

That is how things in Washington are supposed to be done. But this Republican "Do Nothing" Congress refuses to lead.

Last week President Bush said negotiations were already under way between the two Chambers. And that is simply not true. Negotiations are not taking place because House Republicans say they want to wait until they have conducted the hearings.

Now, it is bad enough that Washington Republicans refuse to properly fund border security efforts. But now they want to stall any movement on legislation that would secure our borders and reform our Nation's immigration laws. If comprehensive legislation is not passed this year, House Republicans will have nobody to blame but themselves.

BUSH TAX CUTS TACKLE FEDERAL DEFICIT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in a rare display of accuracy, today the New York Times highlighted how the Bush tax cuts are helping tremendously reduce the Federal deficit. As the drive-by paper reported, an unexpected steep rise in tax revenues from corporations and the wealthy is driving down the projected deficit this year. On Friday, the Congressional Budget Office reported that corporate tax receipts for the 9 months ending in June hit \$250 billion, nearly 26 percent higher than the same time last year, and that overall revenues were \$206 billion higher than at this point in 2005.

This incredible increase in tax receipts demonstrates that Republican policies are truly benefiting all sectors of the American economy. By reducing taxes, we have helped American businesses create jobs and, in turn, contribute larger amounts, reducing the Federal deficit. House Republicans will continue to work to make these effective tax cuts permanent.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

SUPPORTING THE FBI

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to alert my fellow Members to a deadline that passed with little comment over the weekend.

Following the FBI search of a Member of this body's office, President Bush sealed the collected files for a period of 45 days. That deadline passed over the weekend.

My question is, What next?

Will this House continue to shield one of its own from criminal investiga-

tion and hide behind a misreading of the speech or debate clause, or will we admit that no American is above the law, Member of Congress or not?

I have introduced a resolution making it clear that when law enforcement officers have a valid search warrant in pursuit of criminal misconduct, it is entirely within their rights to search the office of a Member of Congress.

Now that the 45-day hold has passed, I would hope that President Bush would allow law enforcement officers to continue their duties to investigate criminal misconduct wherever it may originate. Currently, there are 20 Members of this body on that resolution, and I would encourage any others who want to send a loud and clear message we are not above the law to join me in cosponsoring it.

OPPOSE THE REID-KENNEDY BILL

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, House Republicans have put together a set of five principles on border security and immigration reform that we want to see included in any legislation that is sent to the President. These principles include making border security a top priority, providing our Border Patrol with the resources they need to do their jobs effectively, strengthening immigration law enforcement, punishing employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens, and opposing any efforts to reward those who break our laws.

Madam Speaker, House Republicans passed a great bill last December that incorporated all of these principles. Unfortunately, Democrats and some of our colleagues in the Senate are pushing for alternative legislation that would make our borders even more vulnerable, their Reid-Kennedy bill that would actually weaken our law enforcement and make our country far less secure.

Madam Speaker, the Reid-Kennedy bill would reward those who break our laws. This bill is not the answer to our immigration problems, and I strongly encourage my colleagues to oppose it.

COMMUNICATION FROM SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR, OFFICE OF HON. BOB NEY, MEMBER OF CON- GRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from John Bennett, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Honorable BOB NEY, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 5, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena, issued by the U.S. District Court for the Dis-

trict of Columbia, for documents and testimony.

After consultation with counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

JOHN BENNETT,
Senior Policy Advisor.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DIS- TRICT RECYCLED WATER SYS- TEM PRESSURIZATION AND EX- PANSION PROJECT

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 122) to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 122

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project".

SEC. 2. PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102-575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by adding after section 16 the following:

"SEC. 16. EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM PRESSURIZATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT, CALIFORNIA.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Eastern Municipal Water District, California, may participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities needed to establish operational pressure zones that will be used to provide recycled water in the district.

"(b) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost of the project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

"(c) LIMITATION.—Funds provided by the Secretary shall not be used for operation or maintenance of the project described in subsection (a).

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$12,000,000.

"(e) SUNSET OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provisions of this section shall terminate 10 years after the date of enactment of this section."

(b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of sections in section 2 of Public Law 102-575 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 16 the following:

"Sec. 16 ____ *Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project, California.*".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 122, introduced by Congressman DARRELL ISSA, authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in a water recycling project with the Eastern Municipal Water District in Southern California. The project will allow the district to be less reliant on imported water.

As water demands grow and supply becomes more scarce in Southern California, this bill will help drought-proof this arid region. The infrastructure investment in this legislation will help the district as its customers transition from agriculture to urban uses. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, we on this side of the aisle support passage of H.R. 122. The majority has adequately explained this legislation, and I would simply note that the pending measure would enable the Eastern Municipal Water District to make improvements to its reclaimed water distribution system in Riverside County, California.

The Eastern Municipal Water District is the fifth largest water district in the State of California. This agency has been a leader in building water recycling projects, and this legislation is worthy of our support.

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my bill H.R. 122.

I would like to thank Chairman RICHARD POMBO and Subcommittee Chairman GEORGE RADANOVICH and their staff for all their hard work in moving this bill to the floor.

My bill simply authorizes a Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project, which will create a pressurized distribution system to deliver water from Eastern Municipal Water District's reclamation plants to area residents. When fully implemented it will provide greater local protection from drought and reduce the district's need to import water.

The area that the EMWD provides water for is one of the fastest growing in the country. Riverside County is facing constantly increasing pressure to find new sustainable ways to meet the areas water supply needs and to accommodate future growth. It is critical that Congress supports projects like this that will lead to an increased use of reclaimed water, especially in areas such as Southern California where the threat of shortages and drought are almost always present.

I appreciate the Resources Committee support for this bill, and urge my colleagues to support H.R. 122.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 122, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDIES WITHIN SNAKE, BOISE AND PAYETTE RIVER SYSTEMS IN IDAHO

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2563) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2563

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDIES.

(a) *AUTHORITY.*—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, is authorized to conduct feasibility studies on projects that address water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho, and deemed appropriate for further study by the 2006 Bureau of Reclamation Boise Payette water storage assessment report. Studies conducted under this section must comply with Bureau of Reclamation policy standards and guidelines for studies.

(b) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior \$3,000,000 to carry out this section.

(c) *SUNSET OF AUTHORITY.*—The authority of the Secretary of the Interior to carry out this section shall terminate 10 years after the date of the enactment of this section.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Mem-

bers may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

H.R. 2563, introduced by Congressman BUTCH OTTER, authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct feasibility studies to address water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho.

Water demands for agriculture, power generation, endangered species requirements and municipal needs are constantly growing and may quickly surpass the supply without long-term planning. It is anticipated that water demand in this region of Idaho will grow by 75 percent in the next 20 years, and new water supplies need to be found to meet these growing demands. Before any feasibility study can be performed, authorizing language must be enacted by Congress. This legislation authorizes such studies. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

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Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, we have no objection to passage of H.R. 2563. This legislation gives the Bureau of Reclamation the authority to conduct specific feasibility studies to look at projects that might address the water shortages in the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho.

We have no objection to the current system in its current form.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, today, we are debating H.R. 2563, a bill to provide broad authority for the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct feasibility studies of new and enhanced water storage opportunities on the Snake, Boise, and Payette Rivers in Idaho. I introduced this legislation and am working for its passage because I believe it is important to find new water resources rather than just dividing up the scarce resources we currently have.

I have been told that consumptive demand in the Boise and Payette basins will increase by at least 135,000 acre feet over the next 20 years. Growing demand now is being met by increased ground water use and conservation efforts, but those are short-term responses that beg the question of future needs.

We also know that most of the water supply in both basins already is allocated and there is little excess capacity to meet future demands. Further, the ability to capture and store additional water is limited by requirements for minimum fish flow, maintenance flows, flood control and annual refill of existing reservoirs. These factors make this undertaking difficult at best, but I believe it is worthwhile and necessary.