The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Riffle, St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

O God, Who arranges all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to You for our country, that through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured.

As we pause in these coming days of celebration and rest to be with our families and friends, prepare our hearts to welcome a new year that is filled with Your guidance and grace.

Heavenly Father, in this joyful season be most especially with our military and all who serve our country, especially those separated from family and friends, and may they and their loved ones know the gratitude and esteem we have for them and for their service.

We ask this all in Your most holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 493, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Missouri (Mrs. Emerson) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Emerson 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.

TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX CUT CONTINUATION ACT OF 2011

Mrs. Emerson, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and the Budget be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3765) to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Missouri?

Mr. HOYER, Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I know that the American people are pleased that we have come together to agree on this extension to give certainty and peace of mind to the 100 million Americans who are concerned about losing their tax cut, the 48 million seniors who were concerned about their Medicare, and the 2.3 million people who are unemployed and seeking work who were fearful of losing their benefits.

I thank the Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Missouri, and I withdraw my reservation.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3765

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the “Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011.”

(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX RELIEF

SEC. 101. Extension of payroll tax holiday.

TITLE II—TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. Temporary extension of unemployment compensation provisions.


TITLE III—TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF HEALTH PROVISIONS

Sec. 301. Medicare physician payment update.

Sec. 302. 2-month extension of MMA section 508 reclassifications.

Sec. 303. Extension of Medicare work geographic adjustment floor.

Sec. 304. Extension of exceptions process for Medicare therapy caps.

Sec. 305. Extension of payment for technical component of certain physician pathology services.

Sec. 306. Extension of ambulance add-ons.

Sec. 307. Extension of physician fee schedule mental health add-on payment.

Sec. 308. Extension of outpatient hold harmless provision.

Sec. 309. Extending minimum payment for bone mass measurement.

Sec. 310. Extension of the qualifying individual (QI) program.

Sec. 311. Extension of Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA).

Sec. 312. Extension of the temporary assistance for needy families program.

TITLE IV—MORTGAGE FEES AND PREMIUMS

Sec. 401. Guarantee fees.

Sec. 402. FHA guarantee fees.

TITLE V—OTHER PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Keystone XL Pipeline

Sec. 501. Permit for Keystone XL pipeline.

Subtitle B—Budgetary Provisions

Sec. 511. Senate point of order against an emergency designation.

Sec. 512. PAYGO scorecard estimates.

TITLE I—TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX RELIEF

SEC. 101. Extension of payroll tax holiday.

(a) In General.—Subsection (c) of section 601 of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act
of 2010 (26 U.S.C. 1401 note) is amended to read as follows:

'(c) PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY PERIOD.—The term ‘payroll tax holiday period’ means the tax holiday period described in subsection (a)(1), calendar years 2011 and 2012, and

'(b) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2012.—Section 601 of such Act (26 U.S.C. 1401(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

'An amount determined by the Secretary of the Treasury as the number of employees of any employer with respect to whom the employer is entitled to a payroll tax holiday under section 201(a)(1) shall be applied as if it read as follows:

'(A) $18,350, over

'(B) the amount of wages and compensation received during the period of the payroll tax holiday period occurring during 2012 subject to tax under section 3101(a) of such Code or section 3201(a) of such Code.

'(2) Coordination with deduction for employment taxes.—In the case of a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2011, and taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011.

'(1) LIMITATION ON SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2012, subsection (a)(1) shall only apply with respect to so much of the taxpayer’s self-employment income (as defined in section 1402(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) as does not exceed the excess (if any) of:

'&(A) $18,350, over

'&(B) the amount of wages and compensation received during the period of the payroll tax holiday period occurring during 2012 subject to tax under section 3101(a) of such Code or section 3201(a) of such Code.

'(b) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2012.—

'(1) LIMITATION ON SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2012, subsection (a)(1) shall only apply with respect to so much of the taxpayer’s self-employment income (as defined in section 1402(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) as does not exceed the excess (if any) of:

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'&(B) the amount of wages and compensation received during the period of the payroll tax holiday period occurring during 2012 subject to tax under section 3101(a) of such Code or section 3201(a) of such Code.

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'(1) LIMITATION ON SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2012, subsection (a)(1) shall only apply with respect to so much of the taxpayer’s self-employment income (as defined in section 1402(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) as does not exceed the excess (if any) of:

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'&(A) $18,350, over

'&(B) the amount of wages and compensation received during the period of the payroll tax holiday period occurring during 2012 subject to tax under section 3101(a) of such Code or section 3201(a) of such Code.

'(2) Coordination with deduction for employment taxes.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2012, subsection (a)(1) shall only apply with respect to so much of the taxpayer’s self-employment income (as defined in section 1402(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) as does not exceed the excess (if any) of:

'&(A) $18,350, over

'&(B) the amount of wages and compensation received during the period of the payroll tax holiday period occurring during 2012 subject to tax under section 3101(a) of such Code or section 3201(a) of such Code.

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'(1) LIMITATION ON SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2012, subsection (a)(1) shall only apply with respect to so much of the taxpayer’s self-employment income (as defined in section 1402(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) as does not exceed the excess (if any) of:

'&(A) $18,350, over

'&(B) the amount of wages and compensation received during the period of the payroll tax holiday period occurring during 2012 subject to tax under section 3101(a) of such Code or section 3201(a) of such Code.
SEC. 304. EXTENSION OF EXCEPTIONS PROCESS FOR MEDICARE THERAPY CAPS.
Section 1833(g)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(g)(5)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting “February 29, 2012”.

SEC. 305. EXTENSION OF PAYMENT FOR TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF PHYSICIAN PATHWAY SERVICES.
Section 542(c) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2008, as amended by section 1(a)(6) of Public Law 109-344, is amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting “February 29, 2012”.

SEC. 306. EXTENSION OF AMBULANCE ADD-ONS.
(a) SUPER RURAL AMBULANCE.—Section 1834(l)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(13)(A)) is amended—
(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “and 2011” and inserting “through February 2011”;
(2) in subsection (b), by striking “and 2011” and inserting “through February 2011”;
(3) in subsection (c)(2)(A), by striking “2009, and before March 1, 2012,” and inserting “through February 29, 2012,”; and
(4) in subsection (c)(2)(B)(iv), by striking “or 2011” and inserting “through February 2011”;
(b) EXTENDING TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION.—Section 1834(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(13)(A)) is amended—
(1) in paragraph (2)—
(A) by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (B), and
(B) by striking “February 2011” and inserting “February 2012”;
(2) in subsection (c)(2)(B)(iv), by striking “or 2011” and inserting “through February 2011”;
(3) in subsection (c)(2)(B)(iv), by striking “February 2011” and inserting “February 2012”;
(4) in subsection (c)(2)(B)(iv), by striking “February 2011” and inserting “February 2012”;
(c) SUPER RURAL AMBULANCE.—Section 1834(l)(12)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(12)(A)) is amended by striking “January 1, 2012” and inserting “March 1, 2012”.

SEC. 307. EXTENSION OF PHYSICIAN FEE SCHED- ULAR RENTAL MENTAL HEALTH ADD-ON PAY- MENT.
Section 1314(a)(1) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-114), as amended by section 103(a)(2) of the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-309), is amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting “February 29, 2012”.

SEC. 308. EXTENSION OF OUTPATIENT HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION.
Section 1833(t)(7)(D)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395t(b)(7)(D)(i)), as amended by section 3107(a)(2) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) and section 101(b) of the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-309), is amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting “February 29, 2012”.

SEC. 309. EXTENDING MINIMUM PAYMENT FOR BONE MASS MEASUREMENT.
Section 1854(b)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(d)(5)) is amended by striking “100–119” and inserting “100–124”.

SEC. 310. EXTENSION OF THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL (QI) PROGRAM.
(b) EXTENDING TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION.—Section 1902(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(E)(iv)) is amended—
(1) in paragraph (2)—
(A) by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (B), and
(B) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting “February 2012”;
(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting “February 2012”;
(3) in subparagraph (P)(iv), by striking “2011” and inserting “2012”;
(c) AMOUNT.—The amount of the increase required under this section shall be determined by the Secretary by subtracting 10 basis points from an average increase of 10 basis points for each origination quarter or year above the average increase imposed in 2011 for such guarantees. The Secretary shall determine the amount of such increases by averaging the average fees imposed in 2011 for such guarantees. The Secretary shall make a reimbursement to the Federal Government for mortgage-backed securities, if—
(1) the guarantee is inconsistent with the requirements of this section; or
(2) the risk of loss is allowed to increase, through lowering of the underwriting standards or other means, for the primary purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

SEC. 311. EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL MEDICARE BENEFITS (TMB) PROGRAM.
Sections 1902(e)(1)(B) and 1925(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(1)(B) and 1395f) are each amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting “February 29, 2012”.

SEC. 312. EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY AS- SISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.
Activities authorized by part A of title IV and section 1108(b) of the Social Security Act (other than under subsections (a) and (b)) of section 1108(b) are each amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting “February 29, 2012”.

SEC. 313. TITLE IV—MORTGAGE FEES AND PREMIUMS
SEC. 401. GUARANTEE FEES.
(a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
(1) GUARANTEE FEE.—The term ‘guarantee fee’—
(A) means a fee described in subsection (b); and
(B) includes—
(i) the guaranty fee charged by the Federal National Mortgage Association with respect to participation certificates.
(2) AVERAGE FEES.—The term ‘average fees’ means the average contractual fee rate charged by mortgage-backed securities by an enterprise entered into during 2011, plus the recognition of any up-front cash payments over an estimated average life, extending beyond the first 2 months of 2012, and other obligations based on or backed by mortgages on residential real properties designed principally for occupancy of from 1 to 4 families, consummated after the date of enactment of this section.
(3) AMOUNT.—The amount of the increase required under this section shall be determined by the Secretary by subtracting 10 basis points from an average increase of 10 basis points for each origination quarter or year above the average fees imposed in 2011 for such guarantees. The Secretary shall determine the amount of such increases by averaging the average fees imposed in 2011 for such guarantees. The Secretary shall make a reimbursement to the Federal Government for mortgage-backed securities, if—
(1) the guarantee is inconsistent with the requirements of this section; or
(2) the risk of loss is allowed to increase, through lowering of the underwriting standards or other means, for the primary purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

SEC. 315. DEPOSIT IN TREASURY.—Amounts received from fees increases imposed under this section shall be deposited directly into the United States Treasury, and shall be available only to the extent provided in subsequent appropriations Acts. The fees charged pursuant to this section shall not be considered a reimbursement to the Federal Government for the costs or subsidy provided to an enterprise.

SEC. 316. PHASE-IN.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may provide for compliance with subsection (b) by allowing each enterprise to increase the guarantee fee charged by the enterprise gradually over the 2-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this section, in a manner sufficient to comply with this section. In determining a schedule for such increases, the Director shall—
(A) provide for uniform pricing among lenders;
(B) provide for adjustments in pricing based on risk levels; and
(C) take into consideration conditions in financial markets.

SEC. 317. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to undermine the minimum increase required by subsection (b).

SEC. 402. INFORMATION COLLECTION AND ANNUAL ANALYSIS.—The Director shall not hire each enterprise to provide to the Director, as part of its annual report submitted to Congress—
(1) a description of—
(A) changes made to up-front fees and annual fees as part of the guarantee fees negotiated with lenders;
“(B) changes to the riskiness of the new borrowers compared to previous origination years or book years; and

(C) any adjustments required to improve for future origination years or book years, in order to be in complete compliance with subsection (b); and

(2) an assessment of how the changes in the guarantee fees described in paragraph (1) met the requirements of subsection (b).

(e) ENFORCEMENT.—

(1) REQUIRED ADJUSTMENTS.—Based on the information provided in section (d) and any other information the Director deems necessary, the Director shall require an enterprise to make adjustments in its guarantee fee in order to be in compliance with subsection (b).

(2) NONCOMPLIANCE PENALTY.—An enterprise that has been found to be out of compliance with subsection (b) for any 2 consecutive years shall be precluded from providing any guarantee for a period, determined by rule of the Director, but in no case less than 1 year.

(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted as preventing the Director from initiating and implementing enforcement action against an enterprise, at a time the Director deems necessary, under other existing enforcement authority.

(f) EXPIRE.—The provisions of this section shall expire on October 1, 2021.

SEC. 402. FHA GUARANTEE FEES.

(a) Amendment.—Section 203(c)(2) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(1) and no action is taken by the President under subsection (a) not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall, not later than 15 days after the date of the determination, submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives a report that provides a justification for determination, including the specific criteria, methodology, energy security, foreign policy, trade, and environmental factors.

(b) EFFECT OF NO FINDING OR ACTION.—If a determination is not made under paragraph (1) and no action is taken by the President under subsection (a) not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline is not in the national interest.

(c) REQUIREMENTS.—The permit granted under subsection (a) shall require the following:

(1) The permittee shall comply with all applicable Federal laws (including regulations) and all applicable industrial codes regarding the construction, operation, and maintenance of the United States facilities.

(2) The permittee shall obtain all requisite permits from Canadian authorities and relevant Federal, State, and local governmental agencies.

(3) The permittee shall take all appropriate measures to prevent or mitigate any adverse environmental impact or disruption of historic preservation with the construction, operation, and maintenance of the United States facilities.

(d) MODIFICATION.—The permit issued under subsection (a) may be modified by the President to approve the route within the State of Nebraska.

(e) EFFECT OF NO APPROVAL.—If the President does not approve the route within the State of Nebraska submitted by the Governor of Nebraska under subsection (d)(3)(B) not later than 10 days after the date of submission, the route submitted by the Governor of Nebraska under subsection (d)(3)(B) shall be considered approved, pursuant to the terms of the permit described in subsection (a) that meets the requirements of subsection (c) and this subsection, by operation of law.

(f) PRIVATE PROPERTY SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section alters the Federal, State, or local processes or conditions in effect for the acquisition of Federal permits that are similar to a permit issued under subsection (a).

(g) CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION AND RECLAMATION.—In accordance with—

(1) the United States portions of the final environmental impact statement issued under subsection (d); and

(B) the special conditions agreed to be included in the permits for the Keystone XL pipeline.

(h) DEDICATED FUNDS.—In accordance with—

(1) the Reclamation Plan found in appendix U of the final environmental impact statement described in paragraph (A); and

(2) the special conditions agreed to be included in the permits for the Keystone XL pipeline.

(i) RECLAMATION.—In accordance with—

(1) the Reclamation Plan described in paragraph (5)(A) shall not require supplementary regulations or orders; and

(2) the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facilities shall be in all material respects similar to that described in the application described in subsection (a) and in accordance with the certificates, reports, conference report, if a point of order is made by a Senator against an emergency designation, and conference report, if a point of order is made by a Senator against an emergency designation in that measure, that provision making a designation shall be stricken from the measure and may not be offered as an amendment from the floor.

SEC. 501. PERMIT FOR KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—When the Senate is considering a bill, resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report, if a point of order is made by a Senator against an emergency designation in that measure, that provision making a designation shall be stricken from the measure and may not be offered as an amendment from the floor.

(2) SUPERIORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—(A) WAIVER.—Paragraph (1) may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by
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:


H.R. 1059. An act to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1540. An act making appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, military construction, and defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2056. An act to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader:

House of Representatives,
Washington, DC, December 21, 2011.
Hon. John Boehner,
Speaker of the House, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.


Ms. Carolee Bankolewew, Washington, DC.
Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler, Great Falls, VA.

Thank you for your attention to these appointments.

Sincerely,
Nancy Pelosi,
House Democratic Leader.
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:

The following actions occurred on December 22, 2011

Mr. KLINE: Committee on Education and the Workforce. Second Semianual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce During the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-338). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Small Business. Second Semianual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business During the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-339). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Agriculture. Second Semianual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Agriculture During the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-340). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. Second Semianual Report of the Activities of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs During the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-341). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1173. A bill to repeal the CLASS program; with an amendment (Rept. 112-342 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2882. A bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-343 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2779. A bill to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; with an amendment (Rept. 112-394 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2794. A bill to refine the definition of swap execution facility in the provisions regulating swap markets added by title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; with amendments (Rept. 112-394 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. Second Semianual Report of the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources During the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-346). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HALL: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Second Semianual Report of Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-347). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MICA: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Second Semianual Report of the Activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-348). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Second Semianual Report of the Activities of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-349). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The following actions occurred on December 23, 2011

H.R. 1173. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than February 1, 2012.

H.R. 2882. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than February 1, 2012.

H.R. 2779. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than February 1, 2012.

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. CAMP:

H.R. 3765. A bill to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on 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. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. MCKINLEY):

H.R. 3766. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties with respect to employers’ conduct relating to persons engaging in sexual conduct with children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. MILLER of Florida (for himself, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. JONES, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BUTZEL, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. ROHRABACKER, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, and Mr. BACHUS), for the period ending not later than February 1, 2012.

By Mr. BACHUS:

H.R. 3766. A bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.

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 to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution:

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 3765. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 7 and Clause 18 of Section 8, of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3766.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Art. I, Sec. 8, Cl. 3; Commerce Clause
Art. I, Sec. 8, Cl. 1; General Welfare Clause
By Mr. MILLER of Florida:
H.R. 3767.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:
H.R. 205: Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 304: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
H.R. 750: Mr. GOSAR.
H.R. 835: Mr. CARNEY and Mr. PIERLUISI.
H.R. 1111: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1167: Mr. Ross of Florida.
H.R. 1219: Mr. GRAVES of Georgia.
H.R. 1351: Mr. TURNER of New York.
H.R. 1513: Mr. COSTELLO and Mr. SHULER.
H.R. 1653: Mr. SHULER.
H.R. 1681: Ms. HANABUSA.
H.R. 1738: Ms. WATERS.
H.R. 1856: Mr. POSSEY.
H.R. 1964: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1978: Mr. RIVERA and Ms. DELAUNO.
H.R. 2090: Mr. ROHRABACHER.
H.R. 2412: Mr. ACKRIMAN.
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H. Res. 489: Mr. FLEMING.
H. Res. 505: Mr. HONDA, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. SMITH of Washington.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

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The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Ways and Means in H.R. 3765, the “Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011,” do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives.