

replaced him, all have the ability to look at the State programs because of flexibility that was put in the system when the Deficit Reduction Act passed in December of 2005. Again, the much maligned Deficit Reduction Act gave the tools to these State leaders so that they can look at doing these innovative plans in their States to provide coverage for their populations who are uninsured. And after all, again, one of the great things about the United States is the States can serve as laboratories. We don't necessarily have to change everything for the whole country, we can see how it works in a given State, and to the extent that it is helpful, we can expand the program.

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If we find it wasn't helpful, we won't expand the program. But it is one of those great things that our Founding Fathers envisioned, that the States would be great laboratories for needed social change to occur in this country.

One of the other things that I didn't cover earlier because I wasn't sure if time would permit it, I do obviously need to say a word about the medical liability system in this country.

My home State of Texas, again, did tackle this issue in 2003 and did pass a State law that capped non-economic damages, much along the lines of the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act of 1975 that was passed in California. Our State of Texas picked up that concept, modernized it for the 21st century, and those caps on non-economic damages, instead of just being one realm of non-economic damages, the cap is trifurcated, \$250,000 thousand cap on the doctor, \$250,000 thousand cap on the hospital, \$250,000 thousand cap on the on a nursing home or second hospital, if one is involved.

The critical thing about this is it has brought insurance costs for medical liability insurance down by 20 percent in my home State of Texas, and, remember, medical liability costs were going up by 25 to 30 percent a year prior to the passage of that law.

So it has had an immediate and beneficial effect on physicians in Texas. And one of the unintended beneficiaries was the mid-sized, community-based, not-for-profit hospital who self-insured. Those hospitals have seen a significant reduction in the amount of moneys that they had to put toward medical liability, and, as a consequence, those are dollars that they are investing in capital improvements, nurses' salaries, the very things you would want your medium-sized, not-for-profit community hospital to do if they had the flexibility to do so.

I have legislation that I have drafted that bases off the Texas plan. I think it is reasonable legislation. In our budget resolution that the Republicans had, the savings, and this was scored by CBO as a savings, at a time we are looking for ways to save money in the healthcare system to pay for other things, it is almost unconscionable to

walk away from that \$8 to \$10 billion in savings that CBO scored this particular legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I see that the hour, it goes so quickly when you get down here to talk about these things. I will wrap up.

I do want to point out that Americans, for all of the criticism that we have, there was an article in The New York Times published October 2006, Tyler Cowan, who writes, "When it comes to medical innovation, the United States is the world leader. In the past 10 years, 12 Nobel Prizes in medicine have gone to American-born scientists working in the United States, three to foreign-born scientists working in the United States, and just seven have gone to researchers outside of the country."

That is what we need to preserve, protect and defend. That is why these issues are so important for us to face in this Congress.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CUMMINGS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. ISRAEL (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of official business in the district.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of inspecting tornado damage.

Mr. TIAHRT (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and May 8 and 9 on account of inspecting tornado damage.

Mr. HULSHOF (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and May 8 on account of personal reasons.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SOLIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ELLISON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, May 14.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, May 8.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and May 8, 9, 10, and 11.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her re-

marks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., for morning hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1511. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, Case Number 04-12, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

1512. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, Case Number 06-01, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

1513. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a review of the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1514. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Dell L. Dailey, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1515. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William G. Boykin, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1516. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Bryan D. Brown, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1517. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement Vice Admiral Stanley R. Szemborski, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1518. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1519. A letter from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the management and adequacy of biometrics programs pursuant to Conference Report 109-702, that accompanies the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1520. A letter from the EEO Programs Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the third annual report pursuant to Section 203(a) of the No Fear Act, Pub. L. 107-174, for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1521. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting in accordance with Section 647(b) of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2004, Pub. L. 108-199, the Department's report on competitive sourcing efforts for FY 2006; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1522. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1523. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1524. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's annual report for FY 2006, summarizing data and analysis of complaints filed for the past five fiscal years and how the Department is working to fulfill the requirements of the Act; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1525. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Annual No Fear Report to Congress for FY 2006, pursuant to Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2003, Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1526. A letter from the Chairman of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's first Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 annual report covering fiscal years 2002 through 2006; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1527. A letter from the Director, Equal Employment Opportunity, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting the Endowment's report on incidences of discrimination, pursuant to Public Law 107-174, section 201; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1528. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Commission's Fiscal Year 2006 annual report prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1529. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "Letter Report: Sufficiency Review of the Water and Sewer Authority's Fiscal Year 2007 Revenue Estimate in Support of the Issuance of \$300,000,000 in Public Utility Subordinated Lien Revenue Bonds (Series 2007)"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1530. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting the Authority's Annual Performance Report for FY 2006, in accordance with the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1531. A letter from the Assistant Secretary — Land and Minerals Management, Depart-

ment of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Outer Continental Shelf Regulations-Technical Corrections (RIN: 1010-AD42) received May 3, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1532. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Ohio Regulatory Program [OH-251-FOR] received May 4, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1533. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2007 Season (RIN: 1018-AU59) received April 12, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1534. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Missouri Regulatory Program [Docket No. MO-039-FOR] received April 13, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1535. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Geothermal Royalty Payments, Direct Use Fees, and Royalty Valuation (RIN: 1010-AD32) received April 26, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1536. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Modification of the Yellowtail Flounder Landing Limit for the U.S./Canada Management Area [Docket No. 04011-2010-4114-02; I.D. 040407D] received April 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1537. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Albacore Tuna Fisheries; Vessel List to Establish Eligibility to Fish for Albacore Tuna in Canadian Waters Under the U.S. Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty [Docket No. 070119012-7077-02; I.D. 031307B] (RIN: 0648-AU78) received April 30, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1538. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan [Docket No. 061229343-7050-02; I.D. 121406A] (RIN: 0648-AV03) received April 30, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1539. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2007-2009 Specifications [Docket No. 061228342-7068-02; I.D. 122206A] (RIN: 0648-AT66) received April 20, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1540. A letter from the 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, Flathead Sole, and "Other Flatfish" by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 070213033-7033-01; I.D. 040607E] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1541. A letter from the 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 070213032-7032-01; I.D. 031507E] received April 16, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1542. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments [Docket No. 070404078-7078-01; I.D. 082806B] (RIN: 0648-AV52) received April 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1543. 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 Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 070213033-7033-01; I.D. 040907D] received April 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1544. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Optional Use of Electronic Logbook Forms [Docket No. 070207026-7079-02; I.D. 012207A] (RIN: 0648-AS29) received April 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1545. A letter from the Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure [Docket No. 001005281-0369-02; I.D. 040407C] received April 26, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1546. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Detroit River (Trenton Channel), Grosse Ile, MI [CGD09-07-004] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received March 29, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1547. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Youngs Bay and Lewis and Clark River, OR. [CGD13-06-048] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received March 29, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1548. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones; Fireworks Displays within the Fifth Coast [CGD05-06-091] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received March 29, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1549. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; St. Mary's River, St. Mary's City, MD [CGD05-07-004] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received March 29, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1550. A letter from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Advance Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information for Truck Carriers Required to be Transmitted Through ACE Truck Manifest at Ports in the States of Idaho and Montana [CBP Dec. 07-25] received May 2, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

#### REPORTS ON 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:

*[Filed on May 4, 2007]*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security, H.R. 1684. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-122). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

*[Filed on May 7, 2007]*

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 124. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (Rept. 110-123). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1294. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; with an amendment (Rept. 110-124). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1140. A bill to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes. (Rept. 110-125). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1114. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-126). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1080. A bill to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-127). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 487. A bill to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and

Reservoir Project, and for other purposes (Rept. 120-128). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1595. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission, with an amendment (Rept. 110-129). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 377. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1294) to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe (Rept. 110-130). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. REYES: Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. H.R. 2082. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 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; with an amendment (Rept. 110-131). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BOREN (for himself and Mr. KELLER):

H.R. 2183. A bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. EMERSON):

H.R. 2184. A bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to expand comparative effectiveness research and to increase funding for such research to improve the value of health care; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. KIRK (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. HINCHAY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. ROYCE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. SOUDER, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. FARR):

H.R. 2185. A bill to amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems, to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

H.R. 2186. A bill to provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

H.R. 2187. A bill to make emergency supplemental appropriations for Katrina recov-

ery for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 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. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois):

H.R. 2188. A bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish kinship guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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 Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr.

FATTAH, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. PASTOR, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. CASTOR, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. STARK, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CARSON, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio):

H.R. 2189. A bill to require pre- and post-deployment mental health screenings for members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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. DONNELLY:

H.R. 2190. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Advisory Committee on Rural Veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. DRAKE (for herself, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. HAYES, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. GOODLATTE):

H.R. 2191. A bill to provide liability protection to nonprofit volunteer pilot organizations flying for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such organizations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HODES:

H.R. 2192. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

H.R. 2193. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to increase the penalties for violations of such Act, to prohibit the use of animals for marketing medical devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2194. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize an allowance for civilian clothing for members of the Armed Forces traveling in connection with medical evacuation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. WALZ of Minnesota):

H.R. 2195. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the education loan