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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, July 22, 2016, at 1 p.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 21, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Vincent De Rosa, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for all officials appointed to guard our political welfare that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend, likewise, to Thy unbounded mercy, all our fellow citi-

zens throughout these United States that they be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law—that they may be preserved in union and in that peace which the world cannot give.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 8(a) of House Resolution 820, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore MESSER on Monday, July 18, 2016:

H.R. 2607, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7802 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York, as the "Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building";

H.R. 3700, to provide housing opportunities in the United States through

modernization of various housing programs, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3931, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Central Avenue Suite 1A in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the "Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office";

H.R. 3953, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4122 Madison Street, Elfers, Florida, as the "Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 4010, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 522 North Central Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, as the "Ed Pastor Post Office";

H.R. 4425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Collegeville, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office";

H.R. 4747, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6691 Church Street in Riverdale, Georgia, as the "Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building";

H.R. 4761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 61 South Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre, California, as the "Louis Van Iersel Post Office";

H.R. 4777, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1301 Alabama Avenue in Selma, Alabama as the "Amelia Boynton Robinson Post Office Building";

H.R. 4877, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in

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Sugar Land, Texas, as the "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building";

H.R. 4904, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4925, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 West Main Cross Street, in Findlay, Ohio, as the "Michael Garver Oxley Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 4975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5720 South 142nd Street in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb A. Nelson Post Office Building";

H.R. 4987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3957 2nd Avenue in Laurel Hill, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class William 'Kelly' Lacey Post Office";

H.R. 5028, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10721 E Jefferson Ave in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Mary E. McCoy Post Office Building";

H.R. 5722, to establish the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission;

S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes;

S. 2893, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes;

S. 3055, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans;

S. 3207, to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. TAKAI), the whole number of the House is 433.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MESSER, on Monday, July 18, 2016:

H.R. 2607. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7802 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York, as the "Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building".

H.R. 3700. An act to provide housing opportunities in the United States through modernization of various housing programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3931. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Central Avenue Suite 1A in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the "Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office".

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H.R. 4904. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4925. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 West Main Cross Street, in Findlay, Ohio, as the "Michael Garver Oxley Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 4975. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5720 South 142nd Street in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb A. Nelson Post Office Building".

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H.R. 5028. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10721 E Jefferson Ave in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Mary E. McCoy Post Office Building".

H.R. 5722. An act to establish the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MESSER, on Monday, July 18, 2016, announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 764. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2893. An act to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 3055. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans.

S. 3207. An act to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on July 19, 2016, she pre-

sented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 3700. To provide housing opportunities in the United States through modernization of various housing programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4425. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Collegeville, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office".

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H.R. 4761. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 61 South Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre, California, as the "Louis Van Iersel Post Office".

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 8(b) of House Resolution 820, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 25, 2016, at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

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

6189. A letter from the Director, Issuance Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Electronic Export Application and Certification Charge; Flexibility in the Requirements for Export Inspection Marks, Devices, and Certificates; Egg Products Export Certification [Docket No.: FSIS-2009-0026] (RIN: 0583-AD41) received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6190. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General John M. Paxton, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement on the retired list to the grade of general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6191. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John A. Toolan, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6192. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Colonel Richard G. Moore, Jr., United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)) (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6193. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting the "Report to the U.S. Congress on Global Export Credit Competition", pursuant to Sec. 8A of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6194. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Regulation SBSR — Reporting and Dissemination of Security-Based Swap Information [Release No.: 34-78321; File No.: S7-03-15] (RIN: 3235-AL71) received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6195. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice [Release No.: 34-78319; File No.: S7-18-15] (RIN: 3235-AL87) received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6196. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a supplemental update of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(a); Public Law 97-258, Sec. 1106(a); (96 Stat. 911) (H. Doc. No. 114—153); to the Committee on the Budget and ordered to be printed.

6197. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Report on Uncosted Balances for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014, pursuant to 42 U.S.C.

13526(a); Public Law 102-486, Sec. 2307(a); (106 Stat. 3096); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6198. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Enforcement of Regional Standards for Central Air Conditioners [Docket No.: EERE-2011-BT-CE-0077] (RIN: 1904-AC68) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6199. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Acquisition Management, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Acquisition Regulations: Technical and Administrative Changes to Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (RIN: 1991-AC00) received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6200. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment of the 1-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard in the San Joaquin Valley Nonattainment Area in California [EPA-R09-2016-0164; FRL-9949-07-Region 9] received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6201. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, El Dorado County Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2016-0241; FRL-9948-08-Region 9] received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6202. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; 2015 Kansas State Implementation Plan for the 2008 Lead Standard [EPA-R07-OAR-2015-0708; FRL-9949-13-Region 7] received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6203. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; RI; Correction, Administrative and Miscellaneous Revisions [EPA-R01-OAR-2015-0306; A-1-FRL-9949-32-Region 1] received June 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6204. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Oregon; Medford Area Carbon Monoxide Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan [EPA-R10-OAR-2015-0854; FRL-9949-00-Reigon 10] received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6205. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Finding of Failure to Submit a State Implementation Plan; Maryland;

Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone [EPA-R03-OAR-2016-0270; FRL-9949-34-Region 3] received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6206. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2-Propenoic acid, butyl ester, polymer with ethenyl acetate and sodium ethenesulfonate; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0149; FRL-9948-64] received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6207. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Extension of Deadline for Action on the Section 126 Petition From Connecticut [EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0347; FRL-9949-42-OAR] received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6208. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0646; FRL-9948-28] received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6209. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Isaria fumosorosea strain FE 9901; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0329; FRL-9945-41] received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6210. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clean Data Determination for 1997 PM_{2.5} Standards; California — South Coast; Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements [EPA-R09-OAR-2014-0708; FRL-9949-47-Region 9] received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6211. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0817; FRL-9949-46-OAR] received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6212. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, Riverside County Air Pollution Control District, and San Bernardino County Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2015-0583; FRL-9949-24-Region 9] received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6213. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Limited Approval, Limited Disapproval of California Air Plan Revisions, Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District

[EPA-R09-OAR-2016-0105; FRL-9947-69-Region 9] received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6214. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; RI; Regional Haze Five Year Progress Report [EPA-R01-OAR-2015-0015; A-1-FRL-9949-17-Region 1] received July 19, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6215. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 16-037, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c)(2)(C); Public Law 90-629, Sec. 36(c) (as added by Public Law 94-329, Sec. 211(a)); (82 Stat. 1326); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6216. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 16-028, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c)(2)(C); Public Law 90-629, Sec. 36(c) (as added by Public Law 94-329, Sec. 211(a)); (82 Stat. 1326); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6217. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-141, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c)(2)(C); Public Law 90-629, Sec. 36(c) (as added by Public Law 94-329, Sec. 211(a)); (82 Stat. 1326); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6218. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification that the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations, originally declared in Executive Order 13581 on July 24, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2016, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 114—154); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

6219. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations [Docket No.: 160622547-6547-01] (RIN: 0694-AG99) received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6220. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting a proposed Letter of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Japan, Transmittal No. 16-47, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b)(1); Public Law 90-629, Sec. 36(b) (as amended by Public Law 106-113, Sec. 1000(a)(7)); (113 Stat. 536); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6221. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a letter regarding section 3 of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6222. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the 2015 annual report on Voting Practices in the United Nations, pursuant to Public Law 101-246, Sec. 406, as amended by Public Law 108-447; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6223. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-077, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d)(1); Public Law 90-629, Sec. 36(d) (as added by Public

Law 94-32 9, Sec. 211(a)); (90 Stat. 740); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6224. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 16-017, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d)(1); Public Law 90-629, Sec. 36(d) (as added by Public Law 94-32 9, Sec. 211(a)); (90 Stat. 740); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6225. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a memorandum of justification, pursuant to Secs. 652 and 614(a)(3) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and Sec. 7009(d) of Public Law 111-117; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6226. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); Public Law 95-452, Sec. 5(b); (92 Stat. 1103); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6227. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a report on the agencies' use of the Physicians' Comparability Allowance Program for fiscal year 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5948(j); Public Law 103-114, Sec. 2(a); (107 Stat. 1116); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6228. A letter from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting the FY 2015 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6229. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the Email Phishing Campaign Assessment (Report No.: 16-HSW-06); to the Committee on House Administration.

6230. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the Audit of PeopleSoft Infrastructure Security (Report No.: 16-CAO-07); to the Committee on House Administration.

6231. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery; 2016 Longfin Squid Trimester II Quota Harvested [Docket No.: 140902739-5224-02] (RIN: 0648-XE697) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6232. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No.: 150916863-6211-02] (RIN: 0648-XE518) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6233. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program [Docket No.: 150430410-6340-02] (RIN: 0648-BF05) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6234. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's modification of fishing seasons — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #1 Through #5 [Docket No.: 150316270-5270-01] (RIN: 0648-XE520) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6235. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Amendments to the Reef Fish, Spiny Lobster, Queen Conch, and Corals and Reef Associated Plants and Invertebrates Fishery Management Plans of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands [Docket No.: 150623546-6395-02] (RIN: 0648-BF18) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6236. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program [Docket No.: 151020969-6335-02] (RIN: 0648-BF46) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6237. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery [Docket No.: 151211999-6343-02] (RIN: 0648-XE683) received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6238. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Inflation Catch-Up Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts [Docket No.: FR-5942-I-01] (RIN: 2501-AD79) received June 24, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6239. A letter from the Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the Secretary (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Federal Civil Penalties Adjustment Act Amendments (RIN: 2900-AP78) received June 24, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6240. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment — Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act [Docket No.: TTB-2016-0006; T.D. TTB-138] (RIN: 1513-AC28) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6241. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's interim final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustments [Docket No.: RM16-16-000] (Order No.: 826) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6242. A letter from the Deputy Director, National Legislative Division, American Legion, transmitting the consolidated financial statements of the American Legion as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 along with supplemental data; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6243. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Norwalk River, Norwalk, CT [Docket No.: USCG-2014-1057] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6244. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Special Local Regulation; Drag Boat Championship, Intracoastal Waterway; Bucksport, SC [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0011] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6245. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Security Zones; 2016 Republican National Convention, and Associated Voluntary First Amendment Safety Zones, Lake Erie and Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, OH [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0557] (RIN: 1625-AA87; 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6246. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone, Pamlico Sound; Ocracoke, NC [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0289] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6247. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zones; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0473] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6248. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; James River, Hampton, VA [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0084] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6249. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Bay Village Independence Day Celebration; Lake Erie, Bay Village, OH [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0550] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14,

2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6250. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Confluence of James River and Appomattox River, Hopewell, VA [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0331] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6251. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Detroit River Days Air Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0460] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6252. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Pleasure Beach Bridge, Bridgeport, CT [Docket No.: USCG-2015-1123] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6253. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zones; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0534] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6254. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Special Local Regulations; Marine Events held in the Sector Long Island Sound Captain of the Port Zone [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0559] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6255. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Allegheny River mile 0-0.5, Monongahela River mile 0-0.5, Ohio River mile 0-0.5, Pittsburgh, PA [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0538] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6256. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Ohio River mile 307.8-308.8 Huntington, WV [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0279] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6257. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Ohio River mile 607.5 to 608.6, Indiana [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0502] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6258. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Ohio River mile 317-318, Ashland, KY [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0616] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6259. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Ohio River Mile 42.5 to 43.0, Chester, West Virginia [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0335] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6260. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone, Shallowbag Bay; Manteo, NC [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0131] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6261. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary interim final rule — Safety Zone; Hudson River, South Nyack and Tarrytown, NY [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0462] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6262. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2015-8431; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-128-AD; Amendment 39-18517; AD 2016-10-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 30, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6263. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Human Exploration and Operations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Space Flight [Docket No.: NASA-2015-0010] (RIN: 2700-AD98) received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

6264. A letter from the Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the Secretary (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Prescriptions in Alaska and U.S. Territories and Possessions (RIN: 2900-AP42) received July 15, 2016, 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.

6265. A letter from the Office Program Manager, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the Secretary (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hospital Care and Medical Services for Camp Lejeune Veterans (RIN: 2900-AP59) received July 15, 2016, 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.

6266. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule —

Importer Permit Requirements for Tobacco Products and Processed Tobacco, and Other Requirements for Tobacco Products, Processed Tobacco and Cigarette Papers and Tubes [Docket No.: TTB-2013-0006; T.D. TTB-137; Re: T.D. TTB-115; Notice No.: 137; T.D. ATF-421; T.D. ATF-422; ATF Notice Nos.: 887 and 888] (RIN: 1513-AB37) received July 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6267. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final and temporary regulations — Requirement to Notify the IRS of Intent to Operate as a Section 501(c)(4) Organization [TD 9775] (RIN: 1545-BN26) July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6268. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Requirement to notify the IRS of intent to operate as a section 501(c)(4) organization (Rev. Proc. 2016-41) received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6269. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulations — Method of Accounting for Gains and Losses on Shares in Money Market Funds; Broker Returns with Respect to Sales of Shares in Money Market Funds [TD 9774] (RIN: 1545-BM04) received July 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6270. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report entitled "Fraud and Abuse Laws Regarding Gainsharing or Similar Arrangements between Physicians and Hospitals", pursuant to Public Law 114-10, Sec. 512(b); (129 Stat. 170); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

6271. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 Medicare and Medicaid Integrity Programs Report, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395ddd(i)(2); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1893 (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 6402(j)(1)(B)); (124 Stat. 762); 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. BRADY of Texas: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5613. A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2016; with an amendment (Rept. 114-696, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3798. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to permit private persons to compel the Securities and Exchange Commission to seek legal or equitable remedies in a civil action, instead of an administrative proceeding, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-697). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 5424. A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to amend its rules to modernize certain requirements relating to investment advisers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-698). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. CHAFFETZ: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. S. 1576. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees; (Rept. 114-695, Pt. 1); referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than December 31, 2016, for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(I) of rule X.

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. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. JEFFRIES):

H.R. 5920. A bill to enhance whistleblower protection for contractor and grantee employees; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 Mr. BUCSHON:

H.R. 5921. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to change the permissible age variation in health insurance premium rates; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. CARNEY):

H.R. 5922. A bill to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Mrs. CAPPS):

H.R. 5923. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to eligible entities to train elementary and secondary school nurses on how to respond to a biological or chemical attack or an outbreak of pandemic illness in a school building or on school grounds; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. McCAUL:

H.R. 5924. A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services in the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. POLIQUIN:

H.R. 5925. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. POLIQUIN:

H. Res. 839. Resolution encouraging the people of the United States to observe "Na-

tional Lobster Day"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

286. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Guam, relative to Resolution No.: 329-33 (COR), supporting the implementation and guidelines of the United Nations World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC) Treaty in its efforts to address the global tobacco epidemic on Guam, in the United States, and throughout the world; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

287. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Rhode Island, relative to Resolution No. 16R-327, requesting the Congress of the United States call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

288. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island, relative to Resolution No. 16R-326, requesting the Congress of the United States call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 5920.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants the Congress the power to enact this law.

By Mr. BUCSHON:

H.R. 5921.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

H.R. 5922.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.R. 5923.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. McCAUL:

H.R. 5924.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes; and Clause 14: To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces.

By Mr. POLIQUIN:

H.R. 5925.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 303: Mr. LOEBSSACK.
 H.R. 556: Mr. TED LIEU of California.
 H.R. 592: Mr. SMITH of Missouri.
 H.R. 711: Mr. CONNOLLY.
 H.R. 921: Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California and Ms. PINGREE.
 H.R. 1283: Mr. McDERMOTT.
 H.R. 1427: Mr. WALDEN.
 H.R. 1449: Mr. GUTIÉRREZ.
 H.R. 1552: Mr. JEFFRIES and Mr. TAKANO.
 H.R. 1632: Mr. AGUILAR.
 H.R. 2016: Mr. CLAY and Mr. TAKANO.
 H.R. 2050: Mr. BYRNE.
 H.R. 2114: Mr. HASTINGS and Mr. CAPUANO.
 H.R. 2368: Mr. GALLEG0 and Mr. COHEN.
 H.R. 2680: Ms. DELAURO.
 H.R. 2737: Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. McNERNEY, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. KEATING, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Mr. DOLD, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. HIGGINS, and Mr. DEUTCH.
 H.R. 3110: Mr. MURPHY of Florida.
 H.R. 3229: Mr. CULBERSON and Mr. LATTA.
 H.R. 3316: Mr. TAKANO and Mr. CONNOLLY.
 H.R. 3406: Mr. NADLER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. TED LIEU of California.

H.R. 3411: Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California.
 H.R. 3514: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.
 H.R. 3805: Mrs. COMSTOCK.
 H.R. 3816: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.
 H.R. 3882: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. SPEIER, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.
 H.R. 3886: Mr. CONNOLLY and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.
 H.R. 4031: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.
 H.R. 4048: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.
 H.R. 4055: Mr. SCHIFF.
 H.R. 4089: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.
 H.R. 4367: Mr. MULLIN.
 H.R. 4368: Mr. MULLIN.
 H.R. 4481: Mr. PASCRELL.
 H.R. 4514: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas and Mr. STEWART.
 H.R. 4756: Mr. DEFazio.
 H.R. 4809: Mr. POLIS.
 H.R. 4927: Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. AGUILAR.
 H.R. 5094: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 5205: Mr. GRIJALVA.
 H.R. 5436: Ms. SLAUGHTER.
 H.R. 5482: Ms. KAPTUR.
 H.R. 5512: Mr. ELLISON.
 H.R. 5578: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 5628: Mr. WELCH and Mr. HARPER.
 H.R. 5671: Mr. ELLISON.
 H.R. 5685: Mr. DENHAM, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 5692: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
 H.R. 5693: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
 H.R. 5697: Mr. BURGESS and Mr. COLLINS of New York.
 H.R. 5725: Mr. TIBERI.
 H.R. 5746: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
 H.R. 5770: Mr. WENSTRUP.
 H.R. 5809: Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana and Mrs. HARTZLER.
 H.R. 5819: Ms. BONAMICI.
 H.R. 5866: Mr. KEATING.
 H.J. Res. 22: Mr. CLAY.
 H.J. Res. 51: Mr. TED LIEU of California.
 H. Con. Res. 51: Ms. SLAUGHTER.
 H. Con. Res. 122: Mr. AGUILAR.
 H. Con. Res. 146: Mr. FLORES and Mr. LAMBORN.
 H. Res. 154: Mr. YARMUTH.
 H. Res. 810: Mr. KEATING.

 PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

77. The SPEAKER presented a petition of New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, New Jersey, relative to Resolution urging legislators to take action to ensure that Social Security benefits remain intact as defined and to ensure solvency of the Social Security system; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL
ROBERT D. REGO

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Major General Robert D. Rego on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force following a distinguished 31 year career. A devoted husband and family man, Major General Rego has been an outstanding servant to the United States of America.

The son of a World War II veteran, General Rego began his Air Force service in 1985 as a graduate of the ROTC program at UCLA. His first assignment landed him at Grand Forks AFB as an ICBM officer in the 321st Strategic Missile Wing. During his time at Grand Forks, General Rego ascended to the position of Flight Commander while he and his wife, Tricia, welcomed their first two sons, Jarred and Ethan.

Following his missile service, General Rego transferred into the space field with a posting as a Space Warning Officer at Cheyenne Mountain AFS in my district in Colorado Springs. During his nearly eight years at Cheyenne Mountain, General Rego welcomed his third and final son, Clayton, and he transitioned into the Reserves, working at local defense contractor Trident Data Systems. During these eight years, General Rego completed important assignments in the United Kingdom, Japan, and Italy.

Indeed, the mission in Italy and international events worked to return General Rego to full-time active duty service in 1999. Following a term at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, General Rego returned to Colorado Springs as the Chief of the Space Control Mission Team at Air Force Space Command Headquarters at Peterson AFB. During this assignment, General Rego was deployed forward as an Airborne Mission Commander during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His outstanding efforts saved lives and earned him a Bronze Star.

Following a term at the prestigious Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, General Rego returned to Air Force Space Command for nearly 10 more years that saw him promoted to Brigadier General and Major General before a move to Barksdale AFB to serve as the Vice Commander for Global Strike Command. General Rego's final post has been serving as the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander of U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt AFB.

Throughout his extraordinary career, General Rego has been a consummate officer, always dedicating time to improving and mentoring his military peers and being willing to place the needs of his country over his own personal desires or comforts.

It is my privilege to honor this outstanding man who rose from very humble beginnings to

achieve greatness. The United States Air Force, and indeed, the whole nation, has been immeasurably improved by the life and service of Major General Robert D. Rego.

HONORING RECIPIENTS OF THE
2016 THIRD DISTRICT EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, today I honor eight individuals and businesses from Nebraska receiving the 2016 Third District Excellence in Economic Development Award.

Throughout the 75 counties of the Third District, entrepreneurs and innovators are working hard to grow opportunity in our state.

In May, I called for nominations for individuals, businesses, and organizations which have helped strengthen their communities. All of the nominees have shown they are striving to ensure a strong economic future for Nebraskans.

Aulick Industries in Scottsbluff, owned by the Aulick family for three generations, employs approximately 100 people in welding, fabrication, tire installation, laundry, auto body tech, decal design, and administration. The company is also involved in Scottsbluff Public Schools' Every Child, Every Day, Everywhere initiative with a goal of introducing students to opportunities in manufacturing and technology careers in the region.

Brent Comstock of Auburn has owned BCom Solutions since middle school. His technology business has grown to include computer repairs, IT management, software development, and web design. Brent headquartered BCom Solutions in a previously vacant storefront in Auburn and encourages his staff to give back to the community through nonprofit and community board involvement. He donates thousands of dollars in design and digital marketing services to nonprofits and offers free workshops and consultations for businesses. Brent also provides internships to Peru State College.

Bruning Grocery's commitment to hard work, small-town values, and providing exceptional service and quality products has made the store a cornerstone of Bruning, a community of approximately 280 people. Its competitive prices draw many customers from surrounding towns, encouraging more Nebraskans to shop local. Owned by the Phillipi family for more than 40 years, Bruning Grocery serves as a leading food supplier for local events and a major contributor to the vibrancy of Bruning's Main Street.

Chais Meyer of Kearney co-owns 24 Hour Tees, an innovative shirt shop known for its responsiveness to local customers while selling products across the country and around the world. Chais is an advocate for e-com-

merce as a way to grow rural economies. He is also a member of Kearney's Downtown Improvement Board to help advance the future of retail and the community.

Jody Augustyn is the owner of Shanti Yoga by Jody Augustyn, ERYT, based in Loup City and Kearney. In her five years in business, Jody has become known by many as a committed and passionate teacher. In addition to leading her own classes, she also certifies new instructors.

Landmark Snacks, founded in April 2016 by Nebraska natives Chad and Courtney Lottman, is a jerky and meat snacks production facility in Beatrice employing 50 people. In 1994, at the age of 19, the Lottmans started out as grocery store owners and have grown their business to also include C&C Processing in Diller. Landmark Snacks surpassed its three-year growth plan in a matter of months.

Pacha Soap, headquartered in Hastings, is owned by Hastings College graduates Andrew and Abi Vrbas. Founded in 2012, Pacha Soap employs 16 people in the Hastings area and sells handcrafted products throughout the country. For every bar of soap purchased, they give a bar to someone in need. The company also sets up small soap shops in developing nations to encourage entrepreneurship while supporting WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) efforts through education and donation.

Sand Creek Post & Beam in Wayne is the leading manufacturer of custom-designed wood barn and barn home kits. This family-owned company employs about 50 Nebraskans and has served thousands of customers in 48 states, helping them design their dream barns. Sand Creek's production plant was destroyed by an EF4 tornado in October 2013, but owners Jule Goeller and Len Dickinson never wavered in their commitment to rebuild. The company operated out of temporary quarters until its grand reopening in summer 2014.

I am proud to recognize these award winners today, and I thank them for their many contributions to Nebraska.

IN RECOGNITION OF COMMAND
SERGEANT MAJOR RUSSELL DE
LEON

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Russell de Leon. After 30 years of proudly serving in the United States Army, de Leon will be retiring at the end of July as a Command Sergeant Major, the highest rank attainable for enlisted soldiers in the U.S. Army. CSM de Leon has been stationed around the nation and the globe, and served with great distinction in Operation Iraqi Freedom and in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Since graduating from San Benito High School in 1986, de Leon has made South

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Texas proud. CSM de Leon's work on his final tour—where he was assigned to the Space and Missile Defense Command in Colorado—helped provide critical services to the President, the Department of Defense, and a host of government agencies.

De Leon has earned numerous military decorations, including the Legion of Merit Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and countless other awards and recognitions. His work and record speak for themselves, and I extend to him my sincerest gratitude for his service.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to honor CSM Russell de Leon for his three decades of military service to this nation. I join my colleagues in Congress in wishing him, his wife Eufemia, and their daughter Amanda, the best in the future.

**RECOGNIZING PHIL MEMBRERE
FOR HIS DEDICATION TO HIS
NEIGHBORS IN NEED AND THE
FISH FOOD BANKS OF PIERCE
COUNTY**

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phil Membrere, who will "retire" this year after 14 years as a dedicated volunteer for the FISH Food Banks of Pierce County in Tacoma, WA. Phil is widely recognized at FISH Food Banks as one of the most committed volunteers that the organization has ever seen.

Phil Membrere began serving at FISH Food Banks in 2002 after a serious auto accident forced him to retire from his career as a union truck driver. He used his skills in logistics and transportation to assist FISH with the pick-up and processing of locally donated food and quickly became instrumental to the success of the daily operations.

After years of being counted on by FISH Administrative Staff, Phil spent the last few years helping to lead this organization on day-to-day operations and helping to streamline other administrative processes. His service has been especially impactful at the Southeast Tacoma FISH Food Bank, where he has helped facilitate numerous large donations from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

Mr. Speaker, for the past fourteen years, Phil Membrere has been a loyal, full-time volunteer at FISH Food Banks of Pierce County. He has treated his neighbors in need with the compassion, dignity, and respect that they deserve. Phil has taken pride in this role, reporting to his post five days a week and undoubtedly inspiring others to serve their community. The countless local families that he assisted are all stronger, healthier, and have a brighter future because of his service. The contributions of Phil and his fellow volunteers embody the values that make our community and our country a great place to live.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the leadership and staff at FISH Food Banks of Pierce County, Phil's friends and family, and the greater Tacoma-Pierce County Community in expressing my gratitude today in the United States Congress for Phil Membrere's 14 years

of volunteer service. As the proud Representative of Washington's 6th Congressional District in the House of Representatives, I offer my best wishes for a happy "second" retirement and wish Phil an early happy 70th birthday.

**REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF BILL
HOLMES**

HON. MARTHA MCSALLY

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Bill Holmes, a man lovingly referred to as "Mr. Tucson" for his substantial contributions to the people of Southern Arizona.

Bill was born in Yuma, Arizona, where he attended Union High School. After graduation, he toured with the international music group, "Up with People," which aims to bridge cultural barriers and bring people together through music and service.

Through his talents and commitment to service, Bill touched countless lives in Tucson. At the time of his death, he was the managing partner and CEO of Agape Hospice and Palliative Care, helping provide comfort and care to those in their final hours. He previously served as managing partner for CPR2U LLC, a health care education company; senior consultant for Up With People; chief operating officer of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce; and community relations manager for Wells Fargo.

Bill gave back to our community in so many ways, evidenced by the many civic organizations to which he lent his time and energy. He was Chairman of the Board of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and was involved with the Saguaro Girl Scouts Council, Chicanos Por La Causa, El Rio Foundation, Catholic Community Services, Angel Charities, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Those who knew Bill or had the chance to meet him know he always had a smile on his face. He was a generous, caring, and vibrant leader of our community. His death will no doubt leave a void for many who loved and knew him, but his legacy will carry on, and his enormous impact on Tucson, the city he loved so dearly, will be felt long into the future.

HONORING MATHILDE FREUND

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mathilde Freund on her 100th birthday.

Mathilde Freund was born in Vienna, Austria in 1916. She married her husband in 1937. Within a few months, Hitler's army entered Vienna, Austria and by August of 1938, Mathilde, her husband, her parents, and all her able bodied relatives quickly fled to Paris, France where they again had to suddenly flee, this time to Lyon, France. Once there, the men in her family all volunteered to fight with the French army in Northern Africa. By 1943 they were back in Lyon, where her husband was eventually captured and deported to Bu-

chenwald where he died days before liberation. Her only brother, Alfred, was taken hostage on August 18, 1944 in Lyon, and then shot along with more than 100 other men at the Lyon Airport less than a week later.

In 1952, Mathilde came to New York with her mother and daughter where she settled on the Upper West Side. Embracing New York, and her new life in the United States, Mathilde earned several degrees and worked for many years as a medical social worker at the Beth Israel Cancer Detection Center and later at the French Hospital until it closed in 1977, when she retired. She lost her own daughter to breast cancer a little over 10 years ago, but is very blessed to have an extremely loving grandson and five great grandchildren.

Mathilde has never forgotten those difficult years between 1938 to 1945, somehow surviving in the forest and stables surrounding Lyon, and she is dedicated to telling her story to grade school and university students in New York City.

She continues to live life to the fullest as she takes classes at Fordham University, and she loves to go to the theater, museums and concerts.

Mathilde has been a vendor at the Upper West Side Green Flea (now known as Grand Bazaar NY) market since it was opened to non-PTA vendors more than 30 years ago. Grand Bazaar NY is run by the PTA of four on-site schools which benefit directly from the revenue. In recognition of her long running service, this Upper West Side market will name Sunday, July 31, 2016 in her honor.

Mathilde Freund will turn 100 years old on August 15, 2016, and I wish her a very happy birthday.

HONORING MS. ROBIN GONZALES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Robin Gonzales, who is retiring after 34 years of service to her community with the Martinez Police Department and the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Gonzales began her career in law enforcement as a Cadet with the Martinez Police Department in 1982. She joined the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department as a Dispatcher the following year, before returning to the Martinez Police Department in 1985, where she continued working as a Dispatcher. Ms. Gonzales eventually became a Police Assistant specializing in Evidence and Training, and is known for her professionalism and commitment to serving our community.

Over the course of her career, Ms. Gonzales has maintained strong connections with law enforcement organizations. She has been a member of the International Association of Identification for 30 years, and previously served as the President of the Law Enforcement Association of Property Management. To advance her investigative work, Ms. Gonzales became the first certified Crime Scene Investigator in California. Even with her busy work schedule, Ms. Gonzales finds time to teach classes at Diablo Valley College to encourage girls to study physical sciences.

Mr. Speaker, Robin Gonzales has served her community with admirable professionalism and dedication for over three decades. It is fitting and proper that we honor her here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

H.R. 5538, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I emphatically voted “no” on House passage of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill (H.R. 5538) last week, which was a parade of misguided provisions and poison pill policy riders that will roll back critical environmental protections and seriously harm our climate, our natural surroundings, and wildlife. We can do better than this shameful attempt at governing.

We should be supporting programs to clean our air and water, protect our precious natural resources, and help us transition to a clean energy future. Instead, this legislation moves us in the opposite direction.

The bill cuts the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) operating budget and blocks spending on key programs and regulations at a time when we need greater—not fewer—resources to protect our health and guarantee clean air and clean water. This reality is particularly painful for communities like Flint, Michigan and my hometown of Portland, Oregon, where the EPA is assisting with recent air toxics and water-related crises, trying to stretch meager funding even as the stakes get higher. The legislation also continues the Republican charade of climate change denial, undermining the administration’s Clean Power Plan and the President’s bold commitments made to the international community at the Paris Climate Conference last year.

This bill underfunds key Department of Interior agencies tasked with protecting and conserving lands and wildlife, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. It slashes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which has been fundamental for protecting public land and recreation in Oregon and across the country. One of the bill’s more offensive provisions blocks Presidential declarations under the Antiquities Act, eliminating the potential of a national monument in southeastern Oregon’s magnificent Owyhee Canyonlands and other threatened areas of natural beauty throughout the United States. In short, the bill takes multiple steps backwards when we should be ramping up efforts to protect, conserve, and take better care of our natural world.

My Republican colleagues took this opportunity to score political points by tacking on damaging policy riders that have no place in the appropriations process. These riders block funding for implementation of common sense regulations like the Well Control Rule, the Obama Administration’s National Ocean Policy, the Bureau of Land Management’s hydraulic fracturing rule, to name a few. There are also riders that would stall progress we’ve

made in preventing drilling in the Arctic Ocean, prevent the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service from setting minimum standards for hunting on federal lands in Alaska, block federal protection of species like the iconic gray wolf and Preble’s Meadow jumping Mouse, roll back the Clean Air Act and stop additional action to prevent climate change, the greatest environmental challenge of our time. Even closer to home, one proposed amendment would have blocked the historic agreement between Oregon, California, PacifiCorp, and conservation organizations to remove four dams on the Klamath River, but luckily it was not successful.

This was a shameful showing by the House. While I joined my colleagues in efforts to block many of the most harmful provisions and policy riders, ultimately the Republican majority let big polluters and special interests rule the day, playing politics with what should have been an opportunity to sensibly fund important parts of the government. Our legacy should be one of conservation, careful investment in preservation of precious natural resources, and protection of human health and our fragile climate. This bill could not be more damaging to that legacy, and its passage demonstrates we must fight harder for the future our planet deserves.

TRIBUTE TO FLORIDA CHAPTER
OF CHARACTER.ORG

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Florida Character.org for promoting morality in schools, families, communities and workplaces throughout our community.

Florida Character.org helps young people everywhere strive to be ethical and engaged citizens irrespective of their backgrounds. They are a nonprofit organization that works with districts, schools and other organizations to help foster a culture where young people thrive both academically and morally. They provide the necessary resources for educators, community activists, workplaces, and parents to create a productive environment.

Due to the extraordinary success of their model, Florida Character.org provides a tutorials to organizations across the world who wish to institute similar values in their communities. This template is named “The 11 Principles of Effective Character Education” which appropriately sums up their philosophy on character education. Character.org also helps people exchange ideas and resources through a network of organizations, schools, and individuals while discussing potentially beneficial approaches to further their work.

I would like to thank Character.org for being such an upstanding organization that works to encourage integral values such as honesty and respect, in parallel to an exemplary education. I thank Character.org for their passion and exceptional work, and ask that this body join me in recognizing them as well.

DEEPWATER HORIZON
SETTLEMENT

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to correct the record regarding statements made by Congresswoman MCCOLLUM (D-MN-4) during debate on the Smith (MO) Amendment Number 85 to H.R. 5538, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017.

Congresswoman MCCOLLUM claimed during amendment debate that the Smith Amendment would block \$500 million from the Deepwater Horizon settlement from being paid to Gulf States by the Office of Natural Resource Disaster Assessment at the Department of Interior.

Despite Congresswoman MCCOLLUM’s claims, the Smith Amendment does not have any legal effect on the Deepwater Horizon settlement.

The Smith Amendment prevents the Department of Interior from using funds to carry out this sentence of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA): “Sums recovered by the United States Government as trustee under this subsection shall be retained by the trustee, without further appropriation, for use only to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of such natural resources.”

However, the Deepwater Horizon spill fell entirely under the Oil Pollution Act, and was not prosecuted under CERCLA. No fines were assessed under CERCLA.

In addition, CERCLA contains an explicit exemption for petroleum products in Section 101(14). In fact, an environmental group that filed a lawsuit against BP under CERCLA and EPCRA lost their suit because of the petroleum exemptions in those laws.

Therefore, a legal analysis by the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service confirmed that the Smith (MO) Amendment Number 85 would have had no legal effect on the NRDA process, the RESTORE Act funds, or any other payment from the Deepwater Horizon Settlement. The RESTORE Act already appropriates money from the settlement to the states.

To quote from the CRS memorandum: “This memorandum finds that the Amendment, if approved and then made part of enacted legislation, would not have created a legal barrier to DOI’s distribution of funds from the Deepwater Horizon settlement with the federal government and the Gulf States to address natural resources damages related to the incident.”

Instead, the Smith Amendment would have prevented executive branch agencies who collect fines under CERCLA from buying more federal land that is unrelated to the CERCLA violation without any Congressional oversight. The Amendment is designed to stop executive branch abuses and overreach, which has been a common theme for the Obama Administration.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE,
Washington, DC, July 19, 2016.
MEMORANDUM

From: Adam Vann, Legislative Attorney, 7-6978

Subject: Applicability of Failed Amend. 85 of H.R. 5538 to the Authority of the Department of the Interior to Distribute Deepwater Horizon Settlement Funds to Gulf States

You have asked us to analyze the impact that a proposed Amendment to H.R. 5538, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, would have on the legal authority of the Department of the Interior (DOI) to allocate funds to mitigate natural resources damages caused by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon incident. The proposed Amendment, listed as Amendment 85 in a Rules Committee Report on H.R. 5538, was not adopted. The Amendment would have provided that funds made available by H.R. 5538 could not be used to carry out a specific provision in Section 107(f)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). This memorandum finds that the Amendment, if approved and then made part of enacted legislation, would not have created a legal barrier to DOI's distribution of funds from the Deepwater Horizon settlement with the federal government and the Gulf States to address natural resources damages related to the incident. However, CRS is not opining on whether the Amendment would have created practical administrative difficulties that might have impeded allocation of those funds.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Amendment 85 to H.R. 5538 read as follows:

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to carry out the third sen-

tence of section 107(f)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9607(f)(1)) (relating to use of recovered sums by the United States Government without further appropriation).

Section 107(f)(1) of CERCLA addresses liability for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources caused by a release or threatened release of hazardous substances, and designates the United States government as a trustee empowered to receive compensation for such damages. The third sentence of Section 107(f)(1) provides that “[s]ums recovered by the United States Government as trustee under this subsection shall be retained by the trustee, without further appropriation, for use only to restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of such natural resources.” This grant of federal authority to act as trustee forms the legal foundation for DOI's Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration program, which allows the agency to distribute funds to assess natural resources damages, and restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of the damaged resources.

A similar authority to collect and disburse funds to address natural resource damages is found at Section 1006 of the Oil Pollution Act (OPA). That section authorizes the United States government, as designated trustee, to “develop and implement a plan for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent” of natural resources damages resulting from an oil spill. Section 1006(f) authorizes maintenance of a fund “for use only to reimburse or pay costs incurred by the trustee . . . with respect to the damaged natural resources.” After the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, the United States and the affected Gulf States entered into a Consent Decree with BP Exploration and Production,

Inc. (BP) outlining BP's liability to the United States for the incident under federal statute, including liability for natural resources damages under the relevant provisions of OPA. Pursuant to the Consent Decree, DOI was tasked with managing the designated funds for the “restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent of injured or lost Natural Resources or natural resource services as provided in one or more restoration plans.”

DISCUSSION

Staff at DOI previously stated that the passage and enactment of Amendment 85 as part of H.R. 5538 would have constrained DOI's ability to distribute funds for natural resources damages related to the Deepwater Horizon incident, as it is authorized to do by the Consent Decree. Upon review of the text of the Amendment as well as the relevant language in CERCLA, OPA and the Consent Decree, CRS cannot find any legal limitation in the Amendment that would have barred DOI from expenditure of funds for “restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent of injured or lost Natural Resources” in the Gulf of Mexico related to the Deepwater Horizon incident pursuant to DOI's authority under OPA and the Consent Decree. However, CRS cannot opine as to whether administrative issues (e.g., commingling of CERCLA and OPA funds in one account) may have presented barriers to distribution of such funds if DOI had been barred from distributing CERCLA natural resource damage funds by the Amendment, as representatives of DOI have reportedly claimed. Analysis of accounting and related administrative concerns at DOI is outside the scope of this memorandum.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m., on Friday, July 22, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 5920–5925; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 139 were introduced. **Page H5030**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5031**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 1576, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees (H. Rept. 114–695, Part 1);

H.R. 5613, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2016, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–696, Part 1);

H.R. 3798, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to permit private persons to compel the Securities and Exchange Commission to seek legal or equitable remedies in a civil action, instead of an administrative proceeding, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–697); and

H.R. 5424, to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to amend its rules to modernize certain requirements relating to investment advisers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–698). **Page H5030**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5025**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Vincent De Rosa, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H5025**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentleman from Hawaii, Mr. Takai, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H5026**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Friday, July 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, July 25

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in a Pro Forma session at 12:30 p.m.

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