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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

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The CHAIRMAN (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Chairman, personal reasons prevent me from being present for legislative business scheduled for today, Thursday, June 17, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on ordering the previous question (rollcall No. 256); "no" on H. Res. 681, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4520 (rollcall No. 257); "aye" on the motion offered by Mr. RANGEL to recommit the bill H.R. 4520 (rollcall No. 258); "no" on final passage of H.R. 4520 (rollcall No. 259); "aye" on approving the Journal (rollcall No. 260); "aye" on the amendment to H.R. 4568 offered by Mr. HINCHEY (rollcall No. 261); "ave" on the amendment to H.R. 4568 offered by Mr. SAND-ERS (rollcall No. 262); "aye" on the amendment to H.R. 4568 offered by Mr. HOLT (rollcall No. 263); and "aye" on final passage of H.R. 4568 (rollcall No. 264).

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose: and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GAR-RETT of New Jersey) having assumed the chair, Mr. GILLMOR, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

AMERICAN ENERGY NEEDS

(Mr. MURPHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, this summer Americans are facing recordhigh prices for gasoline. There are some who think we can lower prices by diverting oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve. This is shortsighted and wrong. Not only would releasing oil have a short-term, negligible impact on prices, it would wipe out our reserves, leaving us vulnerable to terrorist attacks targeting pipelines and oil transportation.

In 1973, America was 30 percent dependent on foreign oil. Today that number has doubled to an all-time high of nearly 60 percent.

We must develop a three-point plan to stop this dependence and lower fuel prices. We can start with conservation. Fuel-efficient vehicles, decreasing energy use in Federal buildings by 20 percent. and improved incentives for conservation products will help reduce energy demands.

We must diversify our energy sources. Our own coal reserves can provide hundreds of years of energy and clean-coal power plants can alleviate environmental concerns with older plants, and we can make better use of nuclear energy, which currently provides only 20 percent of the Nation's electricity.

We must explore more domestic sources. The resources are here, along with environmentally sound ways to tap into them. There are 16 million acres in ANWR and proposals to drill there would include only an area equivalent to the size of a hand on a football field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we move forward on these issues to help with our energy needs in the future.

High fuel prices and a dangerous dependence on foreign oil are a problem for all Americans. It adds costs to fuel and goods. We cannot afford to let this become a partisan issue, nor should we engage in shortsighted solutions that in the end are not solutions at all

We need to solve the energy problems for the American people. That future must be our priority.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8570. A letter from the Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule -TRICARE Program; Inclusion of Anesthesiologist Assistants as Authorized Providers; Coverage of Cardiac Rehabilitation in Freestanding Cardiac Rehabilitation Facilities. (RIN: 0720-AA76) received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

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8572. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule - Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Multiyear Procurement Authority for Environmental Services for Military Installations [DFARS Case 2003-D004] received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8573. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Berry Amendment Changes [DFARS Case 2003-D099] received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8574. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Timothy A. Kinnan, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8575. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting Authorization of the enclosed list of officers of the United States Air Force to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services

8576. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting Authorization for Major General Roger A. Brady and Brigadier General Michael A. Collings of the United States Air Force to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8577. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Merchant Marine Training [Docket Number: MARAD-2004-17760] (RIN: 2133-AB60) received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8578. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule - Government Securities Act Regulations; Protection of Customer Securities and Balances (RIN: 1505-AA94) received June 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8579. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Assistance to Private Sector Property Insurers; Extension of Term of Arrangement (RIN: 1660-AA29) received May 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8580. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7829] received May 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8581. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Organization and Operations of Federal Credit Unions; Description of NCUA — received May 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8582. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule - OMB Control Numbers — received May 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8583. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Disclosure of Breakpoint Discounts by Mutual Funds [Release Nos. 33-8427; 34-49817; IC-264641 File No. S7-28-03] (RIN: 3235-AI95) received June 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8584. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Alternative Net Capital Requirements for Broker-Dealers That Are Part of Consolidated Supervised Entities [Release No. 34-49830; File No. S7-21-03] (RIN: 3235-AI96) received June 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8585. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Supervised Investment Bank Holding Companies [Release No. 34-49831; File No. S7-22-03] (RIN: 3235-AI97) received June 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8586. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Service, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research — Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program — Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RIN: 1820-ZA33) received June 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8587. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad with Belgium, Greece, Turkey, Israel, Poland, and the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. DDTC 024-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

8588. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad with Germany (Transmittal No. DTC 004-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

8589. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Sweden (Transmittal No. DDTC 045-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8590. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract with Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 053-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8591. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment sold commercially to South Korea (Transmittal No. DDTC-043-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

8592. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

8593. A letter from the Chair, Commission on International Religious Freedom, transmitting the Commission's 2004 Annual Report, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6412 Public Law 105—292 section 102; to the Committee on International Relations.

8594. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting in accordance with Section 21(c)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act, Executive Order 11598 and Department of Defense Directive 5105.65, a report on the death of an employee of Vinnell Arabia; to the Committee on International Relations.

8595. A letter from the Chairman of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the Inspector General of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for the period October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8596. A letter from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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8602. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting in response to the annual Competitive Sourcing reporting requirement contained in section 647(b) of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, for FY 2004, Pub. L. 108-199, a report on the Department's Competitive Sourcing program for FY 2003; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8603. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8604. A letter from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Inspector General and management's report for the period ending March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8605. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting Pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(j), the Commission's annual report for calendar year 2003; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8606. A letter from the Chairman and General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General of the National Labor Relations Board for the period October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8607. A letter from the Acting Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting as required by Section 647(b) of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2004, Pub. L. 108-199, the Foundation's report on its competitive sourcing efforts for FY 2003; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8608. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's annual inventory as required by Public Law 105-270, the Federal Activites Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8609. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill "To modify the boundary of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Resources.

8610. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Iowa Regulatory Program [IA-013-FOR] received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8611. A letter from the Director of the Interior, 8611. A letter from the Director of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — West Virginia Regulatory Program [WV-101-FOR] received June 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8612. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Maryland Regulatory Program [MD-053-FOR] received June 14, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8613. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Canyonlands National Park — Salt Crrek Canyon (RIN: 1024-AD23) received June 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources. 8614. A letter from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the 2003 report on the Status of Fisheries of the United States, pursuant to Section 304 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act on October 11, 1996; to the Committee on Resources.

8615. 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 and in the Western Pacific; Highly Migratory Species Fisheries [Docket No. 031125294-4091-02; I.D. 102903C] (RIN: 0648-AP42) received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8616. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Westerm Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Temporary Closure for the Shore-based Whiting Sector [Docket No. 031216314-4118-03; I.D. 052004B] (RIN: 0648-AR54) received June 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8617. 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 and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2004 Management Measures [Docket No. 040429135-4135-01; I.D. 042204G] (RIN: 0648-AS03) received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8618. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Sea Turtle Conservation: Additional Exception to Sea Turtle Take Prohibitions [Docket No. 040127028-4130-02; I.D. 012104B] (RIN: 0648-AR69) received June 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8619. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Designation of the ATI Group of Transient Killer Whales as a Depleted Stock Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) [Docket No. 031003245-4160-02; I.D. 122702A] (RIN: 0648-AR14) received June 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8620. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery off the Atlantic States [Docket No. 031007250-4079-02; I.D. 091503E] (RIN: 0648-AO63) received May 28, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8621. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rock Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area [Docket No. 031124287-4060-02; I.D. 051804B] received June 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Besources.

8622. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting in accordance with the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998, the Department's FY 2003 inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary. 8623. A letter from the Secretaries, Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report for FY 2003 regarding the implementation of the health coordination and sharing activities portion of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 107-314) and an estimate of the cost to prepare this report, as required by Title 38, Chapter 1, Section 116, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8111(f); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs.

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. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 4471. A bill to clarify the loan guarantee authority under title VI of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (Rept. 108-550). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 3797. A bill to authorize improvements in the operations of the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. 108–551 Pt. 1).

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 3751. A bill to require that the Office of Personnel Management study and present options under which dental and vision benefits could be made available to Federal employees and retirees and other appropriate classes of individuals; with amendments (Rept. 108-552). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Financial Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3797 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3797. Referral to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Financial Services extended for a period ending not later than June 17, 2004.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 4603. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the nonrecognition of gain on real property held by individuals or small businesses which is involuntarily converted as the result of the exercise of eminent domain, without regard to whether such property is replaced; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. PORTER):

H.R. 4604. A bill to improve railroad security and to authorize railroad security funding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HOYER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. MENENDEZ, MS. WOOLSEY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. KIND, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WU, Mr. HOLT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, MS. MAJETTE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. BISHOP of New York):

H.R. 4605. A bill to provide for review of determinations on whether schools and local educational agencies made adequate yearly progress for the 2002-2003 school year taking into consideration subsequent regulations and guidance applicable to those determinations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BACA (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California):

H.R. 4606. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. EHLERS (for himself and Mr. GILCHREST) (both by request):

H.R. 4607. A bill to establish the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), to amend the organization and functions of the NOAA Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, 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. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RUSH, Mr. HYDE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. KIRK, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. LI-PINSKI, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. EMANUEL, MS. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CRANE, MrS. BIGGERT, Mr. WELLER, Mr. GUTIER-REZ, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. UPTON, Mr. FROST, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 4608. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the "Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MEEHAN:

H.R. 4609. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify the definition of the United States for the purposes of the prohibition against torture; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PICKERING (for himself and Ms. Eshoo):

H.R. 4610. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VITTER:

H.R. 4611. A bill to enable increased gasoline supplies and otherwise ensure lower gasoline prices in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Resources, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.