

p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Cattle from Mexico; Addition of Port at San Luis, AZ [Docket No.: APHIS-2007-0095] (RIN: 0579-AC63) received January 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification of an increase in the Average Procurement Unit Cost (APUC) for the H-1 Upgrades Program that exceeds the current Unit Cost Report (UCR) baseline estimate by at least 15 percent, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's report and recommendations pursuant to Section 133 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008; to the Committee on Financial Services.

9. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Annual Report on Federal Government Energy Management and Conservation Programs during Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6361(c); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

10. 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; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

11. A letter from the Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting weekly reports relating to post-liberation Iraq under Section 7 of the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-338 for the reporting period of October 15, 2008 through December 15, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

12. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's 2008 competitive sourcing report, pursuant to Public Law 108-199, section 647(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

13. A letter from the Postal Regulatory Commission, Postal Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Report on Universal Postal Service and the Postal Monopoly; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

14. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's report on competitive sourcing for fiscal year 2008, pursuant to Public Law 108-199, section 647(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

15. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Repeal of Increased Contribution and Coordinated Party Expenditures Limits for Candidates Opposing Self-financed Candidates received January 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

16. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program [Docket No.: OJP (BJA) 1468] (RIN:

1121-AA75) received January 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

17. A letter from the Office of Public Information, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting a copy of the embargoed 2008 Year-End Report on the Federal Judiciary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

18. A letter from the Assistant Chief Counsel for General Law, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pipeline Safety: Polyamide-11 (PA-11) Plastic Pipe Design Pressures [Docket No. PHMSA-2005-21305] (RIN: 2137-AE26) received January 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

19. A letter from the Division Chief, Division of Legislation and Regulations, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — America's Marine Highway Program [Docket No.: MARAD-2008 0096] (RIN: 2133-AB70) received January 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

20. A letter from the Trail Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Adjustment of Monetary Threshold for Reporting Rail Equipment Accidents/Incidents for Calendar Year 2009 [FRA-2008-0136] received January 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MILLER of North Carolina (for himself, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. WATT, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SIRE, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. STARK, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. COHEN, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia):

H.R. 225. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to modification of certain mortgages on principal residences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PENCE (for himself, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DREIER, Mr. CARTER, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BONNER, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROWN of Georgia, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COLE, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Ms. FALLIN,

Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FORBES, Ms. FOXX, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GOODLATTE, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. INGLIS, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. JONES, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LATTI, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LUCAS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. MACK, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. MICA, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. POSEY, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. REBERG, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. SCALISE, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TERRY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 226. A bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BROWN of Georgia (for himself, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. LINDER, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. HERGER, Mr. JONES, Mr. TERRY, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CARTER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. INGLIS, Mr. FORBES, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. WAMP, Mr. AKIN, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. LATTI):

H.R. 227. A bill to provide that human life shall be deemed to begin with fertilization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 228. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself and Ms. SUTTON):

H.R. 229. A bill to provide for the retention of the name of Mount McKinley; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDOZA:

H.R. 230. A bill to prevent foreclosure of home mortgages and increase the availability of affordable new mortgages; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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

H.R. 231. A bill to require certain warning labels to be placed on video games that are given certain ratings due to violent content; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. HOLT, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 232. A bill to provide for the creation of a Federal greenhouse gas registry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. WALZ):

H.R. 233. A bill to amend the Federal anti-trust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. BERKLEY:

H.R. 234. A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Alta-Hualapai Site to the Nevada Cancer Institute, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. SIRE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. REYES, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. FARR, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. SPACE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. PETRI, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. HOLT, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. MCCOTTER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. STARK, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HONDA, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. BACA, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. PAUL, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. WU, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. MATHESON, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. FORBES, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut):

H.R. 235. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida:

H.R. 236. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security beneficiaries against any reduction in benefits; to the Committee on Rules, 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 Mrs. EMERSON:

H.R. 237. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit to military retirees for premiums paid for coverage under Medicare Part B; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. EMERSON:

H.R. 238. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for an improved benefit computation formula for workers affected by the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977 who attain age 65 during the 10-year period after 1981 and before 1992 (and related beneficiaries) and to provide prospectively for increases in their benefits accordingly; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 239. A bill to impose requirements with regard to border searches of digital electronic devices and digital storage media, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. GARRETT of New Jersey:

H.R. 240. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 241. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the amounts reimbursed to institutional providers of health care services under the TRICARE program to be the same as amounts reimbursed under Medicare, and to require the Secretary of Defense to contract for health care services with at least one teaching hospital in urban areas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 242. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to revise regulations concerning the recording and reporting of occupational injuries and illnesses under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 243. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to require the arbitration of initial contract negotiation disputes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 244. A bill to provide for the security of critical energy infrastructure; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 245. A bill to preserve local radio broadcast emergency and other services and to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a rulemaking for that purpose; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 246. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt elementary and secondary schools from the fee imposed on employers filing petitions with respect to non-immigration workers under the H-1B program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 247. A bill to amend section 1369 of title 18, United States Code, to extend Federal jurisdiction over destruction of veterans' memorials on State or local government property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 248. A bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the families of deceased law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 249. A bill to direct the head of a Federal department or agency that is carrying

out a project involving the construction of a culvert or other enclosed flood or drainage system to ensure that certain child safety measures are included in the project; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 250. A bill to require the Surface Transportation Board to consider certain issues when deciding whether to authorize the construction of a railroad line; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 251. A bill to prevent the nondisclosure of employer-owned life insurance coverage of employees as an unfair trade practice under the Federal Trade Commission Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 252. A bill to provide that no more than 50 percent of funding made available under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 for any fiscal year be provided for home heating purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Ms. MATSUI, and Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida):

H.R. 253. A bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to make grants to States to carry out election administration improvement plans; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.R. 254. A bill to change the date for regularly scheduled Federal elections and establish polling place hours; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. CULBERSON, and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 255. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 256. A bill to enhance Federal enforcement of hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 257. A bill to prevent children's access to firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 258. A bill to prevent the President from encroaching upon the Congressional prerogative to make laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 259. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish national standards for State safety inspections of motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 260. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to make loan guarantees for cellulosic ethanol production technology development; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, 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. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 261. A bill to provide that no Federal funds may be used by the Secretary of Homeland Security to approve a site security plan for a chemical facility, unless the facility meets or exceeds security standards and requirements to protect the facility against acts of terrorism established for such a facility by the State or local government for the area where the facility is located, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 262. A bill to prevent hate crimes, to provide support services for victims of hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, and Financial Services, 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. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 263. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to grant to the House of Representatives the authority to bring a civil action to enforce, secure a declaratory judgment concerning the validity of, or prevent a threatened refusal or failure to comply with any subpoena or order issued by the House or any committee or subcommittee of the House to secure the production of documents, the answering of any deposition or interrogatory, or the securing of testimony, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 264. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to comprehensively reform immigration law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 265. A bill to target cocaine kingpins and address sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 266. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a program to award grants to institutions of higher education for the establishment or expansion of cybersecurity professional development programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Homeland Security, 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. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 267. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of the Internal Revenue Service's Taxpayer Assistance Centers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 268. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that every military chaplain has the prerogative to close a prayer outside of a religious service according to the dictates of the chaplain's own conscience; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 269. A bill to require the Department of Defense to grant access to accredited members of the media when the remains of members of the Armed Forces arrive at military installations in the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LATTA:

H.R. 270. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for continuity of TRICARE Standard coverage for certain members of the Retired Reserve; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LATTA:

H.R. 271. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the standard charitable mileage rate for delivery of meals to elderly, disabled, frail and at risk individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MEEK of Florida (for himself and Mr. CANTOR):

H.R. 272. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MEEK of Florida (for himself, Mr. TIBERI, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 273. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of qualified restaurant property as 15-year property for purposes of the depreciation deduction; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WITTMAN:

H.R. 274. A bill to impose certain limitations on the receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MEEK of Florida (for himself and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 275. A bill to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MILLER of Michigan:

H.R. 276. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to convene a task force to develop recommendations on the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MILLER of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 277. A bill to provide an alternate procedure for the prosecution of certain criminal contempt referrals for prosecution by the House of Representatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MILLER of North Carolina:

H.R. 278. A bill to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ORTIZ (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ):

H.R. 279. A bill to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to designate the historic site as the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park, to expand the boundaries of the park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 280. A bill to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROSKAM:

H.R. 281. A bill to authorize the Securities and Exchange Commission to permit or require persons filing or furnishing information under the securities laws to make such information available on internet websites, in addition to or instead of including such information in filings with or submissions to the Commission, under such conditions as the Commission may specify by rule; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SESTAK:

H.R. 282. A bill to prevent Members of Congress from receiving any automatic pay adjustment in 2010; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. SPACE (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. WILSON of Ohio, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. KUCINICH, and Ms. SUTTON):

H.R. 283. A bill to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPRATT:

H.R. 284. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete a special resource study of the site of the Battle of Camden, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mrs. TAUSCHER):

H.R. 285. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. TURNER (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. AUSTRIA):

H.R. 286. A bill to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. EMERSON:

H.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to voluntary school prayer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. EMERSON:

H.J. Res. 7. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. EMERSON (for herself and Mr. BACHUS):

H.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the act of desecration of the flag of the United States and to set criminal penalties for that act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.J. Res. 9. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution denouncing the practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, "honor" killings, acid burnings, dowry deaths, and other gender-based persecutions, expressing the sense of Congress that participation, protection, recognition, and equality of women is crucial to achieving a just, moral and peaceful society, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. MILLER of Michigan:

H.J. Res. 11. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the number of persons in each State who are citizens of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. EMERSON:

H. Con. Res. 4. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need to prevent the closure or consolidation of post offices; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 5. Concurrent resolution expressing that Congress has the sole and exclusive power to declare war; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 6. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of Iraq should not grant blanket amnesty to persons known to have attacked, killed, or wounded members of the United States Armed Forces in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the people of the United States should grieve for the loss of life that defined the Third Reich and celebrate the continued education efforts for tolerance and justice, reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the fight against intolerance and prejudice in any form, and honoring the legacy of transparent procedure, government accountability, the rule of law, the pursuit of justice, and the struggle for universal freedom and human rights; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 8. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Barbara Charline Jordan; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 9. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of George Thomas "Mickey" Leland; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 10. Concurrent resolution supporting the observance of World Stroke Awareness Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign 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. HOYER:

H. Res. 23. A resolution providing for the attendance of the House at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut:

H. Res. 24. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 25. A resolution expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of National Internet Safety Month; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 26. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should issue a postage stamp commemorating Juan Nepomuceno Seguin; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 27. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Juan Nepomuceno Seguin; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H. Res. 28. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. LATTA:

H. Res. 29. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any comprehensive plan to reform our national energy policy must promote the expanded use of renewable and alternative energy sources; increase our domestic refining capacity; promote conservation and increased energy efficiency; expand research and development, including domestic exploration; and, enhance consumer education; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, 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. LATTA:

H. Res. 30. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that in order to continue aggressive growth in our Nation's telecommunications and technology industries, the United States Government should "Get Out of the Way and Stay Out of the Way"; to the Committee on En-

ergy and Commerce, 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. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. STEARNS):

H. Res. 31. A resolution expressing support for designation of January 28, 2009, as "National Data Privacy Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas introduced a bill (H.R. 287) for relief of Enrique Soriano and Areli Soriano; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 16: Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, and Mr. GORDON of Tennessee.

H.R. 31: Mr. SKELTON, Mr. WATT, Ms. CLARKE, and Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 72: Ms. WATSON.

H.R. 81: Mr. PALLONE and Mr. KING of New York.

H.R. 104: Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

H.R. 109: Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida.

H.R. 111: Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. KUCINICH, and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan.

H.R. 124: Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. MCCOTTER.

H.R. 137: Mr. CAMPBELL.

H.R. 138: Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. MCCOTTER.

H.R. 140: Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. ROHRABACHER.

H.R. 143: Mr. BURGESS and Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 144: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. CAPUANO, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 146: Mr. FALCOMA-VAEGA.

H.R. 156: Mr. KIND, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. PERRIELLO, Mr. MASSA, Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana, and Mrs. BLACKBURN.

H. Res. 18: Mr. GRJALVA.

H. Res. 20: Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. MCCOTTER.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

1. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Platte County, relative to a resolution supporting the NCLB Recess Until Reauthorization Act; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.