

Mr. FLORES. Madam Chair, may I ask how much time I have remaining.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Texas has 1½ minutes remaining.

Mr. FLORES. I want to make sure that we clear up any misconceptions about this bill. This bill does not tell the military that they cannot pursue alternative sources of fuel. What it does is it removes all restrictions that have been placed on the military and on the Federal Government to procure any type of fuel, whether it's based on coal technology, whether it's based on the oil sands from a friendly country next door in Canada. It contains no restrictions. It takes away the restrictions that have manipulated the market and have forced up the cost of energy for the Defense Department.

For instance, the Navy was buying vegetable oil to burn in its ships and aircraft in 2010 at a cost of \$424 per gallon. Last year, this cost was reduced to \$27 a gallon, yet it's still six times higher than what the cost of normal Navy fuel would be.

What this hurts is our personnel readiness; it hurts the ability to buy more tanks, to buy more airplanes, to buy more protective gear for our men and women in the military.

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It also hurts our taxpayers. As I said earlier, it keeps the military from being able to even buy fuel from Canadian oil sands next door, which, hopefully, some day, will be transported through the Keystone XL pipeline down to United States refineries.

I want to also talk about what the Defense Department has said.

The Acting CHAIR. The time of the gentleman from Texas has expired.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Chair, I would like to move to strike the last word and yield some additional time to the gentleman, another 5 minutes, if he is so inclined.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from New Jersey has already used the time available to him by striking the last word.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Chair, I would be happy to yield the gentleman some time, if he needs it, to close.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I in turn yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. FLORES. Thank you. I should be able to do this in a minute.

A letter from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense to Senator INHOFE says:

The Department of Defense supports Senate 2827, a bill to repeal the requirement with respect to the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels. The bill would repeal section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Section 526 has the potential to generate significant problems for the DOD and its procurement of fuels for the national defense. It creates uncertainty about what fuels the DOD can procure and discourage the development of new sources, particularly reliable domestic sources of energy supplies for the Armed Forces.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. I would simply reiterate my objection to the gentle-

man's amendment so that is clear for the record, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK) having assumed the chair, Ms. FOXX, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BACA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. BERMAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of in district.

Mr. HEINRICH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and June 6 on account of family medical reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6281. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Further Definition of "Swap Dealer", "Security-Based Swap Dealer", "Major Swap Participant", "Major Security-Based Swap Participant" and "Eligible Contract Participant" [Release No.: 34-66868; File No. S7-39-10] (RIN: 3235-AK65) received May 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6282. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting Annual Report on the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) for 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6283. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the

Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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6285. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Singapore pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6286. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to the Philippines pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6287. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to United Arab Emirates pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6288. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6289. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to South Africa pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6290. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Ireland pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6291. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Report to Congress on the Head Start Fiscal Monitoring Assessment"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6292. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting biweekly Iraq Status Reports for the December 26, 2011 to February 25, 2012 period; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6293. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6294. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6295. A letter from the First Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting the 2011 management report and statement of internal controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6296. A letter from the National Chairman, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting the 2011 Annual Audit and the 2011 Annual Report of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC), pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(39) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.