airplanes; Model DC-9-50 Series Airplanes; Model DC-9-81 (MD-81), DC-9-82 (MD-82), DC-9-83 (MD-83), and DC-9-87 (MD-87) Airplanes; Model MD-88 Airplanes; and Model MD-90-30 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2008-0032; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-314-AD; Amendment 39-15538; AD 2008-11-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8172. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and Mark 0100 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2008-0231; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-218-AD; Amendment 39-15534; AD 2008-11-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8173. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 and -300 Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2008-0544; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-099-AD; Amendment 39-15535; AD 2008-10-51] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8174. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200, -200LR, -300, and -300ER Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2007-28389; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-171-AD; Amendment 39-15536; AD 2008-11-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8175. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-2008-0554; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-100-AD; Amendment 39-15522; AD 2008-10-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8176. A letter from the Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board, transmitting the Board's report of the 2007 Social Security Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8177. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter opposing the bill H.R. 5983 the "Homeland Security Network Defense and Accountability Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

8178. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter opposing the bill H.R. 5531 "Next Generation Radiation Screening Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

8179. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter opposing the bills H.R. 3815, H.R. 4806, H.R. 6193, and H.R. 6098; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

8180. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting notification that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services fully implemented section 422 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

8181. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of a bill, "To amend the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act to provide certain authorities for dam removal and mitigation activities, and for other purposes"; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Natural Resources.

8182. A letter from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting a copy of the Commission's "June 2008 Report to the Congress: Reforming the Delivery System"; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WAXMAN: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Supplemental report on H.R. 6322. A bill to amend the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 to permit the District of Columbia government to exercise authority over the Public