

3453. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7730 and B-7729] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3454. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3455. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Government National Mortgage Association: Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) Program—Payments to Securityholders; Book-Entry Procedures; and Financial Reporting [Docket No. FR-5063-F-02] (RIN: 2503-AA19) received September 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3456. A letter from the Northern California Habitat Supervisor, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's comments on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's preliminary analysis of the Tuolumne River Fisheries Study Plan for the New Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3457. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a copy of a draft bill, "to enhance the functioning and integration of formerly homeless veterans who reside in permanent housing, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3458. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Housing Cost Amounts Eligible for Exclusion or Deduction for 2007 [Notice 2007-77] received September 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3459. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Treatment of Certain Nuclear Decommissioning Funds for Purposes of Allocating Purchase Price in Certain Deemed and Actual Asset Acquisitions [TD 9358] (RIN: 1545-BC99) received September 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3460. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 7508.-Time for Performing Certain Acts Postponed by Reason of Service in Combat Zone or Contingency Operation (Also Sections 6081, 7508A; 11 U.S.C. 507, 523, 727.) (Rev. Rul. 2007-59) received September 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3461. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 1045 Application to Partnerships [TD 9353] (RIN: 1545-BC67) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3462. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Disregarded Entities; Employment and Excise Taxes [TD 9356] (RIN: 1545-BE43) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3463. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue

Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Expenses for Household and Dependent Care Services Necessary for Gainful Employment [TD 9354] (RIN: 1545-BB86) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3464. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Tier 1 Issue: Government Settlements Directive #2 [LMSB Control No.: LMS-04-0707-050] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3465. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Transaction of Interest — Contribution of Successor Member Interest [Notice 2007-72] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3466. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Publications Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Extension of Transition Relief for Indian Tribal Government Plans [Notice 2007-67] received August 14, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3467. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Weighted Average Interest Rates Update [Notice 2007-68] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3468. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Elimination of country-by-country reporting to shareholders of foreign taxes paid by regulated investment companies [TD 9357] (RIN: 1545-BE09) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3469. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Transition Relief Regarding the Active Trade or Business Requirement for Certain Transactions [Notice 2007-60] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3470. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 807.-Rules for certain reserves (Also 812) (Rev. Rul. 2007-54) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3471. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting copies of two proposed bills to collect certain fees under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce.

3472. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2009, in accordance with Section 7(f) of the Railroad Retirement Act, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(f); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, 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:

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 3567. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to expand opportunities for investments in small businesses, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-347). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. SLAUGHTER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 677. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 52) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-348). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. SUTTON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 678. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2693) to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl (Rept. 110-349). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SPACE, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts):

H.R. 3648. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:  
H.R. 3649. A bill to require mercenary training to be conducted only on Federal Government property; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. POE, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, and Mr. TANCREDO):

H.R. 3650. A bill to provide for the continuation of restrictions against the Government of North Korea unless the President certifies to Congress that the Government of North Korea has met certain benchmarks; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself, Mr. MATHESON, and Mr. CANNON):

H.R. 3651. A bill to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H.R. 3652. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. MCCOTTER):

H.R. 3653. A bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its human rights record and to support a transition to democracy in Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 3654. A bill to establish a commission to develop legislation designed to reform tax policy and entitlement benefit programs and ensure a sound fiscal future for the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. COOPER (for himself and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 3655. A bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. WELLER):

H.R. 3656. A bill to require States to withhold assistance to applicants for, and recipients of temporary assistance for needy families with respect to whom there is substantial evidence of recent unlawful drug use; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FERGUSON:

H.R. 3657. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals and businesses a credit against income tax for the purchase of Energy Star compliant air conditioners; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FORTUÑO (for himself, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 3658. A bill to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. JONES of North Carolina:

H.R. 3659. A bill to prohibit a school from receiving Federal funds if the school prevents a student from displaying or wearing in a respectful manner a representation of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. HERGER, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. PETRI, Ms. BEAN, and Mr. FORBES):

H.R. 3660. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals be allowed in determining self-employment tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York (for herself and Mr. KUHLMANN of New York):

H.R. 3661. A bill to conduct 1 or more higher education and career readiness demonstration projects for rural, low-income students; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. McHUGH:

H.R. 3662. A bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to improve such Act; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. DICKS):

H.R. 3663. A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to establish additional prohibitions on shooting wildlife from aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

H.R. 3664. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that tips shall

not be subject to income or employment taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REICHERT (for himself and Mr. ELLSWORTH):

H.R. 3665. A bill to amend chapter 87 of title 18, United States Code, to end the terrorizing effects of the sale of murderabilia on crime victims and their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SUTTON:

H.R. 3666. A bill to establish a bipartisan commission to perform a comprehensive examination of the current foreclosure and mortgage lending crisis and to make recommendations for legislative and regulatory changes to address such problems; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. WELCH of Vermont:

H.R. 3667. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. OBEY:

H.J. Res. 52. A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. JONES of North Carolina:

H.J. Res. 53. A joint resolution to amend the War Powers Resolution to ensure the collective judgment of both the Congress and the President will apply to the initiation of hostilities by the Armed Forces, the continued use of the Armed Forces in hostilities, and the participation of the Armed Forces in military operations of the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. ROHRBACHER:

H. Con. Res. 219. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of Iraq should schedule a referendum to determine whether or not the people of Iraq want the Armed Forces of the United States to be withdrawn from Iraq or to remain in Iraq until order is restored to the country; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WU, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. ANDREWS):

H. Res. 676. A resolution declaring that it shall continue to be the policy of the United States, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and services as may be necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H. Res. 679. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the continuing effects of the genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CARTER (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr.

JONES of North Carolina, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. PORTER, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. TERRY, Mr. CANNON, Mr. WOLF, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. DENT, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. WALSH of New York, Mr. KUHLMANN of New York, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. RENZI, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. MICA, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. PENCE, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. REYES, Ms. FOX, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WAMP, and Mr. MCCAUL of Texas):

H. Res. 680. A resolution condemning the actions of September 7, 2007, resulting in damage to the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COHEN:

H. Res. 681. A resolution to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Medicare national coverage determination on the treatment of anemia in cancer patients; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 17: Mr. LOBIONDO and Mr. FERGUSON.  
H.R. 39: Mr. TOWNS.  
H.R. 138: Mr. MCCAUL of Texas.  
H.R. 139: Mr. BURGESS.  
H.R. 174: Mr. CAPUANO.  
H.R. 369: Mr. KENNEDY and Mrs. CAPPES.  
H.R. 459: Mr. HIGGINS.  
H.R. 619: Mr. WYNN and Mr. BOUCHER.  
H.R. 627: Mr. FERGUSON.  
H.R. 648: Mr. FERGUSON.  
H.R. 690: Mr. SESTAK and Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 695: Mr. CARDOZA and Mr. KANJORSKI.  
H.R. 707: Mr. BROUN of Georgia.  
H.R. 726: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.  
H.R. 728: Mrs. GILLIBRAND.  
H.R. 729: Mr. SCHIFF.  
H.R. 743: Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. HAYES, Mr. CARNEY, and Mr. PEARCE.  
H.R. 748: Mr. HOLT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ELLSWORTH, and Mr. DAVIS of Alabama.  
H.R. 758: Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut.  
H.R. 760: Mr. ROTHMAN.  
H.R. 819: Mr. TOWNS and Ms. WATERS.  
H.R. 854: Ms. CLARKE and Mr. COURTNEY.