

Democrat, but from a lifelong conservative Republican. I have worked in the White House. I worked for 7 years as a special assistant to President Ronald Reagan.

Ronald Reagan, as much as people can disagree or agree with the policies that he espoused, was a person who never acted arrogantly towards others. He never, when he was giving State of the Union messages, never used the word "must," never made demands. And I think that President Reagan would not feel comfortable with the type of attitude that is exemplified in this administration. He, instead, wanted to reach out to people and cooperate.

This administration seems to want to just bulldoze whoever gets in their way and does not have the human concern for other people, especially for people like Ramos and Compean, the little guys, that we saw in Ronald Reagan, which made him so popular and successful.

I would ask that the rest of my remarks be put into the RECORD. Thank you very much for permitting me this hour.

And to the American people, I say, carefully consider who our leaders are going to be and carefully consider the issue of the day. We have a wonderful democratic society. There's a balance of power here set up by our Founding Fathers. And it's important, whether you're Republican or Democrat, that we maintain this balance of an authority, the legislative, executive, and judicial in this country, and we should not be setting precedents that the President of the United States has the lion's share of the power in this great democracy of ours. The power is rested in these three branches and in the people themselves.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON TOMORROW

Ms. SLAUGHTER (during the Special Order of Mr. ROHRABACHER). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5351, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION TAX ACT OF 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER (during the Special Order of Mr. ROHRABACHER), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-530) on the resolution (H. Res. 1001) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5351) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and en-

ergy conservation, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. ISRAEL, 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, March 4.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, February 27 and 28.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 27, 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:

5475. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. AMS-FV-0114; FV07-966-2 IFR] received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5476. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, CA; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0104; FV07-987-1 FIR] received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5477. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the Critical Skills Retention Bonus (CSRB) program for FY 2007, pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 323 (h) Public Law 106-398, section 633 (a); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5478. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel James M. Holmes, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5479. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Depart-

ment of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the decision to conduct a streamlined A-76 competition of aircraft maintenance, administration, and corrosion control functions performed by military personnel in various locations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5480. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received February 20, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5481. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs), Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTCs), and Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERCs) — received February 13, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

5482. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Measuring Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (RIN: 1830-ZA06) received February 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

5483. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Mgmt. Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Exceptions of Alternatives to Labeling Requirements for Products Held by the Strategic National Stockpile [Docket No. 2006N-0466] received February 20, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5484. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the enclosed correspondence from the Prime Minister of Kosovo Hashim Thaci and the Speaker of the Parliament of Albania Jozefina Topalli expressing their condolences on the passing of Chairman Tom Lantos; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5485. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(a) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification regarding the proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to the Government of the United Arab Emirates (Transmittal No. DDTC 001-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5486. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles and services to the Governments of Russia, Ukraine and Norway (Transmittal No. DDTC 023-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5487. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles and services to the Government of Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 025-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5488. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles and services to the Governments of



Russia and Kazakhstan (Transmittal No. DDTC 024-08); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5489. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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5499. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting in accordance with Section 647(b) of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2004, Pub. L. 108-199, the Board's Report to Congress on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Competitive Sourcing Efforts; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5500. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Career and Career-Conditional Employment and Adverse Actions (RIN: 3206-AL30) received February 6, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5501. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program Report for Fiscal Year 2007; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5502. A letter from the Director of Human Resources, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's report on the use of the Category Rating System during fiscal year 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3319(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5503. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries in the Western Pacific;

Western Pacific Crustacean Fisheries; 2008 Harvest Guidelines (RIN: 0648-XF19) received February 13, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5504. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2008 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amount [Docket No. 070213032-7032-01] (RIN: 0648-XE80) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5505. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Department's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No. 061109296-7009-02] (RIN: 0648-XE43) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5506. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processors Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 070213033-7033-01] (RIN: 0648-XF14) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5507. A letter from the Attorney, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Landowner Defenses to Liability Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990: Standards and Practices for Conducting All Appropriate Inquiries [Docket No. USCG-2006-25708] (RIN: 1625-AB09) received February 12, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5508. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, Washington, DC and Arlington and Fairfax Counties, VA [USCG-2008-0005] (RIN: 1625-AA87) received February 12, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5509. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30581; Amdt. No. 3246] received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5510. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30582; Amdt. No. 471] received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5511. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30584; Amdt. No. 3248] received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5512. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Time and Manner for Electing Capital Asset Treatment for Certain Self-Created Musical Works [TD 9379] (RIN: 1545-BG35) received February

12, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5513. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — GO Zone Bonus Depreciation Recapture [Notice 2008-25] received February 12, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on 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:

Ms. MATSUI: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1001. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5351) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation. (Rept. 110-530). Referred to the House Calendar.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. WATERS (for herself, Ms. LEE, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 5488. A bill to provide for the recovery and stability of Iraq, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia (for himself, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. GOODE, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. WOLF, Mr. BOUCHER, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. GOODLATTE):

H.R. 5489. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the "Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CHABOT:

H.R. 5490. A bill to reform the program for rental assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana):

H.R. 5491. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to States to establish and implement programs for registering pharmaceutical technicians; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. BECERRA, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 5492. A bill to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to construct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility in Suitland, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 5493. A bill to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana:

H.R. 5494. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to make nondischargeable debts for personal injuries that result in permanent disability; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GERLACH:

H.R. 5495. A bill to extend for one year the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for H-2B temporary workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.