

young people looking across at Washington, D.C. that have been wondering, what can I do, what can I do, and deciding, I'm going to climb in my car, my Detroit-made car or Michigan-made car—

Mr. HOEKSTRA. We hope so.

Mr. KING of Iowa. And drive that across the countryside, whatever it takes, park here and take the Metro in because parking is going to be hard, but join these people coming here to the Capitol here in Washington, D.C. And some of them will decide they can't quite afford the time and they will go to district offices, inside the offices, out on the streets. I know that there is going to be a ceremonial reading of the bill in at least one location outside a district office. That will take at least 48 hours for anyone to fast read through this 1,990-page bill.

Mr. AKIN. But if you do, there are a lot of interesting trap doors, smoke and mirrors in that bill, a lot of very interesting things. One of them that I thought was absolutely amazing, we talk about tort reform, that is, limiting the punitive damages. Different States have passed that and have the effect of dropping their medical insurance costs in the State by as much as 20 percent is my understanding. At least Texas had a very good effect by dropping that.

This bill has a different kind of tort reform. It says any State that has done tort reform, you can't have any of the medical benefits that your taxes are going to go for. So it's a reverse tort—

Mr. KING of Iowa. Well, furthermore, if I could just briefly, and then yield back to the gentleman from Michigan, but it also says in tort reform that if States are going to try any of these pilot projects, they can't limit attorneys' fees or impose caps on damages. So how are you going to reform tort if you can't limit attorneys' fees or impose caps on damages? It is: you can fly, but we're going to cut your wings off.

The gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. One interesting thing, they talk about this being a national health care bill, and we know all the gyrations that the Speaker is going through right now to get those last few votes. Can the gentleman from Iowa tell me how they got the votes of the Congress persons from Hawaii?

Mr. KING of Iowa. I do not know, and I would be happy to yield.

Mr. AKIN. That sounds like a good—you got me. What's the story?

Mr. HOEKSTRA. The bill doesn't apply to Hawaii.

Mr. AKIN. It doesn't apply to Hawaii?

Mr. HOEKSTRA. It doesn't apply to Hawaii. Hawaii is exempt.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Hawaii is exempt from 1,990 pages?

Mr. HOEKSTRA. It is within the first couple of hundred pages because Hawaii has done kind of their own thing. But go to the bill, I believe it's in the

first 300 pages. I read it over the weekend.

Mr. AKIN. I wonder what Hawaii real estate is going to do if this thing were to pass?

Mr. KING of Iowa. You know, I may just go to Hawaii if this thing passes.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Remember, they may have done some bad things at the State level, but Hawaii is exempt.

Mr. AKIN. So the only people exempt from the bill then is Congress and Hawaii.

Mr. KING of Iowa. That would be it, Mr. AKIN. I mean, I don't know if that's all the answers; but that comes to mind for me, too.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. But these are the kinds of surprises that you will find as you read through 1,990 pages. Because, again, this is not about the quality and quantity of health care; this is about getting the votes to grab that from the American people.

Mr. KING of Iowa. But is Hawaii also then exempt from the tax increases? And are they exempt from the lack of tort reform and exempt from all of these pieces that are bad?

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I think that's on page 492, and I haven't gotten there yet.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Are they exempt from funding for abortions? Are they exempt from funding for illegal aliens? Are they exempt from lawsuit abuse, tax increases, or Medicare cuts?

Mr. HOEKSTRA. The commissioner shall decide that.

Mr. KING of Iowa. The commissioner shall decide, one of 3,425.

Mr. AKIN. Is it commissioner or czar? Did they change that? Is it a czar or a commissar or a commissioner? What are they calling this one?

Mr. KING of Iowa. I call him a commissar. I think that's the appropriate name for someone like that.

Mr. AKIN. That covers them all, yes.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I thank our colleagues for doing this and remind the American people, this is the opportunity on Thursday on a number of different levels to make their voices heard.

I thank my colleague for yielding and leading this Special Order tonight.

Mr. KING of Iowa. I thank the gentlemen from Michigan and Missouri.

Mr. AKIN. And also, Congressman KING, thank you for being part of calling the invitation, taking the initiative just as a Member of Congress to call the people of America to come to their Capitol Building and express their opinion.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Well, we stand together in our call for freedom and the call for the American people to exercise that freedom and come to this Capitol. And that is Thursday at noon, day after tomorrow. Let your voices be heard. And if thousands of Americans come to this city, we will be able to save our freedom and be able to own the health insurance policy that you choose and keep the government's

hands off our health care. And those that can't come to this city, we ask them to come to district offices or pick up the phone. The American people shut down comprehensive amnesty 3 years ago twice; we can shut down socialized medicine. We can do it, and it starts on Thursday.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the gentlemen that have joined me tonight, and I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

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

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SESTAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MASSA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mrs. BACHMANN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BLACKBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BONO MACK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CAPITO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. EMERSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. FALLIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. GRANGER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JENKINS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MYRICK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHMIDT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, November 10.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, November 10.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, November 4, 5, and 6.

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

Mr. DEAL of Georgia, for 5 minutes, November 5.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 475. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil relief Act to guarantee the

equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

S. 509. An act to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4424. A letter from the Secretaries, Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services, transmitting the Departments' report on Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents or Toxins for the period January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, as required by the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-188; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4425. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4426. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 118-09, certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4427. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 109-09, certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4428. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 121-09, certification of a proposed permanent export license for the export of defense articles and related firearms, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4429. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 091-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4430. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 115-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense articles, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Con-

trol Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4431. A letter from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the Indiana Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4432. A letter from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the Arizona Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4433. A letter from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the Hawaii Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4434. A letter from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the Utah Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4435. A letter from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the South Dakota Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4436. A letter from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the Nebraska Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4437. A letter from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting notification that the Commission recently appointed members to the Michigan Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4438. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile 699.8 to 702.5 [COTP Sector Upper Mississippi River-07-012] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4439. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone Regulations; Gasparilla Pass, FL [COTP Sector St. Petersburg 07-185] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4440. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Homosassa River Raft Race, Homosassa, Florida [COTP Sector St. Petersburg 07-198] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4441. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Roma Lodge Italian Festival, Racine, Wisconsin [CDG09-06-138] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4442. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; St. Marys River, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan [CGD09-06-140] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4443. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety

Zone; Nissan Xterra Midwest Championship, Milwaukee, Wisconsin [CGD09-06-142] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4444. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; 2006 Great Lakes Water Cross Tour, Sheboygan, Wisconsin [GD09-06-145] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4445. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Bay City Air Show, Saginaw River, Bay City, MI [CGD09-06-149] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4446. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Private Party Fireworks, Webster, NY [CGD09-06-150] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4447. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; General Motors (GM) Style Event, Detroit River, Detroit, MI [CGD09-08-001] (RIN: 1625-AA87) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4448. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Missouri River, Mile 300.00 to 000.0 [COTP Sector Upper Mississippi River-07-013] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4449. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile 454.0 to 456.0 [COTP Sector Upper Mississippi River-07-014] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4450. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile 178.0 to 184.0 [COTP Sector Upper Mississippi River-07-015] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4451. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Missouri River, Mile 615.0 to 615.6 [COTP Sector Upper Mississippi River-07-016] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4452. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile 742.7 to 743.3 [COTP Sector Upper Mississippi River-07-017] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 15, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4453. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a copy of the National Transportation Safety Board's response to OMB's request for views on H.R. 3619, the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.