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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 25, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Gene Hemrick, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, in our Library of Congress, a beautiful lunette containing the words of Psalm 4 remind us of an enriching lifelong pursuit: "Wisdom is the principal thing. Therefore, get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding."

In present times that are transitioning from a pre-technological age to a technological age at a torrid pace, we pray, Lord: Bless this Congress with the wisdom and understanding needed to effectively meet our post-modern challenges.

May its legacy be a nation that has blessed us and future generations with the beauty, goodness, and wholesome progress God intends for our world.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 15, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 15, 2016 at 11:18 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 107.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 21, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 21, 2016 at 10:50 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 607.

That the Senate passed S. 2422.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 28.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 29.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed by Speaker pro tempore MESSER on Friday, January 15, 2016:

S. 142, to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes;

S. 1115, to close out expired grants;

S. 1629, to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the

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Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes;

S.J. Res. 22, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

POSTPONING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF VETO MESSAGE ON H.R. 3762, RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTH CARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, notwithstanding the order of the House of January 8, 2016, further consideration of the veto message and the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, is postponed until the legislative day of February 2, 2016.

There was no objection.

POSTPONING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS ON H.R. 3662, IRAN TERROR FINANCE TRANSPARENCY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, further proceedings on the question of passage of the bill (H.R. 3662) to enhance congressional oversight over the administration of sanctions against certain Iranian terrorism financiers, and for other purposes, may be postponed through the legislative day of February 2, 2016, as though under clause 8 of rule XX. Pursuant to that order, further proceedings on H.R. 3662 are postponed.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF, THE HONORABLE ANN M. KUSTER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Abigail Curran Horrell, Chief of Staff, the Honorable ANN M. KUSTER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 15, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have received two subpoenas, issued by the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, in connection with a particular civil case. One of those subpoenas purports to require that I produce certain official documents, and the other purports to require that I both produce certain official documents and appear to testify at a deposition on official matters.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

ABIGAIL CURRAN HORRELL,
Chief of Staff, Hon. Ann McLane Kuster.

ADJOURNMENT FROM MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016, TO THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

There was no objection.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

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

S. 607. An act to provide for a five-year extension of the Medicare rural community hospital demonstration program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. 2422. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations are being made for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MESSER, on Friday, January 15, 2016, announced his signature to enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 142. An act to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 1115. An act to close out expired grants.

S. 1629. An act to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 22. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4061. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Re-

serve System, transmitting the Board's Major final rule — Extensions of Credit by Federal Reserve Banks [Regulation A; Docket No.: R-1476] (RIN: 7100-AE08) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4062. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Legal, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Major interim final rule — Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities (RIN: 3064-AE21) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4063. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Legal, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Major final rule — Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities (RIN: 3064-AE21) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4064. A letter from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4065. 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 Major final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines [Docket No.: EERE-2013-BT-STD-0022] (RIN: 1904-AD00) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4066. 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; Texas; Infrastructure and Interstate Transport for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R06-OAR-2011-0864; FRL-9941-29-Region 6] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4067. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Partial Approval and Disapproval of Nevada Air Plan Revisions, Clark County [EPA-R09-OAR-2015-0673; FRL-9941-13-Region 9] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4068. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Crittenden County Base Year Emission Inventory [EPA-R06-OAR-2015-0647; FRL-9941-21-Region 6] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4069. 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; Pennsylvania; Allegheny County's Adoption of Control Techniques Guidelines for Four Industry Categories for Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0475; FRL-9941-36-Region 3] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4070. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Methacrylate type copolymer, compound with aminomethyl propanol; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0718; FRL-9940-29] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4071. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Annual Emissions Fee and Annual Emissions Inventory [EPA-R07-OAR-2013-0765; FRL-9940-97-Region 7] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4072. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — VNT1 Protein in Potato; Amendment to a Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0457; FRL-9939-49] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4073. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; San Joaquin Valley; Reclassification as Serious Nonattainment for the 2006 PM_{2.5} NAAQS [EPA-R09-OAR-2014-0636; FRL-9940-83-Region 9] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4074. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Aspergillus flavus* AF36; Time Limited Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0538; FRL-9939-53] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4075. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Propyzamide; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0680; FRL-9940-90] received January 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4076. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(d) Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1; (86 Stat. 619); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4077. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-267, "Encouraging Foster Chil-

dren to Have Connections with Siblings Temporary Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4078. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-268, "Employees' Compensation Fund Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4079. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-269, "Parkside Parcel E and J Mixed-Income Apartments Tax Abatement Temporary Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4080. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-270, "Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Temporary Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4081. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-271, "Business Improvement Districts Charter Renewal Temporary Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4082. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-272, "Lots 36, 41, and 802 in Square 3942 and Parcels 0143/107 and 0143/110 Eminent Domain Authorization Temporary Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4083. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-259, "Access to Emergency Epinephrine in Schools Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4084. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-260, "Nuisance Abatement Notice Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4085. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-261, "Vending Regulations Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4086. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-262, "Workforce Job Development Grant-Making Reauthorization Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4087. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-263, "Film DC Economic Incentive Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4088. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-264, "Extreme Temperature Safety Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4089. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-265, "Body-Worn Camera Pro-

gram Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4090. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-266, "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2015", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4091. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "Status Report on Implementation of District of Columbia Auditor Recommendations"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4092. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act Annual Report to Congress for 2015, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. 20307(b); Public Law 99-410, Sec. 105 (as amended by Public Law 111-84, Sec. 587(2)); (123 Stat. 2333); to the Committee on House Administration.

4093. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 140117052-4402-02] (RIN: 0648-XE347) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4094. 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; Other Hook-and-Line Fishery by Catcher Vessels in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 140918791-4999-02] (RIN: 0648-XE358) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4095. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; 2015-2016 Accountability Measure and Closure for Commercial King Mackerel in the Florida West Coast Northern Subzone; Correction [Docket No.: 101206604-1758-02] (RIN: 0648-XE326) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4096. 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 Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska Management Area [Docket No.: 140918791-4999-02] (RIN: 0648-XE354) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4097. A letter from the 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; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 141021887-5172-02] (RIN: 0648-XE344) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4098. A letter from the 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; Sculpins in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 141021887-5172-02] (RIN: 0648-XE337) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4099. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Pacific Island Pelagic Fisheries; 2015 CNMI Longline Bigeye Tuna Fishery; Closure [Docket No.: 130708597-4380-01] (RIN: 0648-XE329) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4100. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2016 Red Snapper Commercial Quota Retention [Docket No.: 150826781-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-BF33, 0648-BE91) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4101. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2016-2018 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Specifications [Docket No.: 150903814-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-XE171) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4102. 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 Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 140117052-4402-02] (RIN: 0648-XE321) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4103. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Trawl Rationalization Program; Midwater Trawl Requirements [Docket No.: 140703553-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-BE29) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4104. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Smoothhound Shark Management Measures [Docket No.: 110819516-5999-03] (RIN: 0648-BB02) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4105. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs,

NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; Framework Amendment 3 [Docket No.: 150603502-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-BF14) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4106. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Smoothhound Shark and Atlantic Shark Management Measures [Docket No.: 110819516-5913-02] (RIN: 0648-BB02) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4107. A letter from the Regulatory Liaison, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Allocation and Disbursement of Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses—Oil and Gas, Offshore [Docket ID: ONRR-2011-0024; DS63610000 DR2PS0000.CH7000 156D0102R2] (RIN: 1012-AA11) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4108. A letter from the Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of *Frankenia johnstonii* (Johnston's frankenia) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants [Docket No.: FWS-R2-ES-2011-0084; 92220-1113-0000] (RIN: 1018-AH53) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4109. A letter from the Fish and Wildlife Service Chief, Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Injurious Wildlife Species; Listing Salamanders Due to Risk of Salamander Chytrid Fungus [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-FAC-2015-0005] [FXFR1336090000-156-FF09F14000] (RIN: 1018-BA77) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4110. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Recovery and State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Modoc Sucker from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-R8-ES-2013-0133; 4500030113] (RIN: 1018-AY78) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4111. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Foreign Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Two Lion Subspecies [Docket No.: FWS-R9-ES-2012-0025; 450-003-0115] (RIN: 1018-BA29) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4112. A letter from the Executive Director, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting recommendations adopted at the 64th Plenary Session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4113. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Clean Watersheds Needs Survey 2012 Report to Congress", pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1375(b)(1); June 30, 1948, ch. 758, title V, Sec. 516(b)(1) (as amended by Public Law 100-4, Sec. 212(c)); (101 Stat. 50); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4114. A letter from the Chair, NASA Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, transmitting the NASA Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel's Annual Report for 2015 to Congress and to the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, pursuant to 51 U.S.C. 31101(e); Public Law 109-155, Sec. 106(b) (as added by Public Law 111-314, Sec. 31101(e)); (124 Stat. 3373); to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

4115. A letter from the Chief Impact Analyst, Office of Regulation Policy, Office of the General Counsel (O2REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment Certificate of Eligibility for Veterans or Members of the Armed Forces With Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Connected to Military Service (RIN: 2900-AP26) received January 14, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4116. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's semi-annual report to Congress entitled "Concerning Emigration Laws and Policies of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan", pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 402(b) and Sec. 409(b) (88 Stat. 2064); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4117. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement [USCBP-2015-0007; CBP Dec. 16-01] (RIN: 1515-AD59) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4118. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological Material Originating in Italy and Representing the Pre-Classical, Classical, and Imperial Roman Periods [CBP Dec. 16-02] (RIN: 1515-AE07) received January 15, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4119. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's "Report to the Congress: 2015 Compact Impact Analysis", along with the related report "Impact of the Compacts of Free Association on Guam FY 2004 through FY 2014" by the Governor of Guam and the report of the Governor of Hawaii in the form of a letter dated August 27, 2015, on the impact of the Compacts of Free Association in Hawaii for FY 2011 through FY 2014, pursuant to 48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)(8); Public Law 108-188, Sec. 104(e)(8); (117 Stat. 2741); jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Foreign Affairs.

4120. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's letter informing of the termination and waiver of enumerated sanctions effective upon the Secretary of State's confirmation on Implementation Day that Iran has implemented all of the nuclear-related measures specified

in Sections 15.1-15.11 of Annex V of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, Ways and Means, and Financial Services.

4121. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting Revocation of executive orders 13574, 13590, 13622, and 13645 with respect to Iran, amendment of executive order 13628 with respect to Iran, and provision of implementation authorities for aspects of certain statutory sanctions outside the scope of U.S. commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action of July 14, 2015 (H. Doc. 114-92); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

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 Ms. CASTOR of Florida (for herself and Mr. HANNA):

H.R. 4393. A bill to advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 4394. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WALKER:

H. Res. 590. A resolution establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs; to the Committee on Rules.

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 Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 4393.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 and Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 4394.

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, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing pow-

ers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 333: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 448: Mrs. DAVIS of California and Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 500: Mr. MACARTHUR.

H.R. 563: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. WESTMORELAND, and Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 835: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 840: Mr. JEFFRIES.

H.R. 1391: Ms. KELLY of Illinois and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 2050: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 2102: Mr. HECK of Washington.

H.R. 2170: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 2526: Mr. BOST.

H.R. 2622: Mr. DEFazio.

H.R. 2894: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 3185: Mr. DOLD.

H.R. 3423: Mr. CICILLINE and Mr. TAKAI.

H.R. 3514: Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 3706: Mr. DOLD, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, and Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 3870: Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 4073: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 4114: Mr. CARNEY, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, and Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 4249: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. GRAYSON.

H. Res. 506: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 25, 2016

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on January 12, 2016, I was not present for roll call vote 38. Had I been present, I would have voted Yay on roll call vote 38.

IN MEMORIAM, DR. MARY JO FRANCO FRENCH, MD, JANUARY 4, 1936–DECEMBER 31, 2015

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 25, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Dr. Mary Jo Franco French, M.D., (Mary Jo), who passed away on December 31, 2015. A native Phoenixian, Mary Jo was a revered leader in the Latino community, whose imprint on the city touched a countless number of people. She was the daughter of the Mexican Consul to Arizona, attended Xavier College Prep, ASU and medical school in Mexico City. From 1970–1980, Mary Jo was the editor of *El Sol*, the first Phoenix Spanish newspaper, which her parents launched in the 1930's. Mary Jo served on the Board of Directors of Alma de la Gente, the El Mirage Diabetes Coalition, Vesta Club, and Friends of Mexican Art. As the Executive Director of Hispanic Health Coalition, Mary Jo addressed critical health issues confronting the Valley's Latino families.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan appointed Mary Jo to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). As an Honorary General, Mary Jo met with service women throughout the world, discussing the challenges faced by our enlisted women. Mary Jo chaired the Veterans Day Parade and the Grand Army Ball; in 1988 she received the George Washington Award for distinguished civil service. For her years of leadership, Valle del Sol honored Mary Jo with the Profiles of Success Award in 1994. She was a principal strategist behind Pope John Paul II's visit to Phoenix in 1987.

Above all else, Mary Jo was Alfred's wife for over 43 years, she was mother to Laura and Alfred Jr. and grandmother to Maya and Aran. Members, please join me in extending condolences to the Franco French family, as they mourn the loss of Mary Jo, an iconic woman, trailblazer and role model and who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all whose lives were made better because of her.

THE PASSING OF ASHLEY GAMMON

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 25, 2016

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I learned of the passing of Ashley Gammon, who served on my staff as my communications director before moving back to her home town of St. Louis, Missouri, most recently serving as the director of communications for the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

Like many of her generation, Ashley signed up to work on President Obama's first presidential campaign in 2008, and she believed that she could truly make a difference. And she did make a difference, both at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and in my own office on Capitol Hill helping to keep my constituents informed and continuing to promote the Democratic agenda.

I was most struck by how much she touched and stayed in touch with her former friends and colleagues in Washington. It is clear that her passing affected everyone very deeply. I will remember Ashley both for her tireless work and for her sweet and bright smile. She brought people together and was a true friend in life as is evident in the outpouring of sympathy in the Capitol Hill community. I join Ashley's friends and family in mourning her loss and celebrating a wonderful young woman who was taken from us too early.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF TACOMA OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER NATHAN GIBBS-BOWLING

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 25, 2016

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nathan Gibbs-Bowling of Tacoma, WA. Mr. Gibbs-Bowling has been an intrepid leader in the Tacoma community, where he grew up, through his excellent instruction of AP Government and Human Geography at Lincoln High School.

I am proud to offer my sincere congratulations on behalf of my district's constituency to Mr. Gibbs-Bowling for the recent announcement of his selection as a finalist for this year's National Teacher of the Year Award offered by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

For 10 years Nathan has exceeded expectations as an instructor and has become known as the "cheerleader, college professor, and drill sergeant" for Lincoln High's student population. His dedication to his craft and his student's success has set him apart more than once in recent years.

Mr. Gibbs-Bowling has already received accolades for his teaching. He received the Washington State Milken Foundation Educator Award for 2013, and was named the Washington State Teacher of the Year by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2015. Yet, if you ask him, he will insist that he is not even the best teacher in his own household—his wife Hope also teaches at the high school.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of attending Nathan's classroom to visit with his students. He has consistently impressed me with his control of the classroom and the respect that his students show him—it's clear that he is loved and appreciated within the halls of Lincoln High.

Nathan's service extends to efforts outside of the classroom, as well. He is the co-founder of the school's Professional Leadership Development Team, has created Teachers United—a research and advocacy group that engages with local community leaders and elected officials on important issues—and has helped develop curriculum on both Tacoma and Washington State history.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to represent a man of this caliber here in our nation's capital. I am truly humbled to be able to speak in recognition of the many achievements of Nathan Gibbs-Bowling today in the United States Congress.

FOIA OVERSIGHT AND IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2016

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and I rise in support of the FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act.

The Freedom of Information Act enables individual citizens to request records and information from federal agencies, and is therefore one of the greatest tools available to the public to ensure accountability and transparency.

President Obama promised the American people that his administration would have an unprecedented level of openness. Unfortunately, the President has failed to deliver on his promise.

Mr. Speaker, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee released a report today that found a dysfunctional and ambiguous FOIA system. To quote from the report, "The FOIA process is broken. Unnecessary complications, misapplication of the law, and extensive delays are common occurrences."

H.R. 653 will make great strides in correcting, protecting, and ultimately strengthening FOIA by providing greater disclosure of records and encouraging greater federal agency compliance.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 653.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 25, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 38 regarding the Kildee Amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

**FUTURE LEGISLATORS: BRAINERD
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOV-
ERNMENT CLUB**

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 25, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students in the Youth in Government Club at Brainerd High School (BHS). Last week thirteen students in the club: Alison Jones, Sean Paulus, Thea Fisher, Ellen Hickman, Alyssa Neistadt, Emma Anderson, Nick Ashman, Rachel Cleveland, Marina Cruz, Caleb Meyer, Anthony Rice, Lillian Schmitz, and Claire Walton participated in a four-day assembly at the state Capitol in St. Paul.

During the assembly students from across Minnesota assumed roles of state legislators, executive branch staffers, lobbyists, and political reporters. Students then dealt with bills on topical issues such as: stricter sentences for drunk drivers, ratification of the Kyoto Protocol, and changes to state curriculum requirements for public secondary schools.

I would also like to recognize Amy Aho, the club's faculty advisor for all her hard work coordinating the club's participation in the assembly. As a teacher myself I admire her passion for helping her students pursue their interest in public policy. Amy's participation allowed students to take part in a unique, valuable, hands-on experience which will help them to become our future leaders.

The Youth in Government Club at BHS gives students experience in how government works and an opportunity to learn more about the legislative process. Their level of interest and engagement is very impressive and I would not be at all surprised to see any of them representing Minnesota in Congress one day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 25, 2016

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Monday, January 11, 2016 and Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted aye on H.R. 598 (Roll no. 34), H.R. 3231 (Roll no. 35), Kildee Amendment Number 2 to H.R. 1644 (Roll no. 38), Cartwright Amendment Number 3 (Roll no. 39), Sewell Amendment Number 4 (Roll no. 40), motion to recommit with instructions (Roll no. 41), and H.R. 757 (Roll no. 43).

I would have voted no on ordering the previous question (Roll no. 36), H. Res. 583 (Roll no. 37), and H.R. 1644 (Roll no. 42).

TAXPAYERS RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 11, 2016

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and I rise in support of the Taxpayers Right-to-Know Act.

H.R. 598 is a bipartisan, common-sense, piece of legislation that makes a critical step towards increased government transparency and accountability.

This bill will give the American public a complete picture of how their taxpayer dollars are being spent by requiring each federal agency to provide an annual report detailing the costs of every program.

Hardworking taxpayers have a fundamental right to know where and how their money is being spent. By passing H.R. 598, these reports will be made available online, and Americans will be able to see first-hand which federal programs are working well, and which are wasteful and duplicative.

Americans deserve an efficient and effective federal government, and I firmly believe this legislation will make strides toward that end.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to support this legislation in the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and I am proud to do so again. I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 598.

**PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL
DISAPPROVAL OF A RULE SUB-
MITTED BY THE CORPS OF ENGI-
NEERS AND THE ENVIRON-
MENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

SPEECH OF

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Senate resolution S.J. Res. 22, introduced by my good friend and colleague from Iowa, Senator ERNST, to express my disapproval of the Environmental Protection Agency power grab through an expansive definition of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS).

The WOTUS rule gives more control to federal agencies, like the EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers, while stripping authority from those who know our natural resources best such as farmers, ranchers, and state regulatory authorities. This is in direct contradiction of state laws, Supreme Court rulings, and existing compact agreements and has potentially devastating consequences on our economy, our farmers, and the small businesses that create jobs in the First District of Iowa.

I know the farmers and small businesses in my district do not want the heavy hand of Washington micromanaging their lands—especially without input from the state of Iowa. President Obama and the EPA must realize increasing regulatory burdens and compliance costs will fail to improve the water quality while only adding red tape for ordinary folks.

Last year I voted for H.R. 1732, the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act and I intend to

vote again for S.J. Res. 22 to protect Iowa's land, water and resources and to stop the executive overreach of the suffocating Obama Administration.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 27

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine military space launch and the use of Russian-made rocket engines; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine economic opportunities from land cleanup programs, including S. 2446, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, S. 1479, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and an original bill entitled, "Good Samaritan Cleanup of Orphan Mines Act of 2016".

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Canada's fast-track refugee plan, focusing on implications for United States national security.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine attacking America's epidemic of heroin and prescription drug abuse.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Elizabeth J. Drake, of Maryland, Jennifer Choe Groves, of

Virginia, and Gary Stephen Katzmman, of Massachusetts, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and S. 1983, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the substandard quality of Indian health care in the Great Plains.

SH-216

JANUARY 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine generic drug user fee amendments, focusing on accelerating patient access to generic drugs.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Health and Human Services's placement of migrant children, focusing on vulnerabilities to human trafficking.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion

and abuse, S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, S. 2040, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and the nominations of Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and Susan Paradise Baxter, and Marilyn Jean Horan, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer programs, focusing on the importance of small business innovation to national and economic security.

SR-428A

2:15 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 2

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine occupational licensing and the state action doctrine.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 9

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense nuclear acquisition programs and the nuclear doctrine in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

FEBRUARY 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

MARCH 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

MARCH 8

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

POSTPONEMENTS

JANUARY 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the status of innovative technologies within the nuclear industry.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine energy-related trends in advanced manufacturing and workforce development.

SD-366

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 4393–4394; and H. Res. 590, were introduced. **Page H371**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H371**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H367**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Gene Hemrick, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H367**

Consideration of Presidential Veto Message: Agreed by unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the order of the House of January 8, 2016, further consideration of the veto message and the bill, H.R. 3762, is postponed until the legislative day of February 2, 2016. **Page H368**

Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that further proceedings on the question of passage of H.R. 3662 may be postponed through the legislative day of February 2, 2016, as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H368**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 28. **Page H368**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H367.

Senate Referrals: S. 607 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. S. 2422 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S. Con. Res. 28 and S. Con. Res. 29 were held at the desk. **Page H368**

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 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the role of the Service Chiefs in defense acquisition in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the future nuclear posture of the United States, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office's budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2016–2026, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine helping Americans prepare for retirement, focusing on increasing access, participation and coverage in retirement savings plans, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on the way forward in Syria and Iraq, 4 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine mental health and the justice system, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:45 p.m., SH–216.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Thursday, January 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 2012, Energy Policy Modernization Act, with debate only until 3 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, with a vote on confirmation thereon, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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