

H.R. 3012. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1801. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2465. An act to amend the Federal Employees' Compensation Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1930. A bill to prohibit earmarks.

S. 1931. A bill to provide civilian payroll tax relief, to reduce the Federal budget deficit, and for other purposes.

S. 1932. A bill to require the Secretary of State to act on a permit for the Keystone XL pipeline.

The following joint resolutions were read the first time:

S.J. Res. 30. Joint resolution extending the cooling-off period under section 10 of the Railway Labor Act with respect to the dispute referred to in Executive Order No. 13586 of October 6, 2011.

S.J. Res. 31. Joint resolution applying certain conditions to the dispute referred to in Executive Order 13586 of October 6, 2011, between the enumerated freight rail carriers, common carriers by rail in interstate commerce, and certain of their employees represented by labor organizations that have not agreed to extend the cooling-off period under section 10 of the Railway Labor Act beyond 12:01 a.m. on December 6, 2011.

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution to provide for the resolution of the outstanding issues in the current railway labor-management dispute.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4082. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Quality Control Error Tolerance Threshold" (RIN0584-AE24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4083. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Order, Referendum Procedures" (Docket No. AMS-FV-10-0008-FR-1A) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

November 22, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4084. A communication from the Deputy to the Chairman, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Resolution Plans Required" (RIN3064-AD77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4085. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4086. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4087. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Energy Review 2010"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4088. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: South Carolina; Negative Declarations for Applicability of Groups I, II, III and IV Control Techniques Guidelines; and Applicability of Reasonably Available Control Technology for the Portion of York County, South Carolina within Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, North Carolina-South Carolina 1997 8-Hour Ozone Non-attainment Area" (FRL No. 9495-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4089. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia: Atlanta; Determination of Attaining Data for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9496-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4090. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fee to Take the Registered Tax Return Preparer Competency Examination" ((RIN1545-BK24) (TD 9559)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4091. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Material from Bolivia" (RIN1515-AD83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4092. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological and Ethnological Material from Greece" (RIN1515-AD84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4093. A communication from the Program Manager, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act; Exempt Record System" (RIN0906-AA891) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4094. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permanent Certification Program for Health Information Technology; Revisions to ONC-Approved Accreditor Processes" (RIN0991-AB77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4095. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 28, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4096. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2011 Agency Financial Report for the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4097. A communication from the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2011 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4098. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4099. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4100. A communication from the Budget Officer, Office of the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the financial statements for the National Gallery of Art for the year ended September 30, 2011 and the auditor's report thereon; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4101. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs 2011 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4102. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs,