

SAFE Commission bill. It is a bipartisan process.

The legislation text protects the minority by requiring a supermajority, 12 of 16 of the commission's members, to be in agreement before any legislative recommendations are sent to Congress for an up-or-down vote. I do not believe that minority Members are likely to be appointed to this type of commission by the Republican leadership. PAUL RYAN, ranking member on the House Budget Committee, and DAVE CAMP, ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee, they would not waiver in their opposition to tax increases. To say that this would bring about tax increases, it is wrong.

Senator GREGG underscored this point during consideration of the Conrad-Gregg amendment. Senator GREGG said, "One presumes that whoever goes on this task force, if chosen by the leaders of their party in the Senate, whether Senator REID or Senator MCCONNELL, or leaders of the party in the House, Ms. PELOSI or Mr. BOEHNER, is going to reflect fairly aggressively the viewpoints and philosophies of the different parts. It will be a bipartisan report, or it will not be a report at all. Then it comes to the Congress, and has to be voted up or down by a supermajority. Once again, it basically moots the ability to game it. One side can't game the other. The proposal must be bipartisan and fair."

In short, without Republican support, any attempt to raise taxes would never see the light of day on the House floor. The SAFE bill was carefully crafted to ensure a bipartisan process and to protect the rights of the minority party.

Given the enormity of the challenge, the commission needs to be able to look at every component of our fiscal policy to fairly assess where we stand and how we can best move toward a sound financial future. In looking at revenues, the legislative language is clear that any changes in the Tax Code must help simplify the system and stimulate increased economic growth and, thereby, tax revenue. But what no one is saying is that by opposing the commission concept altogether, and failing to put forward any viable alternative, those who most adamantly oppose tax increases essentially ensure they will happen down the road.

The issue is that if we don't do something now about the deficit, the debts that continue to mount at record levels will guarantee tax increases in the future. The longer it takes to address this issue, the more draconian the options will be when Congress is forced, which they will most surely be, to change course.

I have repeatedly challenged colleagues on both sides of the aisle who question the SAFE Commission to come up with another solution to the deficit and debt crisis that can pass Congress.

Without a special process like the SAFE Commission, which is based on the successful Federal base-closing

process, I am convinced Congress will never put a mechanism in place to control government spending.

Quite frankly, both parties have failed to face up to the entitlement challenges in recent years. Given the enormity of the country's financial turmoil, I remain convinced that the bold steps needed to control deficit spending will never be taken through regular order in a Congress that is so politically controlled by special interests. Our entire political system is now so polarized that many only think in terms of red or blue ideology at the expense of a shared national interest.

Time is growing short. If lawmakers are serious about the debt and the deficit, issues that Americans are increasingly worried about, Congress will halt the budget gimmicks, the slick talking points, and muster the political will to have an honest conversation with the American people about where we are, where we are headed, and what changes need to be made to get us back on track.

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That is what the SAFE Commission-like process is all about, a national conversation. The people of this country deserve an honest assessment about their Federal Government's future government savings account and checkbook, a discussion driven not by politics but by statesmanship. The American people deserve a discussion which elevates the Nation's sights.

The consequences of inaction are simply too great to put this issue on hold and rely on a fake commission. We need a process that will produce measurable results, a process that will foster a renaissance in the country, will allow us to honestly tell our children that the foundation of America that they are inheriting is just as strong and just as promising as the America that our parents left us. I long to be able to tell my five children and my 15 grandchildren that that is the case.

Abraham Lincoln, one of our Nation's most admired and greatest Presidents once said, "You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." Yet that is exactly what Congress is poised to do if it fails to act.

In closing, Madam Speaker, nearly 4 years ago I visited the site of George Washington's crossing the Delaware River in anticipation of the Battle of Trenton. The iconic scene is depicted in the painting which hangs in the west wing of the White House. Washington was down to only 3,000 soldiers, and the cause of liberty looked to be headed for defeat. Yet with great courage and sacrifice, Washington and his forces were successful in changing the direction of the American Revolution, and therefore the course of history.

Their legacy is a rich one, and it is ours. If we are mindful of this legacy, of the sacrifices of so many previous generations of Americans, I believe we will move to take action. I believe that

we will rise in our midst, profiles in courage. I believe we will make the sacrifices necessary for the betterment of this country.

I close with the words of Washington himself, the cautionary words from his 1796 farewell address. He said, "We should avoid ungenerously throwing upon posterity the burden of what we ourselves ought to bear." Indeed, this is our burden to bear. I ask my colleagues, will we falter under its weight or rise above it as befitting this great Nation?

And with that, Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GUTERREZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and February 3 on account of personal business.

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. KAGEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KAGEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, February 11.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, February 11.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, February 5, 2010, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6006. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No.: FEMA-8053] received January 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6007. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Temporary Rule Regarding Principal Trades with Certain Advisory Clients [Release No. IA-2965; File No. S7-23-07] (RIN: 3235-AJ96) received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6008. A letter from the Office of Research and Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — School Food Safety Program Based on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Principles [FNS-2008-0033] (RIN: 0584-AD65) received January 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

6009. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Methyl Esters of Conjugated Linoic Acid (Cis-9, Trans-11 and Trans-10, Cis-12-Octadecadienoic Acids) [Docket No.: FDA-2003-F-0398] (Formerly Docket No. 2003F-0048) received January 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6010. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard; Air Brake Systems [Docket No.: NHTSA-2009-0038] (RIN: 2127-AK44) received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6011. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment [Docket No.: NHTSA-2007-28322; Notice 3] (RIN: 2127-AK66) received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6012. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a report of enhancement or upgrade of sensitivity of technology or capability for Italy (Transmittal No. 0C-09), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b)(5)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6013. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a notice of proposed lease with the Government of Australia (Transmittal No. 06-09) pursuant to Section 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6014. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a notice of proposed lease with the Government of United Arab Emirates (Transmittal No. 08-09) pursuant to Section 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6015. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 136-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6016. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 158-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6017. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State,

transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 152-09, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6018. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 138-09 Certification of proposed issuance of an export license, pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6019. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to the heading "Loan Guarantees to Israel" in Chapter 5 of Title I of the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-11); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6020. A letter from the Writer/Editor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extending Period of Optional Practical Training By 17 Months For F-1 Nonimmigrant Students With STEM Degrees and Expanding Cap-Gap Relief for All F-1 Students With Pending H-1B Petitions [DHS No.: ICEB-2008-0002; ICE No. 2124-08] (RIN: 1653-AA56) received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6021. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 727 Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1104; Directorate Identifier 2009-NM-167-AD; Amendment 39-16121; AD 2008-04-10 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6022. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France (ECF) Model AS332C, AS332L, AS332L1, AS332L2, SA330F, SA330G, and SA330J Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1008; Directorate Identifier 2008-SW-62-AD; Amendment 39-16063; AD 2009-22-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6023. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-135BJ, -135ER, -135K, -135KL, -135LR, -145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2007-0083; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-266-AD; Amendment 39-16137; AD 2009-26-02] received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6024. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Cirrus Design Corporation Model SR22 Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1162; Directorate Identifier 2009-CE-066-AD; Amendment 39-16136; AD 2009-26-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6025. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA 330 F, G, and J Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1124; Directorate Identifier 2009-SW-35-AD; Amendment 39-16128; AD 2009-25-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6026. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30700; Amdt. No. 3351] received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6027. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model EC120B Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1118; Directorate Identifier 2008-SW-60-AD; Amendment 39-16126; AD 2009-25-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6028. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimum and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30699 Amdt. No. 3350] received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6029. A letter from the Attorney, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hazardous Materials: Adjustment of Maximum and Minimum Civil Penalties [Docket No.: PHMSA-2009-0411] (RIN: 2137-AE48) received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6030. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model EC225LP Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1089; Directorate Identifier 2009-SW-16-AD; Amendment 39-16101; AD 2009-09-51] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6031. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (BHTC) Model 407 and Model 427 Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1123; Directorate Identifier 2009-SW-03-AD; Amendment 39-16127; AD 2009-25-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6032. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-243 Airplanes and Model A330-341, -342, and -343 Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1109; Directorate Identifier 2009-NM-068-AD; Amendment 39-16123; AD 2009-25-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6033. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-300, 747-400, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0682; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-200-AD; Amendment 39-16131; AD 2009-25-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6034. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200, and -300 Series Airplanes; Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes; and Model A340-500 and -600

Series Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1112; Directorate Identifier 2009-NM-237-AD; Amendment 39-16132; AD 2009-25-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6035. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q-108; Florida [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0885; Airspace Docket No. 09-ASO-17] received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6036. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Model BD-100-1A10 (Challenger 300) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2009-1113; Directorate Identifier 2009-NM-238-AD; Amendment 39-16133; AD 2009-25-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 6, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6037. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Colored Federal Airways; Alaska [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0824; Airspace Docket No. 09-AAL-11] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6038. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Jet Route J-20; Florida [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0888; Airspace Docket No. 09-ASO-23] received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6039. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Manokotak, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0694; Airspace Docket No. 09-AAL-15] received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6040. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Clarks Point, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0197; Airspace Docket No. 09-AAL-4] received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6041. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Elim, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0200; Airspace Docket No. 09-AAL-5] received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6042. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Point (Pt.) Thompson, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0457; Airspace Docket No. 09-AAL-10] received January 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6043. A letter from the Director, NIST, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Technology Innovation Program [Docket No.: 071106659-8716-02] (RIN: 0693-AB59) received January 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science and Technology.

6044. A letter from the Director, NIST, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — FY 2010 Measurement, Science and Engineering Research Grants Programs; Availability of Funds

[Docket No.: 0911121401-91402-01] received January 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science and Technology.

6045. A letter from the Director, NIST, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) NIST Gaithersburg and Boulder Programs; Availability of Funds [Docket Number: 0911121400-91403-01] received January 7, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science and Technology.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DELAHUNT (for himself, Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. WATSON, Mr. HARE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. POLIS of Colorado, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. FILNER, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. MAFFEI, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 4594. A bill to combat international violence against women and girls; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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 Mr. WU (for himself and Mr. WOLF):
H.R. 4595. A bill to establish the Internet Freedom Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. PENCE, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. KIRK):

H.R. 4596. A bill to allow for enforcement of State disclosure laws and access to courts for covered Holocaust-era insurance policy claims; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. COHEN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. HALL of New York, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. SIRES, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. YARMUTH):

H.R. 4597. A bill to increase the quantity of solar photovoltaic electricity by providing rebates for the purchase and installation of an additional 10,000,000 solar roofs and additional solar water heating systems with a cumulative capacity of 10,000,000 gallons by 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. DAHLKEMPER (for herself, Ms. BEAN, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. ALTMIRE, Ms. KOSMAS, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. BRIGHT, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. DRIEHAUS, Mr. PETERS, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. MCMAHON, Mr.

DONNELLY of Indiana, and Mr. SHUSTER):

H.R. 4598. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Express Loan Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. WALZ, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. POMEROY):

H.R. 4599. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an elective payment for specified energy property; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. LEWIS of California, Ms. GRANGER, and Mr. PENCE):

H.R. 4600. A bill to prohibit the use of funds to transfer or release an individual detained at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base to the custody of another country; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 4601. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the Office of the National Nurse; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BOCCIERI:

H.R. 4602. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1332 Sharon Copley Road in Sharon Center, Ohio, as the "Emil Bolas Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA:

H.R. 4603. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to expand the humanitarian parole policy announced on January 18, 2010, to children legally confirmed as orphans eligible for intercountry adoption by the Government of Haiti prior to the earthquake on January 12, 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA:

H.R. 4604. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to prevent the spread of Asian carp in the Great Lakes and the tributaries of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.R. 4605. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that certain entities exempt from taxation (including business leagues and chambers of commerce) disclose sources and amounts of contributions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 4606. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the purposes for which Build America Bonds may be issued; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LOEBSACK:

H.R. 4607. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the purchase and processing of healthful commodities for use in school meal programs; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. MAFFEI:

H.R. 4608. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow multiemployer plans to amortize losses from certain fraudulent investment schemes over a 40-year period; to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.