

they have got to give it to corporate America.

If your employer decides that their place of business wants to help you with adoption, they get a deduction for helping you with your adoption. Not under this bill. Say good-bye to that.

Tax credit to the family adopting, tax deduction to the employer all gone so they can give the top 1 percent of our country 50 percent of this benefit at the cost of America's working families.

If you have medical needs, since 1944, you could deduct medical expenses for extraordinary medical needs. Very important to America's families. Not anymore. Say good-bye to that because we have got to take care of the superrich, so the pressure is on you.

The list goes on and on, but it gets personal. For families, it makes a difference as to whether their children can go to college. It makes a difference as to whether they can make ends meet with their medical expenses. It makes a difference if they don't have their State and local tax deduction. Again, this is across the country. We are speaking from our California experience.

It would take all night to go through the sins in this tax bill. I just wanted to give you a touch of some of those and how they directly impact America's working families while they profess that they are helping them. Not true.

Then they say: Oh, it is going to pay for itself.

Never has, never has. Don't take it from us. Bruce Bartlett, who is part of this supply side economics leadership as well as the trickle-down economics, said: We never said it would pay for itself. Anybody who says it does, it is not true. It is nonsense.

He even went on to say it was BS, as I am allowed to say on the floor of the House in its initial form.

These other things they say that just aren't true—oh, they take the name of Bill Bradley and Dick Gephardt in vain, and even President Ronald Reagan: Oh, this is what they did.

No, this isn't what they did. They had over 400 people to testify, 30 hearings over a period of a couple of years, and worked in a bipartisan way to iron out so that it would have sustainability. That is the only way you get a good tax bill, is if it is bipartisan and sustainable.

So, in any event, this is a moment of truth for the American people, and we want the truth to be known.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman for calling the Special Order.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I thank Madam Leader for joining us tonight.

I remember here on the floor, when the debate occurred over the budget that did pass the House of Representatives a couple of weeks ago, you spoke eloquently on the floor about what this budget would mean, that it would open

the door to some very bad public policies, in fact, public policies that would harm individual Americans as well as the American economy, and you were very passionate about it. You said that about the budget, which passed the House only on Republican votes, no Democrat votes.

Ms. PELOSI. And just barely. Just barely.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Yes. JEFF DENHAM, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and the other Republicans from California included.

Ms. PELOSI. All 14 California Republicans, like lemmings to the sea, betraying the economic security of their constituents' families.

Mr. GARAMENDI. You laid it out. You made it very, very clear that it would lead to a tax bill that would be harmful. We had some ideas then what it would be, but we had no idea that it would be such a horrendous problem for the American economy and particularly for the American workers and middle class. You laid that out very well.

You also laid out very, very clearly that in that budget was the blueprint for the evisceration of programs that Americans depend upon. You talked about Medicare and you talked about Medicaid, of which 60 percent of Medicaid goes to seniors in nursing homes across this Nation, and the potential cut that would come to Medicare.

You also talked about how it would, as you just did, go after the education system, after research that we need for medical research, and economics, and all of the sciences. You talked about the infrastructure.

You laid out that that budget bill was the template. We are now seeing that template come to reality on the floor of the House first with this tax cut. Probably within months, should this tax bill pass, we are going to see the rest of what you told us to watch out for. Watch out for the cuts coming to Medicare, watch out for the cuts coming to Medicaid, to education, to infrastructure, to the things that Americans depend upon in their daily lives, the Meals on Wheels program, and then the supplemental nutrition programs.

Standing right here, I remember I was in the back of the room here, and I heard you speak about what would happen if that budget bill passed the House. It did. Now we are seeing the first step. There will be another step. They will come back after the Affordable Care Act and medical care and all of that. I wish you were wrong.

Ms. PELOSI. I do, too.

Mr. GARAMENDI. What you did standing here warning us, I wish you were wrong, but you are not. You are absolutely correct. Now we are seeing it play out here in secret without public hearings.

We are going to talk about this, and I hope the American people will hold those accountable who vote for such a horrendous economic policy, one that

actually creates a structural deficit that will be virtually impossible for America to get out of, and all of the harm that will come by shifting enormous wealth to the men and women who already are the wealthiest ever in the last 400 years. The wealthy in America have accumulated more wealth in a smaller group than at any time in the last 4 centuries dating back to the Spanish Crown in 1500 and 1600. That is bad economics, bad social policy. That is what they are doing.

Thank you so very much for joining us tonight.

Ms. PELOSI. It was my pleasure.

Mr. GARAMENDI. We are going to drive this and make sure the American public knows what is coming down.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank you, because one thing that we must make sure they know is that this is not tax reform. It is not a tax cut unless you are in the top 2 percent or a corporation. But if you are a middle class American or a working family in our country, you are susceptible to an increase in what you pay in taxes. It is just not fair.

I thank Mr. GARAMENDI for his relentless leadership.

Mr. GARAMENDI. I thank you, Madam Leader.

As I close, I will just say that this is not the last of this debate. We are going to make sure that the American public knows what is happening to them and what this Republican Congress is doing to the American public.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 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:

3114. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-069, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3115. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-038, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3116. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-040, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3117. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-081, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3118. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-059, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3119. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-072, pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3120. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-022, pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3121. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-026, pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3122. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-061, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3123. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 17-048, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3124. A letter from the Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's annual list of Government activities that are and are not inherently governmental in nature, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 105-270, Sec. 2(c)(1)(A); (112 Stat. 2382); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3125. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel (GLER), Department of the Treasury, transmitting a notification of a vacancy, designation of acting officer, nomination, and action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3126. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's Inspector General's semi-annual report for April 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017, pursuant to Sec. 5(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3127. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's annual report concerning the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3325(a)(1); Public Law 112-154, Sec. 402(a)(1); (126 Stat. 1189); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans Affairs.

3128. A letter from the Deputy Director, ODRM, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2018; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; and Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program [CMS-1676-F] (RIN: 0938-AT02) received November 3, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3129. A letter from the Deputy Director, ODRM, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs [CMS-1678-FC] (RIN: 0938-AT03) received November 3, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3130. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report entitled, "Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force: 2017 Report to Congress", pursuant to Sec. 604 of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2014; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Science, Space, and Technology.

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. ROE of Tennessee: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1133. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for an operation on a live donor for purposes of conducting a transplant procedure for a veteran, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-393). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2123. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-394). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2601. A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to improve the access of veterans to organ transplants, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-395). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3634. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that individuals may access documentation verifying the monthly house stipend paid to the individual under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (Rept. 115-396). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3705. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the use of certified mail ad plain language in certain debt collection activities; with an amendment (Rept. 115-397). Referred to the

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3949. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; with an amendment (Rept. 115-398). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1900. A bill to designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-399, Pt. 1). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 4173. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the Veterans Crisis Line; with an amendment (Rept. 115-400). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BUCK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 609. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2201) to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt certain micro-offerings from the registration requirements of such Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-401). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Natural Resources discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1900 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. MACARTHUR:

H.R. 4263. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to small company capital formation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BISHOP of Utah:

H.R. 4264. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management land in Cache County, Utah, to the City of Hyde Park for public purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. FOXX (for herself, Mr. DANNY

K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DENT, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. SHUSTER, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. KIND, Mrs. BLACK, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. LATTA, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. BRAT, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. STEWART):