

**BILL PRESENTED TO THE
PRESIDENT**

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 23, 2017, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 1228. To provide for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 27, 2017, at noon for morning-hour debate.

**EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.**

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

914. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Minority and Women Outreach Program (RIN: 2590-AA87) received March 23, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

915. 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; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 150916863-6211-02] (RIN: 0648-XE878) received March 23, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

916. 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; 2016 Commercial Accountability Measures and Closure for South Atlantic Greater Amberjack [Docket No.: 100812345-2142-03] (RIN: 0648-XE896) received March 23, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

917. A letter from the Acting DDA for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Russian River Estuary Management Activities [Docket No.: 160929897-7222-02] (RIN: 0648-BG37) received March 23, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 228. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1628) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2017 (Rept. 115-58). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 1430. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (Rept. 115-59). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROOKS of Alabama:

H.R. 1718. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, Natural Resources, the Judiciary, House Administration, Rules, and Appropriations, 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. DESAULNIER (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. POLIS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. BEYER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 1719. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself and Mr. PASCRELL):

H.R. 1720. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules applicable to length of service award plans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROUZER:

H.R. 1721. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate at least one city in the United States each year as an "American World War II City", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. STEWART, Mr. HARPER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. BABIN, Mr. FLORENTHOLD, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. FLORES, Mr. YOHO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. ALLEN):

H.R. 1722. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 1723. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a limitation on the time for the use of contributions or donations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. TAKANO (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 1724. A bill to amend title V of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to prohibit Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants from being made available to a State or unit of local government that has a contract with a person that charges a fee to pay-only probationers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WALZ (for himself, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire):

H.R. 1725. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of medical evidence provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals in support of claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY
STATEMENT**

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

By Mr. BROOKS of Alabama:

H.R. 1718.

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

Article 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 1719.

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

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 1720.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. ROUZER:

H.R. 1721.

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

Article I Section 8

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, of the US Constitution

By Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia:

H.R. 1722.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 1723.