

(Ms. FOXX addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. BALDWIN (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of illness.

Ms. SLAUGHTER (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 7 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. MICA (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 6 p.m. on account of attending the funeral of former Senator Paula Hawkins.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SABLAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LANGEVIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SABLAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, December 17.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, December 17.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, December 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, December 15, 16 and 17.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10:30 p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, December 11, 2009, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4979. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Report on Civilian Health

Professions Scholarship Program (HPSF) for Mental Health Providers"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4980. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcasting Services [MB Docket No.: 07-294] received November 2, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4981. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Crandon, Wisconsin) [MD Docket No.: 08-62] received November 2, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4982. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (McNary, Arizona) [MB Docket No.: 09-7] received November 2, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4983. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Cut Bank, Montana) [MB Docket No.: 09-50] received November 2, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4984. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments Television Broadcast Stations. (Lexington, Kentucky) [MB Docket No.: 09-163] received November 2, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4985. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments Television Broadcast Stations. (Opelika, Alabama) [MB Docket No.: 09-162] received November 2, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4986. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 104-09, certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4987. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 125-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4988. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 127-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4989. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 123-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of

technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4990. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 124-09, certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4991. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 132-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4992. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 128-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4993. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Legislative and Public Affairs, United States Agency International Development, transmitting a letter in response to the GAO report entitled "Information Technology: Federal Agencies Need to Strengthen Investment Board Oversight of Poorly Planned and Performing Projects"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4994. A letter from the Director, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's second report entitled, "Estimates of Natural Gas and Oil Reserves, Reserves Growth, and Undiscovered Resources in Federal and State Water off the Coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama", pursuant to Public Law 109-58, section 965(c); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4995. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30698; Amdt. No. 3348] received November 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4996. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30698; Amdt. No. 3349] received November 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4997. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; New Orleans NAS, LA [Docket No. FAA-2009-0405; Airspace Docket No. 09-ASW-12] received November 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4998. A letter from the Division Chief, Division of Legislation and Regulation, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Capital Construction Fund [Docket No.: MARAD-2008-0075] (RIN: 2133-AB71) received November 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4999. A letter from the Attorney, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Adjustment of Monetary Threshold for Reporting Rail Equipment Accidents/Incidents for Calendar Year 2008 [FRA-2007-0018] received November 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5000. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Mankato, MN [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0677; Airspace Docket No. 09-AGL-17] received November 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5001. A letter from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Technical Amendments to List of User Fee Airports: Removal of User Fee Status for Roswell Industrial Air Center, Roswell, New Mexico and March Inland Port Airport, Riverside, California and Name Change for Capital City Airport, Lansing, Michigan [CBP Dec. 09-41] received November 19, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5002. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Electronic Payment and Refund of Quarterly Harbor Maintenance Fees [Docket No.: USCBP 2007-0111] (RIN: 1505-AB97) received November 19, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5003. A letter from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Technical Amendment to List of User Fee Airports: Termination of User Fee Status of Santa Maria Public Airport, Santa Maria, California received November 19, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5004. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Information Reporting Requirements Under Internal Revenue Code Section 6039 [TD 9470] (RIN 1545-BH69) received November 17, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5005. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Further Extension of Effective Date of Normal Retirement Age Regulations for Governmental Plans [Notice: 209-86] received November 18, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 964. Resolution providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-370). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. In

the matter of Marc Goldberg (Rept. 111-371). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 2843. A bill to provide for the joint appointment of the Architect of the Capitol by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives and Senate, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of Congress with jurisdiction over the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-372, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2843 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. POLIS:

H.R. 4259. A bill to facilitate foreign investment by permanently reauthorizing the EB-5 regional center program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. ENGEL):

H.R. 4260. A bill to provide adjusted Federal medical assistance percentage rates during a transitional assistance period; 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. THORNBERRY:

H.R. 4261. A bill to amend the National Security Act of 1947 to provide additional procedures for congressional oversight; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. SCALISE (for himself, Mr.

LAMBORN, Mr. POSEY, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. AKIN, Mr. WAMP, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. COLE, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. CARTER, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. JONES, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. INGLIS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. CULBERSON, and Mr. HELLER):

H.R. 4262. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require a two-

thirds recorded vote in the House of Representatives and in the Senate to increase the statutory limit on the public debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, and Mr. PIERLUISI):

H.R. 4263. A bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to extend for 1 year the period of temporary increase in the Medicaid FMAP; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 4264. A bill to provide for resolution of certain discrimination claims against the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, 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. YARMUTH:

H.R. 4265. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish and carry out a direct lending program for small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. EDWARDS of Texas, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. REYES, Mr. ORTIZ, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ):

H.R. 4266. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the "George Thomas 'Mickey' Leland Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CARTER (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. OLSON, Mr. CULBERSON, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H.R. 4267. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend whistleblower protections to a member of the Armed Forces who alerts Department of Defense investigation or law enforcement organizations, a person or organization in the member's chain of command, and certain other persons or entities about the potentially dangerous ideologically based threats or actions of another member against United States interests or security; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Ms. CHU, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HARE, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr.