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House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 2, 2015.

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In the final hour of the 113th Congress, we give You thanks for Your faithfulness to our Nation. There have been many struggles, many sorrows; and yet we are still here and able to give You thanks that millions of our citizens live free.

May the work of the 113th issue forth to the benefit of our Nation and its citizens. Where the efforts of this Congress have fallen short, we ask Your forgiveness and the forgiveness of all Americans.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 775, 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, December 17, 2014.

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 December 17, 2014 at 9:43 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5771.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 124.

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, December 17, 2014.

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 December 17, 2014 at 10:41 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3608.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4030.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 125.

That the Senate passed S. 1800.

That the Senate passed S. 684.

Appointment: United States-China Economic Security Review Commission.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore HARRIS on Tuesday, December 16, 2014:

H.R. 83, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2591, to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012;

H.R. 5859, to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes;

S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes;

S. 3008, to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore Harris on Wednesday, December 17, 2014:

H.R. 1206, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes;

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H.R. 1378, to designate the United States Federal Judicial Center located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the ''John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center'' and to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the ''James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse'';

H.R. 2754, to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3027, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the ''Barry M. Goldwater Post Office'';

H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units;

H.R. 3979, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4276, to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury;

H.R. 4416, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the ''Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building'';

H.R. 4651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas, as the ''Specialist Keith Erin Grace, Jr. Memorial Post Office'';

H.R. 5050, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5185, to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009;

H.R. 5331, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the ''Colonel M.J. 'Mac' Dube, USMC Post Office Building'';

H.R. 5562, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the ''Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building'';

H.R. 5687, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the ''Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office'';

H.R. 5816, to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore Thornberry on Thursday, December 18, 2014:

H.R. 1068, to enact title 54, United States Code, ''National Park Service and Related Programs'', as positive law;

H.R. 2901, to strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world's poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3608, to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians;

H.R. 4030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the ''Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building'';

H.R. 5771, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

LAYING ON THE TABLE H.R. 647

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, H.R. 647 is laid on the table.

There was no objection.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014:

H.R. 83. An act making consolidated appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2591. An act to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012.

H.R. 5859. An act to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

On Wednesday, December 17, 2014:

H.R. 1206. An act to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1378. An act to designate the United States Federal Judicial Center located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the ''John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center'' and to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the ''James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse''.

H.R. 2754. An act to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3027. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the ''Barry M. Goldwater Post Office''.

H.R. 3572. An act to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units.

H.R. 3979. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4276. An act to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.

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H.R. 5562. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the ''Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building''.

H.R. 5687. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the ''Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office''.

H.R. 5816. An act to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, on Thursday, December 18, 2014:

H.R. 1068. An act to enact title 54, United States Code, ''National Park Service and Related Programs'', as positive law.

H.R. 2901. An act to strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world's poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3608. An act to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

H.R. 4030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the ''Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building''.

H.R. 5771. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 2338. An act to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes.

S. 3008. An act to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 12, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 2719. To require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1281. To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

H.R. 1204. To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3044. To approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi.

H.R. 4007. To recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program.

H.R. 3468. To amend the Federal Credit Union Act to extend insurance coverage to amounts held in a member account on behalf of another person, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5705. To modify certain provisions relating to the Propane Education and Research Council.

H.R. 4926. To designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the ''James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway.''

H.R. 4193. To amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3374. To provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1447. To encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2952. To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess the cybersecurity workforce of the Department of Homeland Security and develop a comprehensive workforce strategy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1067. To make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements.

H.R. 4199. To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the ''Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.''

H.R. 4681. To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on December 13, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills and joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 131. Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5057. To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2640. To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3096. To designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the ''Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center.''

H.R. 3329. To enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4771. To amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on December 16, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 83. Making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2591. To amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012.

H.R. 5859. To impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on December 17, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 5687. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the ''Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office.''

H.R. 5816. To extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

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Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on December 18, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1068. To enact title 54, United States Code, ''National Park Service and Related Programs'', as positive law.

H.R. 2901. To strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world's poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3608. To amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

H.R. 3979. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4030. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the ''Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building.''

H.R. 5771. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, in accordance with House Concurrent Resolution 125, the Chair declares the second session of the 113th Congress adjourned sine die.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8420. A letter from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and

Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Plants for Planting [Docket No.: APHIS-2008-0071] (RIN: 0579-AD47) received December 17, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8421. A letter from the Regulatory Review Group Director, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (RIN: 0560-AI20) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8422. A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations [Docket No.: FSIS-2014-0042] (RIN: 0583-AD05) received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8423. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Khapra Beetle; New Regulated Countries and Regulated Articles [Docket No.: APHIS-2013-0079] received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8424. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No.: AMS-FV-14-0057; FV14-987-3 FIR], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8425. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants (RIN: 0575-AD01) received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8426. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Labeling of Pesticide Products and Devices for Export; Clarification of Requirements [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0607; FRL-9919-63] (RIN: 2070-AJ53) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8427. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting designation as emergency requirements all funding so designated by the Congress, pursuant to Section 6 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015; (H. Doc. No. 113—177); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8428. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting designation as Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding (including the rescission of funds) and contributions from foreign governments so designated by the Congress; (H. Doc. No. 113—178); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8429. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization for Major General Frederick S. Rudesheim, United States Army, to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of lieutenant general for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8430. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the report on the amount of DoD purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 2013, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8305; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8431. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Rear Admiral (lower half) John C. Scorby, Jr., United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8432. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); Public Law 95-452, section 5(b); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8433. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility; Virginia: Clinchport, Town of, Scott County; [Docket ID: FEMA-2014-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8361] received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8434. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations; Platte County, Missouri, and Incorporated Areas; [Docket ID: FEMA-2014-0002; Docket Nos.: FEMA-B-1178] received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8435. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, LRAD, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Annual Stress Test — Schedule Shift and Adjustments to Regulatory Capital Projections [Docket ID: OCC-2014-0015] (RIN: 1557-AD85) received December 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8436. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Credit Risk Retention (RIN: 2590-AA43) received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8437. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Temporary Rule Regarding Principal Trades With Certain Advisory Clients [Release No.: IA-3984; File No.: S7-23-07] (RIN: 3235-AL56) received December 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8438. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on discretionary appropriations legislation required by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015; to the Committee on the Budget.

8439. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the ''Physician Compare Report to Congress'' for 2014, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395w-5; Public Law 111-148, section 10331(f); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8440. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting a report entitled ''The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran'', pursuant to National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, Section 1245(d)(4)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8441. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting a report on the effect of the U.S.-Russia Highly Enriched Uranium Agreement on domestic uranium mining, conversion, and enrichment industries for Fiscal Year 2012, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2297h-10(b)(10); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8442. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Advantame [Docket No.: FDA-2009-F-0303] received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8443. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Beauveria bassiana strain ANT-03; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0717; FRL-9918-65] received December 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8444. 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; Missouri; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule, Controlling Emissions During Episodes of High Air Pollution Potential [EPA-R07-OAR-2014-0602; FRL-9921-08-Region 7] received December 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8445. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Rulemaking on the Definition of Solid Waste [EPA-HQ-RCRA-2010-0742; FRL-9728-5-OSWER] (RIN: 2050-AG62) received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8446. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final amendments — Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Reconsideration of Additional Provisions of New Source Performance Standards [EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0505; FRL-9921-03-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AR75) received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8447. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Quality Designations for the 2012 Primary Annual Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) [EPA-HQ-OAR-2012-0918; FRL-9921-00-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AR95) received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8448. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Pennsylvania; Determination of Attainment for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Lyons Nonattainment Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0409; FRL-9920-68-Region-3] received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8449. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Identification of Nonattainment Classification and Deadlines for Submission of State Implementation Plan (SIP) Provisions for the 1997 Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS; Correcting Amendment [EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0694; FRL-

9920-83-Region 4] received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8450. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program: Addition of Global Warming Potentials to the General Provisions and Amendments and Confidentiality Determinations for Fluorinated Gas Production; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0927; FRL-9920-59-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AR78) received December 19, 204, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8451. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Ozone and PM2.5 Standards [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0661; FRL-9920-47-Region-5] received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8452. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas; Georgia; Redesignation of the Georgia Portion of the Chattanooga, 1997 PM2.5 Nonattainment Area to Attainment [EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0267; FRL-9920-60-Region 4] received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8453. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas; Alabama; Redesignation of Alabama Portion of the Chattanooga, 1997 PM2.5 Nonattainment Area to Attainment [EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0674; FRL-9920-61-Region 4] received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8454. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Zeta-cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0210; FRL-9920-23] received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8455. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Benzidine-Based Chemical Substances; Di-n-pentyl Phthalate (DnPP); and Alkanes, C12-13, Chloro; Significant New Use Rule [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2010-0573; FRL-9915-60] (RIN: 2070-AJ73) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8456. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0390; FRL-9920-63] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8457. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Tobacco mild green mosaic tobamovirus strain U2; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0761; FRL-9919-26] received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8458. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of an Executive Order issued with respect to North Korea that expands the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, as amended by Executive Order 13551 of August 30, 2010, and Executive Order 13570 of April 18, 2011, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.; (H. Doc. No. 113—180); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

8459. A letter from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting a foreign policy report to Congress on the Expansion of the Microprocessor Military End Use and End User Control, pursuant to the Export Administration Act, Section 6(f)(2); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8460. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the annual report for FY 2014 of the Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, Section 14, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8461. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Expansion of the Microprocessor Military End-Use and End-User Control [Docket No.: 140813667-4667-01] (RIN: 0694-AG27) received December 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8462. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Corrections and Clarifications to the Export Administration Regulations [Docket No.: 141027899-4899-01] (RIN: 0694-AG34) received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8463. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Executive Order 13637, Transmittal No. 18-14, informing the Congress of the Department's intent to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Australia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8464. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting consistent with the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-1), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, a report prepared by the Department of State for the June 15, 2014 — August 14, 2014 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8465. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question, covering the period August 1 through September 30, 2014, pursuant to Section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and in accordance with Section 1(a)(6) of Executive Order 13313, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8466. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, and continued by the President each year, most recently on November 7, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8467. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements, other than treaties entered into by the United States, to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8468. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: United States Munitions List Category XI (Military Electronics), Correction, and Other Changes (RIN: 1400-AD25) received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8469. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 14-104, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8470. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an Executive Order further expanding the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, and expanded in scope by Executive Order 13661 of March 16, 2014, that takes additional steps to address the Russian occupation of the Crimea Region of Ukraine; (H. Doc. No. 113—179); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

8471. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the sixty-ninth Semiannual Report to Congress of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8472. A letter from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting two reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8473. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting three reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8474. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's semiannual reports to Congress from the Treasury Inspector General and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period of April 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014, pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8475. A letter from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report from the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); Public Law 95-452, section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8476. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting in accordance with Section 647(b) of Title VI of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, Pub. L. 108-199, the Commission's report to Congress on FY 2014 competitive sourcing efforts; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8477. A letter from the Deputy Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's semiannual report to the Congress from the Office of Inspector General for the 6-month period ending September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8478. A letter from the Chairman, Holocaust Memorial Museum, transmitting the Museum's FY 2014 Report on Audit and Investigative Activities, pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8479. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8480. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-270) and OMB Circular A-76, Performance of Commercial Activities, the Endowment's FY 2014 inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities performed by federal employees; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8481. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's annual report for Fiscal Year 2013, prepared in accordance with Title II, Section 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.

8482. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's report for fiscal year 2014 on competitive sourcing efforts, as required by Section 647(b) of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, Pub. L. 108-199; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8483. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's legislative recommendations, 2014, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. 30111(a)(9); to the Committee on House Administration.

8484. A letter from the Acting Director, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries/Greater Atlantic Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's Inseason Action — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 140214138-4482-02] (RIN: 0648-XD609) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8485. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments [Docket No.: 120814338-2711-02] (RIN: 0648-BE64) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8486. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 130925836-4174-02] (RIN: 0648-XD632) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8487. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 130925836-4174-02] (RIN: 0648-XD631) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8488. 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; Inseason Adjustment to the 2014 Gulf of Alaska Pollock Seasonal Apportionments [Docket No.: 130925836-4174-02] (RIN: 0648-XD627) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8489. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Restrictions on the Use of Fish Aggregating Devices in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2015 [Docket No.: 140710571-4977-02] (RIN: 0648-BE36) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8490. 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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Gag [Docket No.: 120924488-3671-02] (RIN: 0648-XD599) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8491. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2014 Commercial Fishing for Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean; Commercial Retention Limit [Docket No.: 141103918-4918-01] (RIN: 0648-BE58) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8492. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 140214138-4482-02] (RIN: 0648-XD638) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8493. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia [Docket No.: 101206604-1758-02] (RIN: 0648-XD601) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8494. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New Jersey [Docket No.: 140117052-4402-02] (RIN: 0648-XD571) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8495. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks (LCS) and Hammerhead Sharks in the Atlantic Region [Docket No.: 130402317-3966-02] (RIN: 0648-XD636) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8496. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of the 2014 Trimester 2 Directed Longfin Squid Fishery [Docket No.: 130903775-4276-02] (RIN: 0648-XD378) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8497. 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; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Trawl Rationalization Program; Chafing Gear Modifications [Docket No.: 130405338-4987-02] (RIN: 0648-BC84) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8498. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska Trawl Economic Data Report [Docket No.: 140311229-4978-02] (RIN: 0648-BE09) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8499. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 7 [Docket No.: 120328229-4949-02] (RIN: 0648-BC09) received December 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8500. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Endangered Listing of Five Species of Sawfish Under the Endangered Species Act [Docket No.: 101004485-4999-03] (RIN: 0648-XZ50) received December 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8501. A letter from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Reduction of Fees for Trademark Applications and Renewals [Docket No.: PTO-T-2014-0011] (RIN: 0651-AC94) received December 17, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8502. A letter from the Deputy Director, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Involving Unaccompanied Children (RIN: 0970-AC61) received December 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8503. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the monthly report for November 2014, prepared by Citizen

and Immigration Services, on ''Adjustments of Status Granted Under Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957'', as amended; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8504. A letter from the Project Manager, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Notices of Decisions and Documents Evidencing Lawful Status [CIS No.: 2517-11; Docket No.: USCIS-2012-0006] (RIN: 1615-AC01) received December 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8505. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report entitled ''2014 Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts — III'', pursuant to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, Section 6016(e); the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century, Section 5117(b)(5); and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act:; A Legacy for Users, Section 5204(g)(1) and (3) to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8506. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the ''Report of the Task Force on the Prohibition of Importation of Products of Forced or Prison Labor from the People's Republic of China (PRC): October 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014'', pursuant to Public Law 106-286; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8507. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2014 Semiannual Report to Congress on the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008, prepared by Customs and Border Protection, pursuant to Public Law 110-246, section 3301; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8508. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the fourth-quarter, fiscal year 2014 (July — September 2014) report to Congress on Automated Commercial Environment, prepared by Customs and Border Protection, pursuant to Public Law 107-210, Section 311(b)(3); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8509. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's report entitled ''List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor'', pursuant to the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8510. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final IRB Only rule — Update of Rev. Proc. 2012-24, Implementation of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Regulations (Rev. Proc. 2012-6424) received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8511. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final IRB Only rule — 2015 Standard Mileage Rates [Notice 2014-79] received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8512. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final IRB Only rule — Reallocation of Section 48B Credits under the Qualifying Gasification Project Program [Notice 2014-81] received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8513. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Reporting of Specified Foreign Financial Assets [TD 9706] (RIN: 1545-BJ69) received December 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8514. A letter from the Administrator, TSA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Administration's certification that the level of screening services and protection provided at Dawson Community Airport (GDV), Glasgow International Airport (GGW), Havre City-County Airport (HVR), Wolf Point International Airport (OLF), and Sidney-Richland Municipal Airport (SDY) will be equal to or greater than the level that would be provided at the airports by TSA Transportation Security Officers, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44920(d); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

8515. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report entitled ''Update on Integrated Scanning System Operations'', pursuant to Public Law 109-347, section 232(c); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

8516. A letter from the Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting an Interim Report to Congress on Endangered Species Act Implementation in Pesticide Evaluation Programs, pursuant to Public Law 113-79, section 10013(a); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

8517. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report to Congress on the activities of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, pursuant to the Social Security Act, section 1115A(g), as amended; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

8518. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the activities of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, pursuant to the Social Security Act, section 1115A(g), as amended; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and 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:

[Pursuant to clause 1(d), rule XI, the following reports were filed on December 18, 2014]

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Agriculture. Report on Activities During the 113th Congress, Second Session (Rept. 113–679). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on the Budget. Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget, 113th Congress, Second Session (Rept. 113–680). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Pursuant to clause 1(d), rule XI, the following report was filed on December 19, 2014]

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Second Annual Report of Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (Rept. 113–681). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Pursuant to the order of the House on December 11, 2014 the following reports were filed on December 22, 2014]

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 5214. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care; with an amendment (Rept. 113–683). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 69. A bill to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–685). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 361. A bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–686). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 706. A bill to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–687). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 916. A bill to improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–688). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1103. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–689). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1363. A bill to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–690). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1561. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–691). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1785. A bill to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–692). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1839. A bill to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–693). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3286. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate

National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–694). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3806. A bill to authorize payment of funds in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of North Carolina, Swain County, North Carolina, and the United States Department of the Interior; with amendments (Rept. 113–695). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4166. A bill to transfer recreational management authority for Lake Berryessa in the State of California from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–696). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4220. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota (Rept. 113–697). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4296. A bill to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands; with an amendment (Rept. 113–698, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4534. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–699). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4979. A bill to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–700). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5003. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–701). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5026. A bill to prohibit closing or repurposing any propagation fish hatchery or aquatic species propagation program of the Department of the Interior unless such action is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–702). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5139. A bill to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16; with an amendment (Rept. 113–703). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5176. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–704). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5203. A bill to enhance the operation of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; with an amendment (Rept. 113–705). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5204. A bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve recreation opportunities and increase consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of recreation fees collected on public lands and forests, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–706, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5476. A bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–707). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. S. 311. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–708). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committe on Natural Resources. S. 363. An act to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–709). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. S. 609. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–710). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4742. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–711). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 712. A bill to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024; with amendments (Rept. 113–712, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. S. 354. An act to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–713). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Pursuant to clause 1(d), rule XI, the following reports were filed on December 22, 2014]

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. Activity Report of the Committee on the Judiciary for the Period January 3, 2013 through December 15, 2014 (Rept. 113–682). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Small Business. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Small Business 113th Congress (Rept. 113–684). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Pursuant to the order of the House on December 11, 2014 the following report was filed on December 23, 2014]

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4342. A bill to prohibit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration from relinquishing responsibility over the Internet domain name system until the Comptroller General of the United States submits to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect to such system (Rept. 113–715). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Pursuant to clause 1(d), rule XI, the following reports were filed on December 23, 2014]

Mr. McKEON: Committee on Armed Services. Second Annual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 113th Congress (Rept. 113–714). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Activity Report of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the Second Session of the 113th Congress (Rept. 113–716). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Pursuant to clause 1(d), rule XI, the following report was filed on December 29, 2014]

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan: Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Annual Report on the Activity of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for the 113th Congress (Rept. 113–717). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Pursuant to clause 1(d), rule XI, the following reports were filed on December 30, 2014]

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Summary on the Activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 113th Congress (Rept. 113–718). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the House Committee on Homeland Security 113th Congress (Rept. 113–719). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources 113th Congress (Rept. 113–720). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan: Committee on House Administration. Second Annual Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Administration During the 113th Congress (Rept. 113–721). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Pursuant to clause 1(d), rule XI, the following report was filed on December 31, 2014]

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. Second Annual Activity Report of the Committee on Financial Services for the period January 3, 2013 through January 2, 2015 (Rept. 113–722). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Pursuant to clause 1(d), rule XI, the following reports were filed on January 2, 2015]

Mr. CAMP: Committee on Ways and Means. Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means 113th Congress (Rept. 113–723). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky: Committee on Appropriations. Committee on Appropriations Annual Report of Committee Activities, 113th Congress (Rept. 113–724). Referred

to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. KLINE: Committee on Education and the Workforce. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for the Second Session of the 113th Congress (Rept. 113–725). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules for the 113th Congress (Rept. 113–726). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CONAWAY: Committee on Ethics. Summary of Activities 113th Congress (Rept. 113–727). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROYCE: Committee on Foreign Affairs. Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 113th Congress (Rept. 113–728). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOWDY: Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi. Annual Report on the Activities of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attacks in Benghazi of the House of Representatives during the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (Rept. 113–730). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[The following actions occurred on December 22, 2014]

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 712 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4296 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 5204 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[The following actions occurred on January 2, 2015]

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged from further consideration. H.R. 328 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1575 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Education and the Workforce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2748 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Homeland Security discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3300 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1575. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require a provider of a commercial mobile service or an IP-enabled voice service to provide call location information concerning the user of such a service to law enforcement agencies in order to respond to a call for emergency services or in an emergency situation that involves risk of death or serious physical harm; with an amendment (Rept. 113–729, Pt. 1); referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than January 2, 2015, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendments as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(1) of rule X.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 328. A bill to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property (Rept. 113–731, Pt. 1); referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for a period ending not later than January 2, 2015, for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(r) of rule X.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3300. A bill to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; with an amendment (Rept. 113–732, Pt. 1); referred to the Committee on Homeland Security for a period ending not later than January 2, 2015, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(j) of rule X.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 2748. A bill to restore the financial solvency of the United States Postal Service and to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail; with an amendment (Rept. 113–733, Pt. 1); referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for a period ending not later than January 2, 2015, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(e) of rule X.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 5889. A bill to revise the Uniform Crime Reports, and the National Incident-Based Reporting System, to direct the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to include information in those reports pertaining to law enforcement-involved justifiable homicides, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 5890. A bill to conduct a study to ensure that enhanced communication is provided between commercial aircraft and air traffic control towers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. STOCKMAN:

H.R. 5891. A bill to increase the standards of school lunch programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. STOCKMAN:

H.R. 5892. A bill to protect cryptocurrencies; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and 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. STOCKMAN:

H.R. 5893. A bill to restore the First Amendment Rights of Photographers; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and the Judiciary, 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. STOCKMAN:

H. Res. 784. A resolution designating December 20 of each year as a national day of remembrance for victims of anti-police violence; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

337. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 70, urging the Congress to call a convention, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution, for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 5889.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1, 3, and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 5890.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1, 3, and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. STOCKMAN:

H.R. 5891.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. STOCKMAN:

H.R. 5892.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution: ''To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures''

By Mr. STOCKMAN:

H.R. 5893.

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

Amendment I of the Constitution of the United States: ''Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press''

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 2504: Mr. HECK of Nevada, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. HINOJOSA.

H.R. 3116: Ms. TSONGAS.

H.R. 5110: Mr. MESSER and Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 5160: Mr. CULBERSON.

H.R. 5460: Mr. KING of New York and Ms. TSONGAS.

H.R. 5481: Mr. MCCLINTOCK.

H.R. 5644: Mr. GRIMM.

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NOMINATION OF FRANK ROSE AND OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON PROPOSED EUROPEAN UNION CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I am deeply concerned by proposals for arms control plans related to missile defense and outer space arms, including the EU Code of Conduct for Outer Space activities, which the Obama administration has embraced. These plans were confirmed by Rose Gottemoeller, Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, during a House subcommittee hearing last week. I firmly believe any international agreement on a code of conduct for space should be submitted for Senate advice and consent as part of its treaty powers, and not be an ''executive agreement'' that sidesteps that process.

I have engaged with the State Department to ensure that this agreement will not be a unilateral act and that it will be fully presented to Congress before moving forward. I strongly believe, given the importance of this issue, that the U.S. Senate should be consulted as part of their advice and consent role in any decision to move forward.

I ask to have printed in the RECORD at the end of my remarks official letters and correspondence with the nominee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Frank Rose that demonstrate three important points. First, due to serious ongoing concerns related to national security, the administration has not pursued plans to propose the negotiation of a debris-generating ASAT testing moratorium at this time; second, that any decision to subscribe to a code in the future will not in any way constrain our national security-related activities in space or ability to protect the U.S. or allies; third, and most importantly, that the Senate will be given access to the details surrounding any plan once and if any format is determined, and again before any agreement is entered.

Space is vital to our national security, and we must maintain the ability to use satellites and various missile capabilities. In particular, space is of critical importance to our national intelligence and warfighting capabilities. The development of anti-satellite capabilities by countries such as China and Russia is well documented, as in the example of China successfully testing a direct-ascent, anti-satellite SC–19 missile against one of its own satellites.

It is vital that the United States ensure we are not restricting activity in ways that put our security at risk. Members of Congress have been clear in their view that they see ample disadvantage to such a code for the United States; according to assessments by the uniformed military, implementation of this code would result in real world operational impacts. Congress has previously voted to limit international agreements concerning outer space activities. Section 913 of the fiscal year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, H.R. 4310, states that any agreement will have no legally binding effect or basis for limiting the activities of the United States in outer space, and it requires certification that any such agreement will be equitable, enhance national security, and have no militarily significant impact on the ability of the United States to conduct military or intelligence activities in space.

There are several key areas that the administration must resolve before moving forward on pursuing any decision. Pentagon officials have long expressed concern that the arms initiative will be exploited by states such as China and Russia to constrain U.S. missile defenses, while both states continue to develop their own advanced missile defenses. In 2007, the Department of Defense concluded that the progress in addressing the vulnerability of U.S. space assets has not kept pace with growing threat capabilities; consequently, the vulnerability of our space assets continues to grow. Additionally, a previous U.S. Commission to Assess United States National Security Space Management and Organization released a report that predicted that future warfare in space was a ''virtual certainty'' and urged the United States to begin to develop the means both to deter and defend against attacks on its space assets, and to mount offensive operations to deny the use of space to potential adversaries. To do otherwise, the commission warned, would invite a ''space Pearl Harbor.''

Further troubling, a 2014 Department of Defense report noted that China is ''developing a multi-dimensional program to improve its capabilities to limit or prevent the use of space-based assets by adversaries during times of crisis or conflict,'' including ''destroying or capturing satellites and other sensors.'' To protect against these types of attacks, the Department of Defense's ongoing policy is aimed at retaining the capabilities to respond at the time and place of our choosing. Any effort to move forward must address our national security needs and Congressional concerns.

Therefore, any State Department effort to move forward with a code or a debris-generating ASAT testing moratorium should fully overcome existing concerns and ensure the plan does not undermine current Department of Defense policy, U.S. capabilities, or congressional concerns. Our growing dependence on space makes it fundamental to U.S. national security interests. I remain extremely concerned by what appears to be previous endeavors by the administration to avoid addressing space policy concerns and potential administration efforts to bypass Congress.

While I am pleased at the assurances that Mr. Rose has provided and that relevant offices will engage with Congress if a path forward is agreed upon,

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I remain extremely concerned about the decision to negotiate a measure using past measures such as the European Union's Code of Conduct as a starting point. Russia has demonstrated its willingness to break its agreements, as seen with the ongoing violation of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty. We need to improve our capacity to understand what is going on in space, and we need to ensure we are adequately capable of deterring the growing number of countries that are pursuing weapons capable of targeting U.S. satellites.

While necessary, the development of transparency and confidence-building measures and behavioral norms promoting responsible space operations should not come at the expense of America's national security. The President's own Space Policy released in 2010 states: ''The United States will employ a variety of measures to help assure the use of space for all responsible parties, and, consistent with the inherent right of self-defense, deter others from interference and attack, defend our space systems and contribute to the defense of allied space systems, and, if deterrence fails, defeat efforts to attack them.'' With a growing number of states acquiring the ability to degrade or destroy U.S. space capabilities, the probability that space systems will come under attack in a future crisis or conflict is ever increasing. The State Department cannot have the attitude that they are going to go it alone. The United States cannot afford it.

The material is as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, November 12, 2014.

Mr. FRANK ROSE,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Space and Defense Policy,
U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC.

DEAR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ROSE: We write to ask for your clarification regarding the Administration's space arms control posture. Like you, we are deeply concerned by the rising threats of anti-satellite weapons in the hands of states like the People's Republic of China. That said, we believe the Administration would do better to focus on real solutions to these threats, as opposed to more feel good measures like the European Union's (EU) Code of Conduct for Outer Space activities or other similar measures.

We are concerned by proposals for outer space arms control, including the EU Code of Conduct for Outer Space activities, which the Administration has embraced. We see no advantage to such a Code for the United States; according to assessments by the uniformed military, implementation of this code would result in real world operational impacts. The product of this equation demands the opposition of the entire United States government.

With the languishing of that Code, we fear a new threat to our ability to protect U.S. outer space capabilities, and, perhaps even to develop our missile defenses. We seek your understanding of the Administration's position on space arms control, specifically, the ''debris generating kinetic energy ASAT testing moratorium'' which, as we have been informed, you proposed to U.S. allies. We are unfamiliar with any such proposal having been coordinated with the Department of Defense or the uniformed military, and therefore we ask for your answers to the following questions:

1) Please indicate the date, and by which Department official, the State Department Circular 175 request was signed. What was the scope of this Circ–175 and has the Department determined if this moratorium would be submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent?

2) If this Circ–175 will not be submitted to the Senate, on what basis would such an international agreement be negotiated and to what end?

3) Please detail the potential implications for United States space and missile defense activities. How would such an agreement protect our ability to fully develop our missile defenses, including our test and targets program?

4) Please further detail how such agreement will ensure full freedom of action for the United States to take needed defensive and other action in space.

5) Please provide the Joint Staff assessment of impacts to military operations you obtained before discussing this moratorium with our allies.

6) Please detail the specific allies with which you have discussed this moratorium and the respective dates of discussion. Please further detail which State Department official authorized these discussions.

We appreciate your prompt responses to these questions.

Sincerely,

DAVID VITTER,
United States Senator.
DOUG LAMBORN,
Member of Congress.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, DC, November 17, 2014.

DEAR SENATOR VITTER: Thank you for your letter of November 12 regarding the Administration's efforts to enhance the security and sustainability of the outer space environment.

The Administration is deeply concerned about the development of anti-satellite (ASAT) capabilities by countries like China and Russia. In response to this increasing threat, the Department of State is pursuing a comprehensive approach to space security, including the development of bilateral and multilateral transparency and confidence building measures (TCBMs) such as the International Code of Conduct, development of international long-term sustainability guidelines by the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and other measures. The Administration believes that pragmatic TCBMs like the Code are a much more effective way to ensure the long-term security of the space environment as compared to fundamentally flawed space arms control proposals like the Russian-Chinese sponsored Prevention of Placement of Weapons in Outer Space Treaty.

The United States has made clear to our partners that we will not enter into a code of conduct, or other agreement, that in any way constrains our national security-related activities in space or our ability to protect the United States and our allies. We have worked closely with our colleagues in the Defense Department and Intelligence Community to ensure that the Code does not have any adverse impact on U.S. operations, including the development and testing of missile defenses. The Department, in coordination with the interagency, provided a series of briefings to Congress on the Administration's decision-making process regarding our willingness to work with our European allies to help craft a Code that would benefit U.S. national security. We are available to provide updates at any time.

The Administration has been clear that we are open to space arms control proposals. However, any such proposal would need to meet the criteria as outlined in the President's 2010 National Space Policy (NSP)—that it be effectively verifiable, equitable, and in the interests of the United States and its allies. At this time, the Administration has made no decision to propose the negotiation of a debris-generating ASAT testing moratorium, and therefore, no C–175 request has been signed. If a decision were made to move forward with a proposal in the future, we would work closely with the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community to ensure there were no adverse operational impacts from our efforts, especially on our missile defense and space systems. Furthermore, while we discuss a wide variety of space security issues with allies—including the potential for a Code of Conduct and ways to address the development of ASAT systems—we have not made a specific proposal to allies for negotiation of a debris-generating ASAT testing moratorium.

The Department is fully committed to closely coordinating all diplomatic space security proposals within the U.S. interagency. We would not table a proposal that had not received full U.S. Government approval and took into account all agencies' perspectives.

Should you wish to have further discussions on this issue, the Administration would be happy to assemble an interagency team to meet with you to provide further background on our efforts, and answer any additional questions you may have.

We hope this information is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

JULIA FRIFIELD,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, DC, December 10, 2014.

DEAR SENATOR VITTER, In response to follow-up questions from your staff, we would like to provide the following clarifications about our efforts to promote the security and long-term sustainability of the outer space environment.

As I noted in my letter of November 12, 2014, the Administration is seriously concerned about the development of anti-satellite capabilities by countries like China. We believe that effective diplomatic efforts are a critical tool in the United States' comprehensive response to countering this threat. At the same time, we recognize your concerns and want to assure you that we share them. We have made every effort to ensure that our diplomatic efforts to promote the security and sustainability of outer space do not have an adverse impact on our national security activities, especially on our missile defense and space systems.

The administration has no plans to propose the negotiation of a debris-generating ASAT testing moratorium at this time. Moreover, there has been no consideration as to what format we would seek for any proposed debris-generating ASAT testing moratorium. As a result, no C–175 package has been prepared.

Currently, our diplomatic focus is on the development of an International Code of Conduct on Outer Space Activities. At this time, the European Union is considering its next steps on the Code. As we stated in 2012, the United States has decided to work with the European Union and other nations to help develop a code which can help maintain the long-term sustainability, safety, stability and security of outer space by establishing guidelines for the responsible use of outer space. Since the text of the Code has not been finalized, the Administration has

made no decision on whether to subscribe to the code. Only after the text is finalized and open for subscription will the Administration consider whether to subscribe to the Code. Such a decision will be made only after it received full U.S. Government approval that takes into account perspectives from all departments and agencies.

As former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated in January 2012, the United States will not sign-up to a Code of Conduct that any way constrains our national security-related activities in space or our ability to protect the United States or our allies. If the United States were to make a decision to subscribe to a Code in the future, it would be implemented in a way that is fully consistent with this statement.

Let me also assure you that we are in close contact with our Department of Defense and Intelligence Community colleagues on the development of the Code to ensure the Code does not have any adverse impacts on U.S. operations, including the development and testing of missile defenses.

Should you wish to have further discussions on this issue, we would be prepared to assemble an interagency team to meet with you or your staff. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

JULIA FRIFIELD,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, DC, December 11, 2014.

DEAR SENATOR VITTER: I wanted to follow-up with regarding the conversation I had with your staff regarding a potential debris generating anti-satellite (ASAT) testing moratorium and the European Union's proposed International Code of Conduct for Outer Space Activities.

As Assistant Secretary of State Julia Frifield noted in her December 10, 2014, letter to you, the Administration has no plans to propose the negotiation of a debris-generating ASAT testing moratorium at this time. Should we determine to pursue such an agreement in the future, I pledge to keep you and your staff informed, including on the form of which a potential agreement might take.

With regard to the Code of Conduct, it is my understanding that there are no implementation issues for the Department of Defense related to the current draft of the Code. That said, only after the text of the Code is finalized will we have a full understanding of any potential implementation issues. Therefore, we continue to be in close contact with our colleagues at the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community to ensure that our efforts to promote the security and sustainability of outer space do not have an adverse impact on our national security activities, especially on our missile defense and national security space systems.

Before a final decision is made to subscribe to the Code, the Department, along with our interagency colleagues, will make sure to provide a briefing, including relevant materials such as the text of the Code and other materials, to you and the relevant committees on the terms of the agreement, its implementation, and any other issues of interest.

I appreciate your interest in these issues. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my staff in the future with any questions you may have.

Regards,

FRANK A. ROSE,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
Space and Defense Policy.●

TRIBUTES TO DEPARTING SENATORS

TIM JOHNSON

● Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I also wish to pay tribute to a man I have admired throughout my career in this Chamber, Senator TIM JOHNSON of South Dakota. I am proud to call TIM my friend.

Long before Senator JOHNSON and I crossed paths in the Senate, we were both studying at Michigan State University—I was an undergrad while Senator JOHNSON was doing postgraduate studies. In fact, his parents retired in the East Lansing area. I know that Senator JOHNSON considers the University of South Dakota to be his alma mater, but I will always think of him as a fellow Spartan.

All of us here are committed to public service, to defending the Constitution and to protecting our Nation against foreign threats, but few of us have had our commitment tested as Senator JOHNSON has.

In 2004 Senator JOHNSON learned that he had prostate cancer, but he was determined to beat it and to continue representing the people of South Dakota. ''I wish this was something that wasn't happening to me,'' he said. ''But I will deal with it head on,'' and he did. He had surgery, then he made a full recovery, and was soon back to work.

In 2006 we were all shocked to learn that Senator JOHNSON suffered a brain hemorrhage—and for weeks we hoped and prayed for him and his family. Incredibly, he again made a full recovery—and he again came back to work.

That is commitment. That is a Senator with a deep appreciation for the privilege of serving the people of South Dakota. That is TIM JOHNSON

Despite the personal health issues Senator JOHNSON experienced, he succeeded in leading passage of the Safe and Fair Deposit Insurance Act of 2005, a law that 3 years later was critical to keeping America's deposits safe during a time of great economic turmoil. As chair of the Senate banking committee we have relied on his leadership and judgment in reducing risk in the financial sector and in ensuring that Dodd-Frank reforms were implemented effectively.

I will miss our work together to improve the health care of American veterans, and I will miss the opportunity I have had through the years to work with Senator JOHNSON on empowering small family farms to compete in the modern marketplace and to help ethanol producers expand their place in our Nation's renewable energy future.

Knowing how important it was for ranchers to be able to tell consumers their meat products came from the U.S.A., Senator JOHNSON has been a champion of country of origin labeling since going back to the 2002 farm bill, and since then he has helped to strengthen and fully implement the law, a mission that carried over to the 2014 farm bill that I authored as chair of the agriculture committee.

In addition, Senator JOHNSON has been a forceful advocate for the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration rules that ensure that family farmers and ranchers are able to compete on a level playing field.

I know how much Senator JOHNSON has loved policymaking, so I know he must have agonized over this decision. But I also know that the love and devotion he has for his family comes first, and now he will be able to spend more time with his wife Barbara, his two sons, his daughter, and all his grandchildren.

TIM, thank you for being such a strong, resilient, and resourceful partner and friend through the years. I wish you a happy and successful retirement with your family.

MARY LANDRIEU

Mr. President, at the end of this session of Congress, the Senate will be bidding farewell to my colleague and dear friend, Senator MARY LANDRIEU, who has served the people of Louisiana with such devotion over the last 18 years.

I don't think it is possible to overstate the magnitude of the challenges that she has faced on behalf of her constituents. Hurricane Katrina may have been the most horrible natural disaster our country has ever experienced—and Senator LANDRIEU's native city of New Orleans was ground zero.

No one was more engaged in the recovery effort that followed that calamity. Senator LANDRIEU fought tenaciously to secure the funds it would take to repair and revitalize the gulf coast with infrastructure improvements that would protect the coast against another major event.

In the 10 years since Katrina, Senator LANDRIEU has been a champion for homeowners who were struggling to afford flood insurance, most recently by winning passage of the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, this past March.

Of course, just as the gulf coast appeared close to making a full recovery, it was struck by another disaster—the Deepwater Horizon oilspill. Again, Senator LANDRIEU was on the vanguard of that recovery, winning passage of the RESTORE Act so that the vast majority of the fines collected by the U.S. Government would go back to the gulf coast to help pay for the cleanup. It is the single biggest investment in environmental restoration in American history.

These were the moments when the people of Louisiana needed MARY LANDRIEU most—and she delivered as only she can.

At the same time, Senator LANDRIEU has always understood that the oil and gas industry is vital to her State's economy, and so it was a major milestone when she became the first woman to chair the Senate energy committee.

She fights so hard for Louisiana, but over the years of working with her, I have learned how much she is driven by a deep feeling of compassion, not just

for those displaced by hurricanes or those whose livelihood was jeopardized by the Deepwater Horizon but for the children of her State and our country who were given up for adoption or placed in foster care.

Senator LANDRIEU knows the joys of adopting firsthand, having adopted her two children, Connor and Mary Shannon, and she wants other parents to feel that joy. So she sympathizes with parents who wish to adopt a child but who are struggling to do so—especially since she knows there are children desperate for parents but who remain wards of the State. By matching those parents with that child, she knows that she can create a true family.

So she has led the efforts in the Senate to improve child welfare systems internationally and to make it easier for American parents to adopt children in other countries. She has pushed for Federal funds to create foster care mentoring programs, so that children who are in the foster system have better guidance during the most critical years of their social development.

I know I speak for other Members of this Chamber when I say that we will do our very best to continue the momentum that Senator LANDRIEU has created for finding a permanent, loving home for every American child.

I will deeply miss having her with us but I have absolutely no doubt that MARY LANDRIEU will find new ways to express her devotion to the people of Louisiana and our country. It is not just a tradition in her family; it is her singular passion. I thank her for her amazing service here and I look forward to all the great achievements that are in her future.

MARK UDALL

Mr. President, I wish to express my gratitude to a dear colleague and friend who has been a champion for our national parks and for preserving the natural splendor of our Western lands: Senator MARK UDALL.

Just as the Great Lakes are part of my DNA, the Rocky Mountains are part of Senator UDALL's. He likes to quote the saying that we did not inherit this earth from our parents but that we are borrowing it from our children—and that is the perspective that has guided him as Chair of the Senate National Parks Subcommittee.

He has worked to expand national parks and to revitalize our natural resources. Recognizing that our dependence on fossil fuels poses a threat to our land, water and wildlife, Senator UDALL has been a leader in pushing for investments in renewable energy. I know how proud he was that Colorado was the first State to pass a voter-approved renewable energy policy. A key to making it happen was Senator UDALL teaming up in a bipartisan way with the speaker of the Colorado House.

When Colorado was struck by floods, forest fires, and beetle infestations, Senator UDALL fought to make sure the State had the Federal resources to contain the damage and aid the recovery.

We learn a lot about our leaders during a time of crisis, and time and again, Senator UDALL has proven the strength of his character and his convictions.

In the wake of the mass shooting in Aurora, CO, Senator UDALL threw his support behind a ban on combat weapons, as well as an amendment to expand background searches for gun purchases. It was a bold position to take politically, but the Udall family has a long tradition of taking bold positions whose wisdom is borne out by history: His grandfather issued a court decision that recognized Native Americans' right to vote; his uncle challenged discrimination by Washington's football team; and his father helped integrate the University of Arizona.

It is fitting that in Senator UDALL's last full week with the Senate he gave a stirring speech on the floor, demanding transparency in the way that our Nation treats suspected terrorists. Senator UDALL has also been one of the Senate's most vocal advocates for civil liberties, arguing passionately that our government's conduct must always respect both our values and the Constitution.

Personally, I have had the honor of working alongside Senator UDALL as co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease, teaming up on behalf of the National MS and Parkinson's Disease Registries Act. This past month we joined forces on an amendment that ensures women in the military will have access to quality health services, with a specific focus on maternity and preventive care.

I will miss our talks and our collaborations. But leaving the Senate will allow Senator UDALL to become an even more avid outdoorsman. While he has already climbed Mt. Everest and the 100 tallest peaks in his home State of Colorado, I have no doubt that he will soon conquer new and exciting challenges in the great outdoors.

And from listening to his farewell address, it is already apparent to me that Senator UDALL has achieved a clarity that will serve him forever after. ''As a lifelong mountain climber,'' he said, ''I have learned far more from the mountains I did not summit, than those that I did.''

I know I speak for many of us here when I say that I have learned a great deal from Senator UDALL, and I thank him for serving Colorado and our Nation in the U.S. Senate—and for being a great friend. Happy trails, Senator.

KAY HAGAN

Mr. President, I also wish to pay tribute to my dear friend and colleague, Senator KAY HAGAN from North Carolina.

KAY HAGAN has quite a collection of hats. There is the hat she wore as a lawyer in Greensboro. She wore one hat as a banker, another as a State legislator helping to write North Carolina's State budget. And when she excelled in each of these roles, the voters of North Carolina gave her another hat to wear, as their U.S. Senator.

KAY HAGAN joined us in January 2009, which was a difficult time for our Nation's economy. With her background in the banking sector and her knowledge of the housing finance system, she got right to work on rebuilding our economy, with a stronger foundation.

At the same time, she never allowed herself to be distracted from the needs specific to her North Carolina constituents. She recognized that North Carolina workers and small businesses were being threatened by unfair trade practices abroad, and she sought to address it.

She recognizes how vital military bases are to North Carolina's economy and to its culture, so she worked to protect them from cuts and closures. She was a leader for military families who care for disabled children, seeking to provide payments for them from the Survivor Benefit Plan. And it was Senator HAGAN who stepped up to help families at Camp Lejeune get access to health care, following one of the worst cases of water contamination in American history.

With two daughters of her own, Senator HAGAN knows about the demands of balancing child care with a career, and as Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Children and Families, she called attention to the need for paid leave. Senator HAGAN and I share important health care priorities: She cosponsored a bill to improve the care of mothers and babies by establishing higher quality standards for maternity care through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. And she has been a valuable ally on the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act, which would help doctors detect this disease earlier and provide more support for those taking care of a family member with Alzheimer's.

I had the distinct honor of teaming up with Senator HAGAN earlier this year to help pork farmers get disaster assistance after a deadly virus devastated their livestock. And we worked together to sound the alarm on student loan debt and to try to stop interest rates on Federal loans from rising.

We both come from States where hunting, fishing, and wildlife are important components to residents' quality of life. So I was pleased this past year to help Senator HAGAN push for her Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act, which sought to expand access to Federal lands while taking significant steps toward conserving the land we use for recreation.

I deeply regret that I will not be able to work with Senator HAGAN in the next Congress. But knowing how dear public service is to her, and how deeply that tradition is established in her family, I have no doubt that she will find new ways to serve the people of her beloved home State, and our Nation.

Senator HAGAN, thank you for your service and thank you for being a wonderful friend. I wish you the very best of luck in all your future endeavors.●

MARY LANDRIEU

● Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the many accomplishments of my friend, Senator MARY LANDRIEU, my colleague from Louisiana, during her 18 years here in the U.S. Senate.

Senator LANDRIEU was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1996. Prior to serving in the Senate, she had already served the people of her State for 16 years—first as a State legislator, and later as a State treasurer. Altogether Senator LANDRIEU's service to the people of Louisiana has spanned nearly 34 years of commitment to the people of Louisiana.

MARY served her constituents with utter conviction, dedication, and persistence—qualities that her colleagues in the U.S. Senate use to describe her.

However, Senator LANDRIEU's dedication can be described in other ways as well.

In her farewell remarks last week, Senator LANDRIEU discussed how faith and family helped drive her. She draws tremendous strength from her faith, and also her large and supportive family—a family that knows a thing or two about the ups and downs of politics.

Her father, Moon Landrieu, served as a judge, State representative, New Orleans city councilman and Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Her brother, Mitch Landrieu, was Louisiana's Lieutenant Governor, and both her father and brother have served as mayors of New Orleans—her father during an era of renewal, and her brother during an era of rebuilding.

MARY has clearly stepped up to the plate during the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and the horrendous BP oil spill. Those are the kinds of challenges that none of us expect when we enter public life—but they are the challenges which show our communities what we are made of.

Senator LANDRIEU rose to both challenges. She has worked as hard as any Senator has ever worked to see that her constituents were taken care of. She has pushed hard on Federal agencies to help rebuild, and passed legislation to help with Gulf restoration. She has also fought to see that flood insurance rates remain affordable—not just for those in Louisiana, but across the country.

Her efforts have earned the respect of everyone she has worked with, and she earned the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee as well as the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee. I know that the issues she championed on these two committees were important to her constituents and I admire her advocacy for jobs in her State and more opportunities for small businesses.

Of course, Senator LANDRIEU's work extended beyond these two committees. For years, she worked on adoption, education, conservation, and other issues that were near and dear to her heart.

All of us will miss MARY's drive, tenacity, and willingness to work with others to get things done. She will continue to be a tough and relentless fighter for Louisiana no matter what her next challenge will be.

Aloha, MARY, a hui hou, ''until we meet again.''

MARK PRYOR

Mr. President, I wish to say a few words about my colleague, Senator MARK PRYOR of Arkansas, who will be ending his tenure in the Senate at the end of this Congress.

The Pryor name is synonymous with public service in Arkansas. MARK's father, David, served Arkansas in the U.S. House, as Governor, and in the U.S. Senate. In fact, MARK succeeded his father in the U.S. Senate after serving in the State legislature and as attorney general.

Throughout his two terms in the Senate, MARK has been a workhorse and not a showhorse. As he noted in his farewell remarks, he is not one to attend many press conferences. But he certainly has done a lot of work on behalf of the people of Arkansas. In 12 years in the Senate he has worked to get 70 laws passed—many on a bipartisan basis.

His work improves the lives of Americans and our youth each day—from his work in consumer product safety, access to health care, veterans issues, and more. He has fought to protect Medicare, and to support Arkansas' farmers, small businesses, and middle class families.

That may be why in his 2008 reelection to the Senate he earned more votes than any statewide elected official in Arkansas history.

Senator PRYOR told us in his farewell to look inside our desks and see the names written in the drawer, to see the predecessors who have come before us. These names can serve as a reminder of what we all are here for and what large shoes we must fill, as well as how we must collaborate to get things done.

MARK has spoken about the fact that politics is about people—both the people we serve and the people we serve with.

While there are many good people serving here, we will all miss the work ethic, warmth, and charm that MARK brought to the Senate during his service.

It has been an honor serving as his colleague.

Aloha, MARK, a hui hou, ''until we meet again.''●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN D. DINGELL

● Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to an amazing colleague from my home State of Michigan, who has served in Congress for 59 years, the longest tenure of any Member in history: the dean of the House, JOHN D. DINGELL.

In fact, his service to our Nation goes back even further: In 1938 he worked as a congressional page and on December 8, 1941, he was on the floor to hear President Roosevelt declare that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a day that would live in infamy. In fact, a 15-year-old JOHN DINGELL helped record that speech.

Three years later he served America in Europe in the fight against Nazi Germany. He would have been in the Battle of the Bulge if he hadn't been hospitalized with meningitis. Then he joined the fight in the Pacific, making preparations to be in the first wave of American soldiers for the ground invasion of Japan—except that the Japanese surrendered before it could happen.

So JOHN DINGELL proved his patriotism long before he joined Congress in 1955, following the death of his beloved father, who preceded him as Representative for Michigan's 15th Congressional District.

It is hard to imagine, but Congressman DINGELL was a Member of Congress before Medicare and Medicaid existed. In fact, he helped vote those programs into law. When he joined Congress, the Interstate Highway System did not exist. Alaska and Hawaii were not yet States.

Congressman DINGELL is not merely a witness to history. He is a maker of it. His original family name, translated into Polish, meant ''blacksmith,'' and this is a man who hammered out our Nation's laws, forging a stronger Union that could weather the challenges of the future.

I would like to list all of Congressman DINGELL's accomplishments, but I would be accused of staging a filibuster. For the sake of brevity, I will list only the most exceptional moments in Congressman DINGELL's legendary career.

Perhaps his most courageous vote occurred in 1964, in favor of the Civil Rights Act. Advisers told him that vote would destroy his chances at reelection, but he had more faith in his constituents—and he refused to compromise the principles of social justice.

Health care was a great passion—one he inherited from his father. John Dingell, Sr., introduced a bill for universal health care in 1943, and though it failed, he continued to fight for it until the end of his life, and JOHN DINGELL, Jr., adopted that cause from his first day as his father's successor, proposing a bill to reform the health care system in every Congress since 1955. He has always believed that every American should have access to health care. So I know that voting for the Affordable Care Act was one of Congressman DINGELL's proudest moments in Congress.

As a boy he lived through America's Great Depression, and as a Congressman he helped to overcome America's great recession.

He witnessed the rise of the automobile industry and saw how those unionized workers powered the rise of

America's middle class. Then we fought together to make sure that American autos and American workers could compete with foreign competition on an even playing field. Congressman DINGELL recognized that this was the key to a new golden age of American cars and trucks. We are seeing that today.

While scientific consensus was still forming about threats pollution posed to our air and animals, JOHN DINGELL wrote the Endangered Species Act in 1973 and the major expansion of the Clean Air Act in 1990. In 2001, he created the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge—the very first of its kind in North America—and in the years since he has worked to expand refuge protection to more acres.

He loves Michigan dearly. He understands the connection our people have to manufacturing, to agriculture and to the land and Great Lakes that power our tourism industry and our Michigan way of life.

Even during the years he spent chairing the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, when Congressman Dingell was one of the most powerful Members of Congress, you could still find him waving to the crowd from the open top of a Ford Mustang convertible at Dearborn's Memorial Day Parade or at a booth at the Monroe County Fair, always with that same big smile. As Tip O'Neill once said, ''All politics is local,'' and local people are what JOHN DINGELL loves about politics.

The people of his district never doubted his dedication. That is why they would still put ''Dingell for Congress'' signs on their lawn, long after his district boundaries had changed. If a piece of Southeast Michigan was ''Dingell Country'' once, then it was Dingell Country forever.

And now he feels great pride—and his constituents feel great comfort—knowing that the district will remain in his family's hands. His beloved wife Deborah, who has been his closest confidant and understands him more intimately than anyone, will carry on his legacy long into the future. So if you go back to Congressman John Dingell, Sr., it means that Southeast Michigan has been under the Dingell name for 81 years—and counting.

While Congressman DINGELL will no longer be in Congress, we can still follow him on Twitter.

Even at age 88, he is constantly evolving, charging boldly into the future, driven by a very simple principle: We are put on this earth to help people.

JOHN D. DINGELL, Jr., has helped many people and yet he will insist that he has received much more than he has been given. He claims to be the ''luckiest man in shoe leather,'' and we are lucky that he has served Michigan and our Nation, so long and so faithfully.●

RECOGNIZING CARE CHEST OF SIERRA NEVADA

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 25th anniversary of Care Chest of Sierra Nevada, an organization that supplies free medical equipment to Northern Nevadans in need. As a provider of services to underserved communities, Care Chest has long been a vital nonprofit in Nevada, and I am proud of the work they do on behalf of the Silver State.

Founded in 1990, Care Chest began as a grassroots effort to reuse and recycle medical equipment. Today, this organization helps improve the quality of life for those who otherwise could not afford the rising cost of health care supplies. Twenty-five years later, Care Chest has served over 100,000 people in Northern Nevada. Last year alone, Care Chest served nearly 9,000 Nevadans and distributed over 16,000 medical items. Free of charge services provided by Care Chest include emergency prescriptions, diabetic supplies, respiratory items, and liquid nutritional products. Care Chest has dedicated its efforts to the underserved communities in Northern Nevada, as 69 percent of its clients in 2013 were uninsured while 55 percent were below the poverty line.

As Nevada's unemployment rate remains one of highest in the Nation and as health care costs continue to rise, I recognize the unique role that Care Chest has played in working to address the needs of its local community by offering health care services to those in need. As a lifelong Nevadan and member of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Special Committee on Aging starting in the 114th Congress, I am proud of the work Care Chest does on behalf of the Reno community and its senior citizens.

Today, I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing Care Chest of Sierra Nevada, an organization whose mission is both noble and charitable. I am humbled and honored to recognize Care Chest, and I wish them the best of luck in their 25th year of service to the State of Nevada.●

RECOGNIZING THE WELLS FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and congratulate the Wells, NV, Future Farmers of America chapter for winning a national title in the Western National Rangeland Career Development Event. As a lifelong Nevadan and advocate of agriculture education, I am proud to celebrate this victory for Wells and for the Silver State.

As a rancher, I recognize the role the Future Farmers of America organization plays in preparing students for a future in agriculture. The Western National Rangeland Convention, hosted in Elko, NV, brought 14 teams from five States to compete in various categories including plant identification, rangeland biodiversity, habitat evaluation, and stocking management. With nearly 6 million acres of farmland in the Silver State, these are invaluable skills for future Nevada farmers.

I am especially proud to recognize team members Wyatt Gibbs, Deseret Johnson, DeMar Gale, Chelsea James, and Justin Sorenson for representing the Wells community as leaders in rangeland farming techniques. Under the leadership of adviser Don Noorda, the Wells Future Farmers of America chapter proudly brought home Nevada's first national title. As ranch owners, my wife Lynne and I understand the importance of agriculture education. Management of our State's rangelands has been one of my top natural resources priorities in the U.S. Senate. Recently, I was instrumental in the enactment of the Grazing Improvement Act, which will provide much needed security to livestock producers all across the West.

Today, I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing the Wells Future Farmers of America, a group of driven young adults dedicated to Nevada's agriculture and rangeland. Their commitment to Nevada's agricultural future is commendable, and I wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.●

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JAMES CLEVELAND ''JESSE'' OWENS

On Tuesday, December 16, 2014, the Senate adopted S. Res. 226, with its preamble, as amended, as follows:

S. RES. 226

Whereas James Cleveland ''Jesse'' Owens was born on September 12, 1913 in Oakville, Alabama;

Whereas Jesse Owens, the youngest of 10 children of sharecroppers and the grandson of a slave, moved with his family at the age of 9 to Cleveland, Ohio as part of the Great Migration;

Whereas as a student at Fairmount Junior High School, Jesse Owens broke junior high school world records for the high jump and the broad jump;

Whereas Jesse Owens attended East Technical High School in Cleveland, Ohio where, as a member of the track team, he placed first in 75 of the 79 races he entered during his senior year, set the world record in the 220-yard dash, and tied the world record in the 100-yard dash;

Whereas Jesse Owens, the ''Buckeye Bullet'', matriculated at the Ohio State University in 1933 after attracting national attention as a high school athlete;

Whereas while attending classes, training, and breaking a number of track and field records, Jesse Owens worked various jobs, including as an elevator operator at the Ohio State Capitol, a waiter, a gas station attendant, and a library employee;

Whereas due to his race, Jesse Owens was barred from living on campus at the Ohio State University, denied service at restaurants near the University, and forced to stay in segregated hotels;

Whereas on May 25, 1935, in a 45-minute period during the Big Ten Track and Field Championships in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Jesse Owens, competing with an injured back, tied the world record in the 100-yard

dash and set new world records in the long jump, the 220-yard dash, and the 220-yard low hurdles;

Whereas as of the 2012 Summer Olympics, only two men had surpassed the long jump record Jesse Owens set in 1935;

Whereas at the 1936 Summer Olympics, Jesse Owens won 4 gold medals, tied the world record in the 100-meter dash, and set new Olympic records in the 200-meter race, the long jump, and the 400-meter relay;

Whereas Jesse Owens' resilience and heroic performance at the 1936 Summer Olympics exposed the struggle against racial bigotry and publicly defied Adolf Hitler's intention of proving that ethnicity was a predetermining factor for achievement;

Whereas the record-breaking performance by Jesse Owens at the 1936 Summer Olympics was never recognized by the 32nd President of the United States or the 33rd President of the United States, but was later recognized in 1955 by the 34th President of the United States, who referred to Jesse Owens as an ''Ambassador of Sport'';

Whereas following his Olympic career, Jesse Owens resumed his commitment to public service by spending much of his time working with community groups such as the Boys Clubs of America, chronicling his personal story to magnify the importance of equality and civil rights;

Whereas during the 1950s, Jesse Owens worked with the Department of State to promote democracy abroad as an Ambassador of Goodwill during the Cold War and advocated for socioeconomic equality, individuality, freedom, and love of country;

Whereas Jesse Owens was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by the 38th President of the United States in 1976 and the Living Legend Award by the 39th President of the United States in 1979, and was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by the 41st President of the United States in 1990; and

Whereas the integrity, courage, and strength of character that Jesse Owens demonstrated remain an example for all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors and celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of James Cleveland ''Jesse'' Owens; and

(2) supports and encourages the people of the United States to recognize the contributions of Jesse Owens to the Olympic Games, collegiate athletics, international race relations, and democracy.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JOE W. STRICKLAND ON HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF REPORTER OF DEBATES

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 2, 2015

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joe W. Strickland, the Chief Reporter of Debates, for his contributions to the House of Representatives during almost 22 years of service.

The House has employed Official Reporters of Debates since 1873, when the Speaker of the House took control of the privately-run Congressional Globe and the verbatim proceedings of events were published as the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—as they still are today.

It was a five-man operation back then, and the Reporters were praised in the New York Tribune for their ''intimate knowledge of the precedents and practice of the House, and of the national events, great and small, which have passed in close review before their eyes.''

Joe follows in that long tradition, noted in the Tribune, of ''superior ability'' and ''efficiency,'' though the office is now under the supervision of the Clerk of the House and has grown to 43 people. Joe has worked diligently to achieve the daunting task of maintaining an accurate record not only of House Floor proceedings but of House Committee work, as well. In addition to his managerial responsibilities, he has been front and center, reporting seven State of the Union speeches and several Joint Meetings to receive messages from foreign heads of state, such as Afghan President Hamid Karzai and French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Joe was born in central Texas and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene with a degree in music. A tenor, he regularly toured with an all-male quartet and performed at conventions and competitions from Moscow to Washington, DC, including engagements at the White House.

After college, Joe co-owned a travel and tour company and pursued several other passions before turning his sights on court reporting. Joe attended court reporting school outside of Dallas, and he quickly earned a position as a real-time captionist for a television station. A mere three years later, his skills won him a place as an Official Reporter of Debates for the U.S. House of Representatives, reporting both Committee and Floor debates. The Clerk of the House promoted Joe to Deputy Chief of the office in 2000, and he became Chief Reporter of Debates in 2005.

Joe is recognized by the National Court Reporters Association as a Registered Professional Reporter, a Certified Realtime Reporter, and a Certified Communication Access Realtime Translation provider—qualifications that place him among the elite in court reporting.

Mr. Speaker, the work of the Official Reporters of Debates has been an essential part of House operations for more than 140 years, and while the technology has changed, the dedication of the Reporters, like Joe, has not. We are sad to lose such a valuable member of the House Clerk's team, but we wish him and his family the very best during a long and happy retirement.

THE SAVANNAH HARBOR EXPANSION PROJECT

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 2, 2015

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the rule today. The underlying bill holds the line on spending, reducing it below the level of the past two years. Furthermore, this bill provides short term funding for the Department of Homeland Security and sets up an opportunity for the new Congress and Senate to repeal President Obama's unconstitutional executive order on immigration. It also holds the line on Obamacare and prohibits taxpayer bailouts of insurance companies. In addition to these things, there are a number of conservative measures I support and I want to focus on one in particular of local importance.

This bill clarifies that the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project is an ongoing construction, not a new start. Therefore, the Office of Management and Budget can and should fully support the project in the President's Budget. We can almost immediately begin dredging.

In 1997, through the Energy and Water Appropriations Committee, we allocated funds to support a study by the Georgia Ports Authority. That same year, the Georgia Ports Authority began a feasibility study of the project.

In 1998, the Harbor Expansion Feasibility Study Report was released, underscoring the importance of the project. Senator Cleland, Senator Coverdell and I worked with House and Senate Members and Conferees to be sure SHEP was included in WRDA. The bill became known as the WRDA bill of 1999 after it was signed into law by President Clinton. WRDA of 1999 included authorization for SHEP allowing the United States Army Corps of Engineers to release the record of decision, formally beginning the project.

The victory in WRDA never assured smooth sailing. Amidst growing competition from neighboring Charleston, Representative Floyd Spence, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said he would ''sink'' the project [AP, March 2000]. This began an ongoing battle with our neighbors from South Carolina about the port. Meanwhile, many environmentalists and other groups began to raise objections. In addition, the Fish and Wildlife Service threatened to step away from negotiations. As objections came up, meetings required by WRDA with stakeholders including local Judy Jennings, economic development interests and federal agencies became an important forum to defuse concerns among all parties and resolve problems. Even with continued discussions, Congress worked with the Clinton Administration to secure additional funding for the project.

In 2001, the Georgia Ports Authority and the United States Army Corps of Engineers issued a Memorandum of Understanding and announced that the Port of Savannah was a top ranked port and one of the fastest growing U.S. container ports. Funding was again increased that year, with additional funding secured over the President's budget request.

In 2002, the SHEP Project Management plan was released and the United States Army Corps of Engineers expressed their intent to draft another Environmental Impact Study.

In 2004, the major commitment by Georgia, both financially and politically, unified our message in Washington and was instrumental in moving the project up the priority list.

Further advancing the importance of this project was the approval of the Panama Canal expansion referendum in 2006. For example, in 2007, the Georgia House of Representatives passed H.R. 56 urging the Corps and the U.S. Congress to begin a study of the costs and effects of adding to the storage capacities of all Corps reservoirs in Georgia. Additionally, business groups, led by the Savannah Chamber of Commerce, ran efforts to push the project forward.

In 2008, as new WRDA legislation was debated in Congress, we again kept the project in WRDA and made sure that no amendments were allowed to adversely impact the project.

In 2009, we worked through the appropriations process to ensure funding for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Study in fiscal year 2010. Unfortunately, because so much time had lapsed and costs had increased, the project had to be reauthorized and adjusted each year.

In 2010, President Obama came to Savannah. Congressman BARROW and I had the opportunity to fly in Air Force One with him to discuss the project and followed up with a letter. He acted favorably but did not include it in the budget.

In 2011, even though the President's 2012 budget did not include an allotted budget for SHEP, the Director of the Executive Office of the President's Office of Management and Budget expressed the President's willingness to consider the project. That same year, the U.S. Transportation Secretary noted the economic importance of the port and the need to provide funding. SHEP faced a hurdle when the Corps' Water Qualification Certification was denied by South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control. However, by the end of the year, construction funds were secured for the project.

In 2012, Senator ISAKSON, Senator CHAMBLISS and I met with Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) Darcy and presented a letter asking for supportive language. This led to President Obama listing the Port of Savannah as a ''We Can't Wait'' port and a legislative fix

to a procedural hurdle to the beginning of the project through the appropriations process.

In 2013, we again asked for supportive legislative language, held delegation wide meetings and secured a provision in WRDA to reauthorize the project at updated funding levels, removing any question that the project would move forward.

This year, through work with WRDA Conferees and the Appropriations Committee, SHEP finally received the final budgetary and legislative actions necessary to move forward after all of these years in the WRRDA of 2014 and the Omnibus Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2015.

These actions, in addition to many others, were completed to support SHEP because it is crucial to the State of Georgia and the Port of Savannah is key to maintaining our nation's international competitiveness. The Port of Savannah's return on investment is approximately an impressive 5.5:1. As the nation's fourth largest container port, it is critically important that the harbor is deepened to ensure it continues to act as a gateway for business to Georgia and to the nation. Beyond the trade benefits, the Port of Savannah supports hundreds of thousands of jobs and contributes billions in revenue and state and local taxes each year. Serving companies located in all 50 states, Georgia's deep-water ports are strong economic engines for the entire United States.

This has been a long fight that I am proud to have been a part of. I am hopeful with the current status of the project. Again, it was a major team effort where the entire delegation, the business community, the state legislature and several governors supported the project.

RECOGNIZING MR. BRUCE ROLAND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CAO

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 2, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Bruce Roland, of Clifton, Va., on the occasion of his retirement today, January 2, 2015, after more than 29 years of invaluable service to the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Roland began his career with the House in December 1985, after working six years in the private sector. He was hired by former Clerk of the House, Ben Guthrie, as a Service Coordinator for Property Supply. Mr. Roland was responsible for initiating service and delivery orders and managing event setups.

He progressed to become the Assistant Purchasing Manager for the Operations Support Center, which offered an opportunity to learn new skills. Eventually, his tasks evolved into managing the budget and advocating for the financial needs of the Logistics & Support Office.

During the span of his career, Mr. Roland worked for the Directors of Non-Legislative and Financial Services including General Leonard Wischart and Randall Medlock. When that position was renamed the Chief Administrative Officer, he worked under Scott Faulkner, Jeff Trandahl, Jay Eagen, Dan Beard, Dan Strodel and the current CAO, Ed Cassidy.

For many years, he worked directly under Cosmo Quattrone and Tom Van Dyke in the Furnishings Department, lending his expertise in purchase orders, and acquiring items for the House. It soon became clear that he was proficient in budget and finance, so he took that task on full-time. Eventually, he became the Budget Point of Contact for the Logistics & Support Department, working closely with Deputy CAO, Walt Edwards and Chief Logistics Officer, Jerry Bennett.

Had Mr. Roland not worked for the House, he might have tried to become a professional golfer. He is an accomplished golfer and often played on teams fielded by the CAO for charity events. Mr. Roland says he now intends to enjoy a little more golf while balancing his responsibilities for his three children, his daughter, Antoinette, who is now in college, and twin boys, Robert and Anthony, following the passing of his wife, Marguerite, in 2013.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Bruce Roland for his distinguished service and tremendous contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Roland's duties, like those of all his colleagues within the CAO, are vital to helping make sure we are able to perform our duties as the elected representatives of our communities and the nation. I want to thank Mr. Roland for his commitment to public service, and I wish him and his family all the best as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, since before the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, experts have been concerned about the vulnerability of chemical plants to attack. These facilities hold large stores of industrial chemicals which pose a safety and security risk to the American people if they are released or detonated. A recent report found that more than 134 million Americans live in the vulnerability zones around chemical facilities. I have such a facility in my district, which is a very serious concern for the surrounding community.

These risks have not been adequately addressed, and this bill falls short of what is needed. The version of the bill before us now also includes a significant and unvetted change to the program that could make many high risk chemical facilities less secure. The self-certification provisions have not been evaluated in hearings or piloted. I am concerned about these provisions and I caution my colleagues that their implementation will require close oversight from Congress.

But this bill is a step forward. For far too long, this important program has been authorized in the appropriations process for the Department of Homeland Security. During last year's government shutdown, the authority for this program lapsed. Looking ahead to next Congress, the risk of another lapse is too great. When we voted on a previous version of this bill in July, I expressed my hope that the Senate could improve the legislation to strengthen this important program.

On some issues, the Senate was successful. The bill now includes an expanded role for workers and labor unions in developing site security plans and some important whistleblower protections.

However, this bill would leave significant problems in the underlying program in place.

The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program at the Department of Homeland Security has not been successful. The original rider that created the program blocked effective enforcement, leading to a lack of compliance. We saw the dangers of noncompliance when the West Fertilizer Company facility in West, Texas, exploded. Unfortunately, those limitations on enforcement would be preserved by this bill.

The original statute blocked the Department from requiring measures to reduce the consequences of a terrorist attack, and in the process created serious obstacles to disapproving site security plans that failed to meet the program's standards. This led to an approval process so complicated that it took more than five years for the Department to complete its review of the first facility. This bill preserves those obstacles.

Both of these challenges may be complicated further by the new self-certification program.

I expect this bill to pass today, and I welcome this step forward. But I call upon all of my colleagues who will be here in the next Congress to continue the important oversight of this program to provide the American people with the protection they expect and deserve.

INSULAR AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose this omnibus. It is critical to avoid another unnecessary and wasteful government shutdown, and I strongly believe that we must do that without extraneous and harmful policy riders.

The bill before us holds government operations hostage to a number of highly partisan, noxious policy riders. By proposing to repeal the so-called "swaps push out rule" enacted under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform law, it caters to the demands of big banks and puts taxpayers on the hook for their risky decisions. It allows special interests to funnel more money into Congressional political party committees, dramatically increasing the limit from $129,600 to $777,600 per year, or over $1.5 million per election cycle. Putting these provisions together will simply breed additional public cynicism about Congress granting special favors to powerful special interests in exchange for increased political contributions.

I also continue to oppose riders related to Guantanamo and those that meddle in the local business of the District of Columbia.

The fact that this bill only funds the Department of Homeland Security through February

is nothing more than a political stunt by my colleagues across the aisle. Instead of working to fix our broken immigration system, House Republicans have signaled that they are willing to shut down the Department of Homeland Security even though this will do nothing to prevent President Obama from expanding the deferred action program.

This bill also provides $5 billion in funding for the deployment of an additional 1,500 American troops to Iraq and up to $500 million to train and equip the so-called ''moderate'' Syrian rebels. As I outlined in my statement on the NDAA, Congress should have had the opportunity to amend those provision. I do not want us to be dragged into Iraq War 2.0 or more deeply into the Syrian civil war.

Without the inclusion of these measures, I would have been pleased to support a number of provisions in this bill. As a representative of many federal employees, I appreciate the one percent COLA for our dedicated federal workforce and pay adjustments for wage grade employees.

I support the additional funding for the National Institutes of Health, although we must do much more to support medical research. The bill also increases funding the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and provides emergency funding to address the ongoing Ebola crisis. It includes important funding for scientific research at NIST and the National Science Foundation, and rejects the House-passed rider that would have defunded climate change research. I support the investments in education, including Title I and IDEA, although more funding for these programs is necessary to support our nation's students.

The bill also includes critical funding for infrastructure, including $2.1 billion to build new transit lines, $500 million for TIGER grants for projects of national significance, and $150 million to allow the Washington area Metro system to make recommended safety and performance improvements.

This legislation also builds on efforts made in last year's MilCon-VA bill to end the claims backlog that continues to plague our VA regional offices, including the VA's Baltimore Regional Office. It includes $2.5 billion for the costs of processing disability claims—an increase of $40 million over the President's request and $69 million over last year's level.

I am pleased that this bill provides $73 million in funding for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. This will help provide Maryland with the necessary resources to implement the technology to automate criminal history and mental health records in our background check system. This legislation also fully funds many other important Department of Justice Programs, including $376 million for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants and $430 million for Violence Against Women programs.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that no bill of this magnitude is perfect. However, I cannot in good conscience vote to roll back critical taxpayer protections and allow monied special interests to buy more influence in Congress. We should strip these damaging provisions from the bill and pass an omnibus that works on behalf of taxpayers and strengthens the middle class.

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See Interim Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned sine die, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 125, until 12 noon on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: On Wednesday, December 17, 2014, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, after receiving testimony from Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Bryan W. Shaw, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin; Thomas William Ferkol, Jr., Washington University School of Medicine, Saint Louis, Missouri; Vicki Patton, Environmental Defense Fund, Boulder, Colorado; Gregory A. Wellenius, Brown University School of Public Health, Providence, Rhode Island; and Ross Eisenberg, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: public bills, H.R. 5889–5893; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 784 were introduced. **Pages H10335–36**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10336**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on December 18, 2014 as follows:

Report on Activities During the 113th Congress, Second Session (Committee on Agriculture) (H. Rept. 113–679); and

Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget, 113th Congress, Second Session (H. Rept. 113–680).

A report was filed on December 19, 2014 as follows:

Second Annual Report of Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (H. Rept. 113–681).

Reports were filed on December 22, 2014 as follows:

Activity Report of the Committee on the Judiciary for the period January 3, 2013 through December 15, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–682);

H.R. 5214, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–683);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Small Business 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–684);

H.R. 69, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–685);

H.R. 361, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and

scenic rivers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–686);

H.R. 706, to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–687);

H.R. 916, to improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–688);

H.R. 1103, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes, (H. Rept. 113–689);

H.R. 1363, to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–690);

H.R. 1561, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–691);

H.R. 1785, to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–692);

H.R. 1839, to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–693);

H.R. 3286, to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–694);

H.R. 3806, to authorize payment of funds in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of North Carolina, Swain County, North Carolina, and the United States Department of the Interior, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–695);

H.R. 4166, to transfer recreational management authority for Lake Berryessa in the State of California from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–696);

H.R. 4220, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota, (H. Rept. 113–697);

H.R. 4296, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–698, Part 1);

H.R. 4534, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–699);

H.R. 4979, to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–700);

H.R. 5003, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–701);

H.R. 5026, to prohibit closing or repurposing any propagation fish hatchery or aquatic species propagation program of the Department of the Interior unless such action is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–702);

H.R. 5139, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–703);

H.R. 5176, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–704);

H.R. 5203, to enhance the operation of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–705);

H.R. 5204, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve recreation opportunities and increase consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of recreation fees collected on public lands and forests, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–706, Part 1);

H.R. 5476, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–707);

S. 311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–708);

S. 363, to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–709);

S. 609, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–710);

H.R. 4742, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide

flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–711);

H.R. 712, to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–712, Part 1); and

S. 354, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–713).

Reports were filed on December 23, 2014 as follows:

Second Annual Report of Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–714);

H.R. 4342, to prohibit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration from relinquishing responsibility over the Internet domain name system until the Comptroller General of the United States submits to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect to such system (H. Rept. 113–715); and

Activity Report of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the Second Session of the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–716).

A report was filed on December 29, 2014 as follows:

Annual Report on the Activity of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–717).

Reports were filed on December 30, 2014 as follows:

Summary on the Activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–718);

Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the House Committee on Homeland Security 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–719);

Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–720); and

Second Annual Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Administration During the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–721).

A report was filed on December 31, 2014 as follows:

Second Annual Activity Report of the Committee on Financial Services for the period January 3, 2013 through January 2, 2015 (H. Rept. 113–722).

Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–723);

Committee on Appropriations Annual Report of Committee Activities, One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–724);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for the Second Session of the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–725);

Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules for the 113th Congress (H. Rept. 113–726);

Summary of Activities One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–727);

Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–728);

H.R. 1575, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require a provider of a commercial mobile service or an IP-enabled voice service to provide call location information concerning the user of such a service to law enforcement agencies in order to respond to a call for emergency services or in an emergency situation that involves risk of death or serious physical harm, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–729, Part 1);

Annual Report on the Activities of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attacks in Benghazi of the House of Representatives during the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–730);

H.R. 328, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property (H. Rept 113–731, Part 1);

H.R. 3300, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with an amendment (H. Rept 113–732, Part 1); and

H.R. 2748, to restore the financial solvency of the United States Postal Service and to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail, with an amendment (H. Rept 113–733, Part 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10327**

Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014: The House agreed by unanimous consent to lay on the table H.R. 647, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H10327.

Senate Referrals: S. 1800 and S. 684 were held at the desk. **Page H10327**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Sine Die Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and at 1:07 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 125, the second session of the 113th Congress adjourned sine die.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D1139)*

H.R. 43, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the ''Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–204)

H.R. 78, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Almeda Road in Houston, Texas, as the ''George Thomas 'Mickey' Leland Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–205)

H.R. 451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the ''Richard K. Salick Post Office''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–206)

H.R. 1391, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the ''London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–207)

H.R. 1707, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the ''James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–208)

H.R. 2112, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the ''National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–209)

H.R. 2203, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–210)

H.R. 2223, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the ''Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–211)

H.R. 2366, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–212)

H.R. 2678, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the ''Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–213)

H.R. 3085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the ''Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–214)

H.R. 3375, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the ''PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–215)

H.R. 3534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the ''Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–216)

H.R. 3682, to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 1961 Premier Drive in Mankato, Minnesota, as the ''Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–217)

H.R. 3957, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218–10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the ''Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–218)

H.R. 4189, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the ''Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–219)

H.R. 4443, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the ''Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–220)

H.R. 4812, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service,

and for other purposes. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–221)

H.R. 4919, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the ''Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–222)

H.R. 4924, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–223)

H.R. 4939, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the ''Neil Havens Post Office''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–224)

H.R. 5030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the ''Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–225)

H.R. 5106, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the ''Philmore Graham Post Office Building''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–226)

H.R. 5108, to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–227)

H.R. 5681, to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–228)

H.J. Res. 105, conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Bernardo de Gálvez y Madrid, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Gálvez. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–229)

S. 229, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 3900 Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the ''Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–230)

S. 1434, to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–231)

S. 2040, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–232)

S. 2917, to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–233)

S. 2921, to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 310 Home Boulevard in Galesburg, Illinois, as the ''Lane A. Evans VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic''. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–234)

H.R. 83, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes. Signed on December 16, 2014. (Public Law 113–235)

H.R. 669, to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–236)

H.R. 1067, to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–237)

H.R. 1204, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–238)

H.R. 1206, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–239)

H.R. 1281, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–240)

H.R. 1378, to designate the United States Federal Judicial Center located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the ''John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center'' and to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San

Diego, California, as the ''James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–241)

H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–242)

H.R. 2591, to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–243)

H.R. 2640, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–244)

H.R. 2719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–245)

H.R. 2952, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess the cybersecurity workforce of the Department of Homeland Security and develop a comprehensive workforce strategy, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–246)

H.R. 3027, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the ''Barry M. Goldwater Post Office''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–247)

H.R. 3044, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–248)

H.R. 3096, to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the ''Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–249)

H.R. 3329, to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–250)

H.R. 3374, to provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products by financial institutions to encourage savings, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–251)

H.R. 3468, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to extend insurance coverage to amounts held in a member account on behalf of another person, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–252)

H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–253)

H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–254)

H.R. 4193, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–255)

H.R. 4199, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas, as the ''Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–256)

H.R. 4276, to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–257)

H.R. 4416, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the ''Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–258)

H.R. 4651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas, as the ''Specialist Keith Erin Grace, Jr. Memorial Post Office''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–259)

H.R. 4771, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to more effectively regulate anabolic steroids. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–260)

H.R. 4926, to designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the ''James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–261)

H.R. 5050, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–262)

H.R. 5057, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external power supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–263)

H.R. 5069, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–264)

H.R. 5185, to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires

Learning Young Act of 2009. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–265)

H.R. 5331, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the ''Colonel M.J. 'Mac' Dube, USMC Post Office Building''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–266)

H.R. 5562, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the ''Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office Building''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–267)

H.R. 5687, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the ''Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office''. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–268)

H.R. 5705, to modify certain provisions relating to the Propane Education and Research Council. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–269)

H.R. 5739, to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of social security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–270)

H.R. 5816, to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–271)

H.R. 5859, to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–272)

S. 1000, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–273)

S. 1353, to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–274)

S. 1474, to amend the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to repeal a special rule for the State of Alaska, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–275)

S. 1683, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–276)

S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–277)

S. 2142, to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–278)

S. 2270, to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–279)

S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–280)

S. 2444, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–281)

S. 2519, to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–282)

S. 2521, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–283)

S. 2651, to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–284)

S. 2759, to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–285)

S. 3008, to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes. Signed on December 18, 2014. (Public Law 113–286)

H.R. 1068, to enact title 54, United States Code, ''National Park Service and Related Programs'', as positive law. Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–287)

H.R. 2754, to amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes. Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–288)

H.R. 2901, to strengthen implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to implement, leverage, and monitor and evaluate programs to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene to the world's poorest on an equitable and sustainable basis, and for other purposes. Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–289)

H.R. 3608, to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–290)

H.R. 3979, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–291)

H.R. 4030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18640 NW 2nd Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Father Richard Marquess-Barry Post Office Building". Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–292)

H.R. 4681, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes. Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–293)

H.R. 5462, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers. Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–294)

H.R. 5771, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes. Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–295)

S. 2673, to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel. Signed on December 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–296)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3, 2014 through December 31, 2014

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	136	134	..
Time in session	908 hrs., 15′	704 hrs., 24′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	6,934	10,325	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	1,854	..
Public bills enacted into law	61	163	224
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	1	1	..
Measures passed, total	501	565	1,066
Senate bills	95	57	..
House bills	153	375	..
Senate joint resolutions	6	4	..
House joint resolutions	8	7	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	6	4	..
House concurrent resolutions	23	25	..
Simple resolutions	210	93	..
Measures reported, total	*275	*373	648
Senate bills	190	7	..
House bills	51	302	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	1	4	..
Simple resolutions	29	58	..
Special reports	12	26	..
Conference reports	3	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	414	123	..
Measures introduced, total	1,432	2,500	3,932
Bills	1,126	2,085	..
Joint resolutions	18	27	..
Concurrent resolutions	14	53	..
Simple resolutions	274	335	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	366	248	..
Recorded votes	..	315	..
Bills vetoed	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 192 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 402 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3, 2014 through December 31, 2014

Civilian nominations, totaling 654 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	474
Withdrawn	14
Returned to White House	166
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 3,585, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,602
Returned to White House	983
Air Force nominations, totaling 4,424, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,200
Withdrawn	1
Returned to White House	223
Army nominations, totaling 6,379, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,325
Withdrawn	1
Returned to White House	53
Navy nominations, totaling 3,877, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,875
Returned to White House	2
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 879, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	878
Returned to White House	1

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	2
Total nominations received this Session	19,796
Total confirmed	18,354
Total unconfirmed	0
Total withdrawn	16
Total returned to the White House	1,428

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 p.m., Tuesday, January 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Following the presentation of the certificates of election and the swearing-in of elected Members, there will be a required live quorum.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 6

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Convening of the first session of the 114th

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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