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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. COMSTOCK).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 13, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BARBARA COMSTOCK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Peter Frank, Church of the Epiphany, Herndon, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, maker and ruler of us all: You have given us a good land and made us into a great Nation.

Today we ask Your blessing and guidance for the Members of the House of Representatives, their staff, and all who, in this place, support the work of government.

Give them wisdom that they may fulfill with honor their responsibilities to those they represent.

Defend them from the temptations that come with the authority they bear, so that they may serve You, serve each other, and serve the United States of America in humility and love.

Comfort and care for those here today who are suffering private hurts as they do this public work. All this we

ask in the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 134, 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.

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, March 11, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
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 March 11, 2015 at 11:20 a.m.:

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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, March 10, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
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 March 10, 2015 at 9:12 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1213.

Appointments:
Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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MARCH 11, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House,
U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: Pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), I am pleased to appoint Mr. Romero Brown of Acworth, Georgia, to the Congressional Award Board.

Thank you for your attention to this appointment.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

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 REPRESENTATIVE,
Washington, DC, March 11, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, and section 1(k)(2) of House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress, I transmit to you notification that Porter J. Goss, David E. Skaggs, Judy Biggert, Jay Eagen, Karan L. English, Allison Hayward, Belinda Pinckney, Michael D. Barnes, Omar Ashmawy, Kelly Brewington, William H. Cable, Helen Eisner, Mary K. Flanagan, Scott Gast, Bryson Baird Morgan, Paul Solis, and Nate Wright, each have signed an agreement not to be a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress for purpose of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 until at least 3 years after he or she is no longer a member of the board or staff of the Office of Congressional Ethics.

Copies of the signed agreements shall be retained by the Office of the Clerk as part of the records of the House.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Appropriations:

MARCH 12, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House,
House of Representatives.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I will be taking a leave of absence from the House Appropriations Committee for the remainder of the 114th Congress.

As you are aware, I was selected by the Democratic Caucus to serve as the Ranking Member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence this Congress. I intend to return to the Appropriations Committee in the future.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

ADAM B. SCHIFF,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore THORNBERRY on Thursday, March 12, 2015:

H.R. 1213, to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

H.R. 1213. An act to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE
PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 4, 2015, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 240. Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

H.R. 431. To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 134, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, March 16, 2015, for morning-hour debate.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 16, 2015, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first quarter of 2015, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, ANDER CRENSHAW, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 25, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Ander Crenshaw	1/23	1/25	Switzerland		1,430.00		11,494.00				12,924.00
Committee total					1,430.00		11,494.00				12,924.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW, Feb. 25, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JOHN K. DELANEY, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 25, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. John K. Delaney	1/23	1/25	Switzerland		1,430.00		12,409.00				13,839.00
Committee total					1,430.00		12,409.00				13,839.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY, Feb. 24, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, MARIO DIAZ-BALART, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 25, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Mario Diaz-Balart	1/23	1/25	Switzerland		1,430.00		14,937.00				16,367.00
Committee total					1,430.00		14,937.00				16,367.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART, Feb. 25, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JEFF FORTENBERRY, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 25, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Jeff Fortenberry	1/23	1/25	Switzerland		1,430.00		12,049.00				13,479.00
Committee total					1,430.00		12,049.00				13,479.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY, Feb. 24, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, GEORGE HOLDING, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 25, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. George Holding	1/23	1/25	Switzerland		824.00		12,924.00				13,748.00
Committee total					824.00		12,924.00				13,748.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. GEORGE HOLDING, Feb. 24, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DARRELL E. ISSA, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 25, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Darrell E. Issa	1/23	1/25	Switzerland		1,430.00		12,409.00				13,839.00
Committee total					1,430.00		12,409.00				13,839.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA, Feb. 24, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, KENNY MARCHANT, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 24, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Kenny Marchant	1/22	1/24	Switzerland						1,076.00		1,076.00
Committee total									1,076.00		1,076.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. KENNY MARCHANT, Feb. 24, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, PATRICK T. McHENRY, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 25, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Patrick T. McHenry	1/23	1/25	Switzerland		1,430.00		12,409.00				13,839.00
Committee total					1,430.00		12,409.00				13,839.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY, Feb. 24, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, PETER J. ROSKAM, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 25, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Peter J. Roskam	1/23	1/25	Switzerland		824.00		13,015.00				13,839.00
Committee total					824.00		13,015.00				13,839.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM, Feb. 23, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, MARK SANFORD, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 22 AND JAN. 26, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Mark Sanford	1/23	1/26	Switzerland		1,373.00		12,389.00				13,762.00
Committee total					1,373.00		12,389.00				13,762.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MARK SANFORD, Feb. 23, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DAVID M. ADAMS, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 5 AND FEB. 8, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
David M. Adams	2/5	2/8	Germany	756	822.00					756	822.00
Committee total					822.00						822.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

DAVID M. ADAMS, Mar. 2, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, ERIK LESNEWSKY, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 5 AND FEB. 8, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Erik Lesnewsky	2/5	2/8	Germany	837	910.00					837	910.00
Committee total					910.00						910.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

ERIK LESNEWSKY, Mar. 2, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, VALERIE J. ROBERTS, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 5 AND FEB. 8, 2015

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Valerie J. Roberts	2/5	2/8	Germany	756	822.00					756	822.00
Committee total					822.00						822.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

VALERIE J. ROBERTS, Mar. 6, 2015.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

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

724. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Rural Development Loan Servicing (RIN: 0570-AA88) received March 6, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

725. A letter from the Board Chair and CEO, Office of General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Disclosure to Shareholders; Pension Benefit Disclosures (RIN:

3052-AD02) received March 9, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

726. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Annual Materials Plan (AMP) for Fiscal Year 2016 and for the succeeding four years, FY 2017-2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 98h-2; to the Committee on Armed Services.

727. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the "Strategic and Critical Materials 2015 Report on Stockpile Requirements", pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 98h-5; to the Committee on Armed Services.

728. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the "Strategic and Critical Materials Operations Report to Congress: Operations Under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act During Fiscal Year 2014", pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 98 et seq; to the Committee on Armed Services.

729. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department of Defense Chemical Demilitarization Program Semi-Annual Report to Congress for March 2015, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1521(j), as amended by Sec. 1421 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

730. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter notifying that the Department intends to assign women to certain previously closed positions in the Army, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 652; to the Committee on Armed Services.

731. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (Richmond County, VA, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2015-0001] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8375] received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

732. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (Jefferson County, IN, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2015-0001] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8373] received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

733. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removal of Obsolete Section 8 Rental Assistance Certificate Program Regulations [Docket No.: FR-5827-F-01] (RIN: 2577-AC93) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

734. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Federal Home Loan Bank Capital Stock and Capital Plans (RIN: 2590-AA71) received March 6, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

735. A letter from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting the nineteenth report on "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran", pursuant to Sec. 1245(d)(4)(A) of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

736. A letter from the Chair, Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, transmitting the 2015 Recommendations of the Public Members of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

737. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's semi-annual Implementation Report on Energy Conservation Standards Activities, pursuant to Sec. 141 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Secs. 305 and 321 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

738. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Device Reporting: Electronic Submission Requirements; Correcting Amendments [Docket No.: FDA-2008-N-0393] (RIN: 0910-AF86) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

739. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for fiscal year 2014, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218; Public Law 102-486, section 310; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

740. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's

direct final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2014-0851; FRL-9923-07-Region 9] received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

741. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Steam Generating Units [EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0234; FRL-9923-98-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AS39) received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

742. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0483; FRL-9923-59] received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

743. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits; Correction [EPA-HQ-OECA-2014-0551; FRL-9922-62-OECA] received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

744. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0797; FRL-9921-01] received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

745. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Region 4 States; 2008 Lead, 2008 Ozone and 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide Prevention of Significant Deterioration Infrastructure Plans [EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0610; FRL-9924-47-Region 4] received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

746. 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; Indiana; Minor NSR for Title V and FESOP Sources [EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0780; FRL-9924-22-Region 5] received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

747. 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; Illinois; Amendments to Gasoline Vapor Recovery Requirements for Illinois [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0123; FRL-9922-71-Region 5] received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

748. 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; Connecticut; Low Emission Vehicle Program [EPA-R01-OAR-2010-0121; A-1-FRL-9915-05-Region 1] received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

749. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces [EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0734; FRL-9920-50-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AP93) received March 12, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

750. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Policy Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Implementation of Sections 101, 103 and 105 of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 [MB Docket No.: 15-37] received March 6, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

751. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements [PS Docket No.: 07-114; FCC 15-9] received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

752. A letter from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, and 15 of the Commission's Rules regarding Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment; Amendment of Part 68 regarding Approval of Terminal Equipment by Telecommunications Certification Bodies [ET Docket No.: 13-44; RM-11652; FCC 14-208] received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

753. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Interim Staff Guidance — Reviewing and Assessing the Financial Condition of Operating Power Reactor Licensees, Including Requests for Additional Information (OL/FR-ISG-2014-01) received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

754. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Final Safety Evaluation for Technical Report NEI 14-05, "Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation in Lieu of Commercial Grand Surveys for Procurement of Laboratory Calibration and Test Services", Revision 1 received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

755. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services (Transmittal No. DDTC 14-094); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

756. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services (Transmittal No. DDTC 14-131); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

757. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination, pursuant to Sec. 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

758. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Iran, originally declared on March 15, 1995, by Executive Order 12957, as amended and extended, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2014, pursuant to 50 U.S.C.

1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 114—17); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

759. A letter from the District of Columbia Auditor, Auditor, transmitting a report entitled “Certified Business Enterprise Expenditures of Public-Private Development Construction Projects for Fiscal Year 2014”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

760. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

761. A letter from the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Implementation of Executive Order 13672 Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity by Contractors and Subcontractors (RIN: 1250-AA07) received March 3, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

762. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the final version of the NCUA 2015-2016 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

763. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the Endowment’s annual report for FY 2014 prepared in accordance with Sec. 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

764. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting five reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

765. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Recovery and State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Oregon Chub From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-R1-ES-2014-0002] (RIN: 1018-BA28) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

766. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding Five Species of Sawfish to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-ES-2014-0066; 4500030113] (RIN: 1018-BA68) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

767. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Injurious Wildlife Species; Listing Three Anaconda Species and One Python Species as Injurious Reptiles [Docket No.: FWS-R9-FHC-2008-0015] (RIN: 1018-AV68) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

768. 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; Reinstatement of Final Rules for the Gray Wolf in Wyoming and the Western Great Lakes in Compliance With Court Or-

ders [Docket No.: FWS-R6-ES-2014-0059; FXES11130900000C2-156-FF09E42000] (RIN: 1018-BA64) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

769. A letter from the Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2015 Season [Docket No.: FWS-R7-MB-2014-0036] (RIN: 1018-BA48) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

770. 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; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 131021878-4158-02] (RIN: 0648-XD747) received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

771. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting Allocations and Fishery Closure; Pacific Whiting Seasons [Docket No.: 131119977-4381-02] (RIN: 0648-XD640) received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

772. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measures for Gray Triggerfish in the Gulf of Mexico; Reduced Annual Catch Limit and Annual Catch Target and Closure [Docket No.: 121004518-3398-01] (RIN: 0648-XD723) received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

773. 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; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 130925836-4174-02] (RIN: 0648-XD715) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

774. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications [Docket No.: 140811659-5070-02] (RIN: 0648-XD437) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

775. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Russian Federation Extending the Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of Soviet Socialist Republics on Mutual Fisheries Relations of May 31, 1988, with annex, as extended; (H. Doc. No. 114—18); to the Committee on Natural Resources and ordered to be printed.

776. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the AFT

2014 PACT Act Report, pursuant to the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2009, pursuant to Pub. L. 111-154, 15 U.S.C. 378(f), covering the period February 28, 2013, through October 15, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

777. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the “Office of Refugee Resettlement: Annual Report to Congress, FY 2013”, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1523(a); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

778. A letter from the Vice President, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, Amtrak, transmitting Amtrak’s FY 2016 Grant Request package and FY 2016 General and Legislative Annual Report, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 24315(b); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

779. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s 2015 annual “Report to Congress from the Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Advisory Committee”, pursuant to Sec. 53003 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

780. A letter from the Assistant Chief Counsel for PHMSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Pipeline Safety: Miscellaneous Changes to Pipeline Safety Regulations [Docket No.: PHMSA-2010-0026; Amdt. Nos.: 191-23; 192-120; 195-100] (RIN: 2137-AE59) received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

781. A letter from the Chief, Impact Analyst, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel (02 REG), Acquisition, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation: Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-Owned Small Business Status Protests (RIN: 2900-AM92) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

782. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material From the Pre-Hispanic Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador (RIN: 1515-AE01) received March 9, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

783. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the FY 2014 report on the activities of the Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence (EACE), pursuant to Sec. 723 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of FY 2009, Pub. L. 110-417; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans’ Affairs.

784. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the “National Security Education Program (NSEP) 2014 Annual Report”, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1906(a); jointly to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select) and Education and the Workforce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of the rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 284. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-38, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 876. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals; with an amendment (Rept. 114-39, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 887. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-40, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 876 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. GRIF-FITH):

H.R. 1353. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the period of exclusivity with respect to certain drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California):

H.R. 1354. A bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. PAULSEN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DELANEY, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT):

H.R. 1355. A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to expand the purposes of advances and collateral available to community development financial institutions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COFFMAN (for himself and Ms. SPEIER):

H.R. 1356. A bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 1357. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the designation of cer-

tain Department of Veterans Affairs employees as beneficiaries under Veterans' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 1358. A bill to enact into law a framework for deciding whether certain projectiles are "primarily intended for sporting purposes" for purposes of determining whether the projectiles are armor piercing ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FATTAH (for himself and Mr. HINOJOSA):

H.R. 1359. A bill to authorize the establishment of American Dream Accounts; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FATTAH (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 1360. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to use revenue generated by certain fines, penalties, and settlements that are not designated for restitution or any other purpose to fund evidence-based youth mentoring projects, justice reinvestment efforts, and innovations in medical research and development; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Science, Space, and Technology, and Energy and Commerce, 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. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 1361. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to eliminate the State option to reduce the home equity exemption amount for purposes of eligibility for long-term care assistance under Medicaid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 1362. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to submit an annual report on sources of funds used to finance the non-Federal share of expenditures under such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself and Mr. HUELSKAMP):

H.R. 1363. A bill to repeal a certain rule relating to nutrition standards in the national school lunch and school breakfast programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself and Mr. HECK of Nevada):

H.R. 1364. A bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H. Res. 149. A resolution expressing support for designation of the week of March 15, 2015, through March 21, 2015, as National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Week; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

12. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of New Mexico, relative to Senate Memorial 99, commending the long-standing traditions of tolerance, inclusion and interfaith harmony in the Republic of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 1353.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, which gives the Congress the authority to provide for the general welfare of the United States. Additionally, under Article I, Section 8, Clause 8 which gives Congress the power to promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries

By Mr. ELLISON:

H.R. 1354.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, Clause 3 and Clause 18.

By Mr. ELLISON:

H.R. 1355.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, Clause 3 and Clause 18.

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 1356.

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

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 1357.

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

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 1358.

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

U.S. Const. Art. I Section 8 clause 3

By Mr. FATTAH:

H.R. 1359.

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

Pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, the Congress shall have the power "[t]o regulate commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

By Mr. FATTAH:

H.R. 1360.

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

Pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, the Congress shall have the power "[t]o regulate commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 1361.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 1362.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. KING of Iowa:

H.R. 1363.

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

This legislation repeals a rule made by an Executive agency pursuant to an act of Congress. This bill is intended to correct the

agency's errant interpretation of Congress' intent as expressed in the authorizing legislation, and, as such, follows the responsibility that Congress has, under Article 1, Section 1, to exercise all legislative powers of the United States.

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 1364.

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

Article I, Sec. 8, clause 3

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 21: Ms. MOORE and Mr. DEFAZIO.

H.R. 156: Mr. PALMER.

H.R. 222: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 244: Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 284: Mr. LONG, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. MASSIE, and Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 306: Ms. LEE.

H.R. 413: Mrs. TORRES.

H.R. 420: Mr. MCCLINTOCK.

H.R. 452: Mr. AMODEI.

H.R. 531: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. VELA.

H.R. 556: Mr. AMODEI, Mr. MESSER, Mrs. BLACK, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 592: Mr. POLIS.

H.R. 624: Mr. TURNER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 653: Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. HURT of Virginia, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. ROSS.

H.R. 658: Mr. CARSON of Indiana and Mr. ISRAEL.

H.R. 690: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri.

H.R. 699: Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 703: Mr. BYRNE and Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 704: Mr. BYRNE.

H.R. 762: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 777: Mr. TED LIEU of California.

H.R. 818: Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. HECK of Nevada, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BLUM, Mr. BOUTANY, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. AMODEI.

H.R. 880: Mr. PAULSEN.

H.R. 885: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. DELANEY.

H.R. 910: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 918: Mr. HENSARLING.

H.R. 932: Mr. FOSTER, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 953: Mr. SARBANES.

H.R. 985: Mr. MCHENRY and Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 997: Mr. GOHMERT.

H.R. 1017: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. HENSARLING and Mr. JOYCE.

H.R. 1021: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS OF ILLINOIS.

H.R. 1037: Mr. FARR, Mr. FLEMING, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 1105: Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. RIBBLE, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. CONAWAY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. WILLIAMS.

H.R. 1106: Mr. HENSARLING.

H.R. 1137: Mr. BLUM.

H.R. 1149: Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LANCE, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. ISSA, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. OLSON, Mr. PITTINGER, Mr. BABIN, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 1174: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona.

H.R. 1188: Mr. TAKAI, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. HAHN, Mr.

LOWENTHAL, Mr. STIVERS, and Mr. SWALWELL of California.

H.R. 1197: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. PITTINGER, Ms. HAHN, Ms. TSONGAS, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. JOYCE, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. MENG, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. KEATING, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. GRAYSON, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 1212: Mr. LONG, Mr. BUCK, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BLUM, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. HENSARLING.

H.R. 1282: Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. FARR, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WELCH, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. DEUTCH, and Mr. SIREs.

H.R. 1298: Mr. HENSARLING.

H.R. 1306: Ms. JUDY CHU of California.

H.R. 1329: Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 1331: Mr. JOLLY.

H. Res. 15: Miss RICE of New York.

H. Res. 94: Ms. TITUS.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

6. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, CA, relative to Resolution No. 36-15, supporting a full investigation into the disappearance of 43 students from Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PASSENGER RAIL REFORM AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 749) to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to voice my strong support for high-speed rail service along the Northeast Corridor with stops in Connecticut. High-speed rail service provides a fast, safe, and reliable transportation alternative for passengers. Expanding high-speed rail in Connecticut would go a long way in alleviating highway congestion and promoting faster travel within and through the state. In addition, high-speed rail along the Northeast Corridor would create new jobs, boost manufacturing, and bolster America's competitiveness in our global economy. Not including a stop for Connecticut in a study on high-speed rail along the Northeast Corridor is a serious mistake, and I stand firmly against any proposal that excludes Connecticut.

STEPHEN AND KATHLEEN HUVANE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is always a pleasure when neighborhood groups in my district pick incredibly deserving community members to fill important positions of prominence. This year, the planning committee of the Eastchester Irish American Social Club (EIASC) has outdone themselves with the selection of Stephen and Kathleen Huvane as Honorees of the annual Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Like me, Stephen and Kathleen are both Bronx natives, with families who immigrated to America searching for a better life. Stephen's parents came from the counties Mayo and Galway in Ireland, while Kathleen's came from County Kerry.

A graduate of Manhattan College, Stephen received his B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering, while Kathleen earned her B.S. in Nursing from the College of Mt. St. Vincent. Today, Kathleen is a Registered Pediatric Nurse at the Eastchester Pediatric Medical group, and Stephen works at Purdue Pharma LLP.

Both Stephen and Kathleen are active in the community, especially the EIASC, of which they have been members for over 16 years. They are also five year members of Swazi Legacy, a not-for-profit that helps marginalized and homeless young people in Swaziland.

Today Stephen and Kathleen live in Eastchester, where together they have raised four wonderful children; Kaitlin, Elish, Stephen, and Kieran. They are active members of various school functions and fundraisers, in addition to Stephen's work on the EIASC St. Patrick's Parade Committee, which he has been a part of for the past 10 years.

As this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade approaches, I want to congratulate Stephen and Kathleen for their selection as Parade Honorees, and thank them on the occasion for all they have done to better our community.

HONORING VERNA TELLER

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Verna Teller, a remarkable woman whose steadfast political leadership and tireless civic activism has had a lasting impact on the people in her community.

In March of each year, we celebrate Women's History month to honor women who have made invaluable contributions to their communities and the world. Verna is one such woman. Verna has never tired of fighting for the community she loves. In the face of gender discrimination, Verna ushered in a new era of leadership, becoming the first female governor of Isleta Pueblo in 1987. By spearheading passage of a constitutional amendment requiring tribal leadership positions to be elected, as well as fighting to make tribal council meetings more open and accessible, Verna ensured that women's voices were not only heard but amplified within the Pueblo community.

Following her tenure as governor, Verna continued to serve Isleta Pueblo as Chief Justice, President of the Tribal Council, and council member. Under her watchful guidance, Isleta Pueblo became the first tribe in the United States to assert their right under federal law to establish water quality standards to protect their community.

Verna went on to serve as project manager for the Native Peoples-Native Homelands Southwest Initiative, a project sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to examine the effects of climate change on Native Americans. As Project Director for Tribal Tobacco Health, Education and Outreach, Verna helped develop cancer prevention programs through Indian Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control, and the American Cancer Society. She also ran a consulting business, ATV Enterprises; served as a member of the All Indian Pueblo Council; was named "Indian Woman of the Year;" and has received numerous other accolades.

It is astonishing to think of all that Verna has accomplished in her life. In the face of adversity, discrimination, and uncertainty,

Verna's determination to lead her community never faltered. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said: "We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face—we must do that which we think we cannot." Verna's enduring legacy of community development, service and sacrifice will continue to be an inspiration for future generations of young women.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF SUMGAI POGROMS

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2015

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, this week we commemorate the 27th Anniversary of the horrific Sumgait Pogroms. On February 27, 1988 organized mobs of Azerbaijanis aimed at killing and driving Armenian Christians living in Sumgait from their homes. Police allowed the pogroms to go on for 3 days, during which Armenians were burned alive and thrown from windows.

The Sumgait massacre is a black mark on history and sadly, this event sparked further violence as Armenians would be targeted less than 9 months later in Kirovbad and again in Baku in 1990.

The Azerbaijani Government has shamefully continued to undermine prospects for a lasting peace in the Southern Caucasus, recently they were reported violating the ceasefire and killing several Armenian soldiers on the border.

From the earliest days of its formation, the people of Nagorno Karabakh have fought and died for their independence and held open and transparent elections, a tradition of democracy that the United States should honor and respect.

As we reflect on these horrific outbreaks of ethnic violence, I join with Armenians in Rhode Island, and across the world in remembering these victims and renewing our commitment to justice, independence and finding lasting peace.

HONORING JOSEPH B. HOULIHAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the story of America is the story of men and women emigrating from foreign lands to make a better life for themselves and their families. Joseph Houlihan's success, a result in part of the sacrifices his great grandparents made in coming to America from county Kerry in Ireland, is exactly what that American story is about.

The Houlihan's came to America and found success in real estate, a family business that

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endured the generations. Joe, a graduate of Iona College with a degree in Business Administration, followed suit, earning a CPA before commencing his own real estate career.

As the Managing Partner of the Residential Sales Group at Houlihan & O'Malley Real Estate Services in Bronxville, Joe has had tremendous success. His work has been recognized by the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, where he won the Diamond Award for sales over \$15,000,000, while also receiving the Westchester County Five Star Real Estate Agent Award on several occasions.

Outside of work, Joe is an active member of St. Joseph's Parish in Bronxville, and the Eastchester Irish American Social Club (EIASC). He has also been on the Board of Trustees at the School of the Holy Child in Rye, and currently resides in Fleetwood with his beautiful wife, Anna Filipkowski, and their three incredible daughters, Kasia, Julia, and Emily.

This year, the EIASC selected Joe to be the Grand Marshal of the annual Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade. Joe was shocked and amazed by the nomination, a testament to his humble nature and belief that you work hard not for accolades or adulation, but simply to improve your life and the lives around you.

Joe's selection, however, was no accident. For all he has accomplished and all he has done to improve the community, I can't think of a better honoree to be Eastchester's St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal. Congratulations to Joe and to the entire Houlihan family on this honor.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOCHIKI CIVIC AND SOCIAL CLUB, INC.

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2015

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the Dochiki Civic and Social Club in Newport News, Virginia.

Originally known as "Los Amigas," the club was founded on March 15, 1940 by eleven businessmen gathered at the Odessa Barber Shop located at 29th Street and Chestnut Avenue in Newport News. Two years later, the name of the club was changed to "Dochiki," a word of Chinese origin meaning love and friendship. The founders of the club were Homer Hines, Ward Bridgeforth, Virgil Evans, B. C. Anthony, Oliver Hawkins, James Hawkins, Harold Heath, James Jones, Irving Thomas, Robert Whitney, and Howard Ovelest.

The club initially met in members' homes, and in 1948 they relocated to a room above a club member's garage which they nicknamed "Alley Inn." As membership increased, the club leased larger space to accommodate its growing membership, and, on August 7, 1952, the club purchased property at 2705 Chestnut Avenue in Newport News, where it still meets today. In addition to this property, the club has acquired additional property along Chestnut Avenue through donations of club members, including Cornelius Glover, which allowed the club to significantly expand its facilities. Today, the club occupies much of

the 2700 block of Chestnut Avenue and includes numerous amenities, such as a 300-seat ballroom, a commercial kitchen, restroom suites, office space, recreational and storage areas, lounges, a 24-seat bar with adjacent kitchen, a locker room, and ample parking, all of which are accessible for individuals with disabilities. The club offers its facilities for use free of charge to many community groups and has also served as the Chestnut Avenue voting precinct for many years.

While Dochiki remains a place for men to socialize, debate politics, and enjoy sports, women have also played an active role in the club for much of its history. In 1960, the Dochiki Wives Auxiliary, Inc. was established to compliment the men's club and support its educational, social, health and civic projects targeted at aiding charities, youth programs, and senior citizens.

Since its founding 75 years ago, the Dochiki Civic and Social Club has been actively involved in the Newport News community providing outstanding civic, social and philanthropic leadership to their fellow citizens. The club has raised tens of thousands of dollars for local charities, youth programs, and senior citizen projects. It has also strongly encouraged all of its members and fellow citizens in the community to be actively engaged in the electoral process.

Today, the club's membership includes businessmen, educators, elected officials, members of the military and other professionals throughout the community, all of whom are devoted to supporting and improving the Newport News community through active civic engagement.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Dochiki Civic and Social Club on their 75th anniversary and I thank them for all that they have done to make Newport News a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

HONORING LELA KASKALLA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lela Kaskalla, a passionate woman who has remained steadfast in her commitment to support economic growth and cultural development in her community.

This past Sunday marked a special moment for women across the globe; it was International Women's Day, a time when we come together to remember the progress that women have made and recognize the many firsts that have opened doors for younger generations of female leaders. It made me think of Lela Kaskalla, who in 1996 became the first woman elected governor of Nambe Pueblo.

During her term as governor, Lela worked tirelessly to defeat anti-tribal legislation that proposed a tax on tribal gasoline distribution and went on to become the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recording secretary. Lela's presence made an immediate impact, and she was instrumental in NCAI's 54th annual meeting in Albuquerque.

Lela is a natural leader who understands the importance of a strong, united community. In an interview with the Albuquerque Journal

she explained: "You don't do much standing alone, but together you can do more." Lela's passion, commitment and ability to build a coalition around a common cause caught Governor Gary Johnson's attention.

In 1998, Governor Johnson appointed Lela to the New Mexico State Fair Commission, where she later became Vice Chair of the State Board. Whether it is through Lela's active engagement with the Nambe Women's Group and the Northern New Mexico Community College Pueblos Institutes, her time as a member of the board of directors for the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center/Indian Pueblos Marketing, Inc., or in her current role with the Branch of Administration for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Northern Pueblos Agency, Lela's commitment to tribal communities in New Mexico has never wavered.

Lela's groundbreaking achievement set an example for other women in New Mexico. It reminds me of the progress women before us have made in our nation's history, and in particular, the large, white, rough-hewn statue of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott that sits in the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. It is a striking figure featuring the faces of the three revolutionary women, carefully etched and chiseled into the unfinished block of marble. The unfinished composition represents the unfinished work left with respect to equal rights for women. With the help of leaders like Lela right here in New Mexico we can, and we will, finish that work. Lela's commitment to her community will continue to be an inspiration for future generations of young women.

HONORING HATTIE L. LUCAS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, communities thrive when hard work, dedication, and sacrifice are set by voluntary example. Hattie L. Lucas's actions embody these ideals for her community in Co-op City.

Hattie Lucas was born in Bramberg, South Carolina. Her family decided to relocate to New York City when Hattie was six years old, living in both Manhattan and Brooklyn. Eventually, Hattie settled in Co-op City in the Bronx, where she has lived for 40 years.

Hattie began her long career of service in Co-op, serving the NYC Department for the Aging, Co-op City NORC Advisory Board, and the Bronx Preparatory Charter School Parents Association Executive Board. She also has been active in her church, Co-op City Baptist Church, the Dreiser Retirees, and the Co-op City NAACP. Hattie has also been an outspoken supporter of our young people through the Youth and Community Affairs Committees.

Even with her busy schedule, Hattie worked hard to receive a Bachelor's degree from Mercy College, and a Master's of Social Work from Fordham University.

As a professional, Hattie dedicated herself to her work at the City of New York, where she served for 35 years. She was admired for her efforts with the Human Resources Administration, Health and Hospital Corporation, and as Director of Advocacy at the Administration for Children's Services.

As dedicated as she has been to the community, Hattie's true pride is the family she's raised in the Bronx, including one son, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She also raises her 17-year-old granddaughter, Ashley.

Following Hattie's retirement from the City, she became the Program Director of the Co-op City Grandparent Connection Program. The program, under her leadership, grew into a necessity for her neighborhood; becoming the largest relative caregiver programs in New York City, which includes a myriad of services

for deserving grandparents, adolescents, and children.

After retiring in November 2014, Hattie continues to volunteer and use her sharp skills for her Co-op City community. It is an honor to join the JASA Grandparents Connection in celebrating Hattie on her retirement.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 1353–1364; 1 resolution, H. Res. 149, were introduced. **Page H1635**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1636**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 284, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–38, Part 1);

H.R. 876, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–39, Part 1); and

H.R. 887, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–40, Part 1). **Pages H1634–35**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Comstock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1629**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Peter Frank, Church of the Epiphany, Herndon, Virginia. **Page H1629**

Congressional Award Board—Minority Leader Appointment: The Chair announced the Minority Leader's appointment of the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. Romero Brown of Acworth, Georgia. **Pages H1629–30**

Communication from the Clerk of the House: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she transmitted notification that Porter J. Goss, David E. Skaggs, Judy Biggert, Jay Eagen, Karan L. English, Allison Hayward, Belinda Pinckney, Michael D. Barnes, Omar Ashmawy, Kelly Brewington, William H. Cable, Helen Eisner, Mary K. Flanagan, Scott Gast, Bryson Baird Morgan, Paul Solis, and Nate Wright, have each signed an agreement not to be a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress for the purpose of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 until at least 3 years after he or she is no longer a member of the board or staff of the Office of Congressional Ethics. Further, the Clerk notified the House that copies of the signed agreement shall be retained by the Office of the Clerk as part of the records of the House. **Page H1630**

Committee Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Schiff wherein he notified the House that he is taking a leave of absence from the Committee on Appropriations, effective immediately. **Page H1630**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1629–30.

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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Federal improper payments and errors in the Death Master File, 4 p.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Office of Management and Budget budget, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Power of Legislative Inquiry—Improving the VA by Improving Transparency", 7:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, March 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will resume consideration of S. 178, Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, with the filing deadline for first-degree amendments at 5 p.m.

At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and vote on confirmation of the nominations at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, March 16

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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