

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota (for himself and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 5915. A bill to require that the Teacher Incentive Fund of the Department of Education and other programs to support merit-based teacher compensation systems award its grant funds to support compensation systems that are based primarily or exclusively on student learning gains or maintenance of high student learning gains, or both; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. GORDON, Mr. RUSH, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. ROSS):

H.R. 5916. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in payment for physicians' services under the Medicare Program for 2007 and 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. SODREL (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. KUHLE of New York, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. HARRIS):

H.R. 5917. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that tips received for certain services shall not be subject to income or employment taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PENCE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HONDA, Mr. WAMP, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. ROHRABACHER):

H.R. 5918. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself and Mr. OSBORNE):

H.R. 5919. A bill to empower parents to protect children from increasing depictions of indecent material on television; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WOLF (for himself, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HOYER, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCCOTTER, and Mr. SIMMONS):

H.R. 5920. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain combat zone compensation of civilian employees of the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. SMITH of Texas):

H.R. 5921. A bill to amend titles 17 and 18, United States Code, to strengthen the protection of intellectual property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 5922. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish

additional authorities to ensure the safe and effective use of drugs, to establish whistleblower protections for certain individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. WEINER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. OWENS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. KUHLE of New York):

H.R. 5923. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29-50 Union Street in Flushing, New York, as the "Dr. Leonard Price Stavisky Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. BAKER:

H.R. 5924. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for loan guarantees for certain private disaster loans; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland:

H.R. 5925. A bill to provide for Federal research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities to enable the development of farms that are net producers of both food and energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 Ms. BERKLEY:

H.R. 5926. A bill to provide for the energy independence of the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Science, 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. CARDIN:

H.R. 5927. A bill to provide energy independence to Americans, to increase the efficiency and decrease the environmental impact of America's energy policy, to increase America's research and development in energy, and to encourage the development and use of renewable forms of energy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, Government Reform, and Science, 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. CHANDLER (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. CASE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. STARK, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 5928. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants and low-interest loans to local educational agencies for the construction, modernization, or repair of public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary educational facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COSTELLO (for himself and Mr. CLAY):

H.R. 5929. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

950 Missouri Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois, as the "Katherine Dunham Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. CRAMER:

H.R. 5930. A bill to establish the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in the State of Alabama, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DOYLE (for himself, Mrs. BONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. MCHUGH):

H.R. 5931. A bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. EVERETT (for himself, Mr. BONNER, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama):

H.R. 5932. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize agricultural producers to establish and contribute to tax-exempt farm risk management accounts in lieu of obtaining federally subsidized crop insurance or noninsured crop assistance, to provide for contributions to such accounts by the Secretary of Agriculture, to specify the situations in which amounts may be paid to producers from such accounts, and to limit the total amount of such distributions to a producer during a taxable year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. FEENEY (for himself and Mr. MEEKS of New York):

H.R. 5933. A bill to provide for the admission to the United States of nonimmigrant business facilitation visitors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GODE:

H.R. 5934. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to revise the definition of a HUBZone with respect to counties that are highly rural but adjacent to urban areas; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin:

H.R. 5935. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an adjustment to the reduction of Medicare resident positions based on settled cost reports; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 5936. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to credit prospectively individuals serving as caregivers of dependent relatives with deemed wages for up to five years of such service; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 5937. A bill to assure equitable treatment in health care coverage of prescription drugs under group health plans, health insurance coverage, Medicare and Medicaid managed care arrangements, Medigap insurance coverage, and health plans under the Federal employees' health benefits program (FEHBP); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 5938. A bill to reduce childhood obesity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California (for himself, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. FORBES):

H.R. 5939. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the criminal law relating to terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. OSBORNE, and Mr. HINGHEY):

H.R. 5940. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct or support a comprehensive study comparing total health outcomes, including risk of autism, in vaccinated populations in the United States with such outcomes in unvaccinated populations in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. DELAULO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CLAY, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. SANDERS):

H.R. 5941. A bill to establish certain requirements relating to the continuation of the Survey of Income and Program Participation; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. MARSHALL:

H.R. 5942. A bill to require Congressional approval for implementation of a severity-adjusted inpatient prospective payment system for rural hospitals under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCCAUL of Texas (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. POE, and Mr. JINDAL):

H.R. 5943. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in emergency assistance programs administered by the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. NADLER:

H.R. 5944. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect our children from child pornographers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. STARK):

H.R. 5945. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to protect the privacy of drug prescriber information; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POMBO (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. GILCHREST):

H.R. 5946. A bill to amend Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize activities to promote improved monitoring and compliance for high seas fisheries, or fisheries governed by international fishery management agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. LEE, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 5947. A bill to correct an inequity in eligibility for military retired pay based on nonregular service in the case of certain members of the reserve components completing their reserve service before 1966, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. MCCOTTER):

H.R. 5948. A bill to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself and Mr. DICKS):

H.R. 5949. A bill to authorize a major medical facility project for the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, American Lake, Washington; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

H.R. 5950. A bill to repeal certain tax subsidies enacted by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 for oil and gas, to allow a credit against income tax for farm diesel expenses, and to allow a credit to farmers who produce biodiesel and agri-biodiesel; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H.R. 5951. A bill to improve the health of Americans and reduce health care costs by reorienting the Nation's health care system toward prevention, wellness, and self care; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Government Reform, 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 Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Ms. BORDALLO):

H.R. 5952. A bill to increase access to and consumption of fresh fruits, vegetables, and healthy alternatives in low-income communities with high incidences of obesity and obesity-related disease; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and Ways and Means, 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. WYNN (for himself, Mrs. BONO, Mr. DENT, Mr. TERRY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BUYER, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ROSS, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 5953. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Commission for the Deployment of Hydrogen and Fuel Cells, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia:

H. Con. Res. 455. Concurrent resolution recognizing the role of the National Guard and State volunteers in protecting our Nation's borders.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H. Con. Res. 457. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National

Celiac Awareness Month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN:

H. Con. Res. 458. Concurrent resolution congratulating the National Library of Medicine on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BOEHNER:

H. Res. 957. A resolution directing the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives to deliver the mace of the House of Representatives to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution for necessary repairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CAMP of Michigan (for himself, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania):

H. Res. 959. A resolution recognizing and supporting the success of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 in increasing adoption and the efforts the Act has spurred including National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month, and encouraging adoption throughout the year; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. PENCE, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. CASE):

H. Res. 960. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to limit gifts to Members, officers, and employees of the House from State and local governments; to the Committee on Rules.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. HINGHEY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, Mr. BONNER, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. SHAW, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida):

H. Res. 961. A resolution encouraging the establishment of programs to increase public awareness of vision disorders in children; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H. Res. 962. A resolution recognizing the 200th anniversary of the sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing the support for efforts by the United States to continue to strengthen its relationship with that country; to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

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

430. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, relative to House Resolution No. 1300 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation relating to the assessment of penalties by a financial institution for an insufficient funds check; to the Committee on Financial Services.

431. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 18 urging support for and adoption of amendments proposed to the No Child Left Behind Act contained in H.R. 1177; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

432. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Texas, relative to a letter supporting H.R. 9, the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.