

I urge our leadership and our Ways and Means Committee to consider leaving the personal income tax structure intact, but using the budget authority instead to provide a permanent, uniform, across-the-board reduction in the rates for all tax brackets.

Our back-of-the-envelope estimate is that, using the current framework, we can reduce tax brackets by a full 1 percent, averaging about \$600 of tax savings for joint filers. If we included the repeal of the individual mandate in ObamaCare, we could reduce all tax brackets by 1.35 percent, averaging about \$800 of lower taxes for joint filers.

I think there are four principal advantages to this approach:

First, it leaves no taxpayer behind. Whatever your circumstances, whatever the deductions you claim, you can be sure that your overall tax bill will go down.

Second, by reducing all marginal rates, it will increase the economic growth potential of the reform. Productivity depends on how much your next dollar is taxed.

That is the marginal rate. We can bring down the top marginal rate under this reform; whereas, under the current proposal, it not only stays where it is, but in the bubble bracket, it increases to 46 percent.

Third, these reforms can be communicated easily to the American people.

Fourth, it will remove a vast portion of the opposition that we are seeing among various business groups that imperils the entire bill.

Madam Speaker, the tax reform bill that emerges from these deliberations will ultimately be judged by the prosperity that it produces and the relief that it brings to all American families.

If it is done right, the tax reform bill now taking shape in Congress can deliver us to that day. But if it is done wrong, we will have squandered the most important chance the American people have given us to materially improve their lives.

I remember the Reagan era. Wages rose, opportunities for better jobs abounded, and everywhere you could sense the optimism that comes with prosperity and abundance. I want my kids to know what it is like when morning dawns again in the American economy. It is up to us in this Chamber to make it happen, so we must.

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

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CUELLAR (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and November 9 on account of returning to district to support the community of Sutherland Springs.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1015. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; in addition, to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1088. An act to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3031. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from a Thrift Savings Plan account, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3131. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's Report of FY 2017 Audits, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Sec. 8439(b) (1994 and Supp. III 1997), and 5 U.S.C. Sec. 8477(g); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3132. A letter from the Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Schedule for Rating Disabilities; The Endocrine System (RIN: 2900-A044) received November 6, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3133. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Homeless Veterans (RIN: 2900-AQ07) received November 6, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3134. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a supplement to the Department of Veterans Affairs October 31, 2017 transmittal of the draft bill, the "Veteran Coordinated Access and Rewarding Experiences (CARE) Act

("the draft CARE Act"); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3135. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "CMS Ensured Nearly All Part D Drug Records Contained Valid Prescriber Identifiers in 2016", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395w-104(c)(4)(C); Public Law 114-10, title V, Sec. 507; (129 Stat. 169); 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. GOWDY: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 3071. A bill to require executive agencies to consider equipment rental in any cost-effectiveness analysis for equipment acquisition, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-402). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOWDY: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 3244. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for annual surveys of Federal employees, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-403). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee:

H.R. 4294. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to provide a criminal penalty for unauthorized disclosures of certain individually identifiable information by officers or employees of a Federal department or agency; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. COLE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, and Mr. GROTHMAN):

H.R. 4295. A bill to provide for enhanced Federal, State, and local assistance in the enforcement of the immigration laws, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act, to authorize appropriations to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself and Mr. MEEKS):

H.R. 4296. A bill to place requirements on operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BUCSHON (for himself and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 4297. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide information regarding vaccines for seniors as part of the Medicare & You handbook and to ensure that the treatment of cost sharing for vaccines under Medicare part D is consistent with the