

2373. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Seed Act Regulations [Doc. No.: AMS-LS-08-0002] (RIN: 0581-AC74) received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2374. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulations Issued Under the Export Grape and Plum Act; Revision to the Minimum Requirements [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-10-0091; FV11-35-1 FR] received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2375. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0012; FV11-946-2 IR] received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2376. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Blueberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Section 610 Review [Document Number: AMS-FV-10-0006] received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2377. A letter from the Deputy Director, Food and Community Resources, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-Formula Federal Assistance Programs—Specific Administrative Provisions for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (RIN: 0524-AA59) received June 20, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2378. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Funding and Fiscal Affairs; Farmer Mac Risk-Based Capital Stress Test, Version 5.0 (RIN: 3052-AC70) received June 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2379. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General David H. Petraeus, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2380. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter of correction concerning the RQ-4A/B Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Global Hawk Block 30 Program of Record; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2381. A letter from the Chairman, The Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the 2010 Annual Report of the Appraisal Subcommittee, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3332; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2382. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirements and Security-Based Swaps [Release No.: 34-64628; File No. S7-10-11] (RIN: 3235-AK98) received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2383. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Exemptions for Advisers to Venture Capital Funds, Private Fund Advisers With Less Than \$150 Million in Assets Under Management, and Foreign Private Advisers [Release No.: IA-3222; File No. S7-37-10] (RIN: 3235-AK81) received

June 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2384. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2385. A letter from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2386. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the sixty-second Semiannual Report to Congress of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2387. A letter from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period ending March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2388. A letter from the Branch of Recovery and Delisting, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reinstatement of Listing Protections for the Virginia Northern Flying Squirrel in Compliance With a Court Order [Docket No.: FWS-R5-ES-2011-0035] (RIN: 1018-AX80) June 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2389. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition on behalf of workers from the Linde Ceramics Plant in Tonawanda, New York, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), pursuant to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2390. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition on behalf of workers from the Dow Chemical Company in Madison, Illinois, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), pursuant to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2391. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's 2011 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 369; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

2392. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a report on the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system, including any recommendations for financing changes, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f-1; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

## 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. DINGELL (for himself and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 2482. A bill to establish the sense of Congress that Congress should enact, and the President should sign, bipartisan legislation to strengthen public safety and to enhance wireless communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and 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. GRIMM (for himself, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. STIVERS, and Mr. CAMPBELL):

H.R. 2483. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to modify certain provisions relating to whistleblower incentives and protection; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. HARRIS (for himself, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, and Mr. MACK):

H.R. 2484. A bill to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to include a comprehensive and integrated strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, to provide for the development and implementation of a comprehensive research plan and action strategy to reduce harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. HANNA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. ROSS of Arkansas, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. BOREN):

H.R. 2485. A bill to amend, for certain fiscal years, the weighted child count used to determine targeted grant amounts and education finance incentive grant amounts for local educational agencies under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. FALBOMAVAEGA, Mr. SABLON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HONDA, Ms. HANABUSA, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. LEE of California, and Ms. CHU):

H.R. 2486. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for health data regarding Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FLAKE:

H.R. 2487. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to terminate direct payments for the 2012 crop year; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. HINCHEY (for himself, Mr. CRITZ, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HANNA, Mr. WU, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 2488. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a \$1,000 refundable credit for individuals who are bona fide volunteer members of volunteer firefighting and emergency medical service organizations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 2489. A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. INSLEE (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. BASS of New Hampshire):

H.R. 2490. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself and Mrs. MYRICK):

H.R. 2491. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MARINO (for himself and Ms. SUTTON):

H.R. 2492. A bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H.R. 2493. A bill to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third country fabric program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 2494. A bill to authorize and direct the Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Social Security to continue to work with the governments of the states of the former Soviet Union to encourage such states to adopt policies that would allow receipt of pensions for individuals who worked in any such state and earned a pension and currently reside in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. TIERNEY (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRJALVA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 2495. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate certain tax expenditures; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

85. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, relative to House Resolution No. 1955 urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to withdraw its proposal to list the dunes sagebrush lizard under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

86. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, relative to Senate Resolution S. 976 urging the swift adoption of the Main Street Fairness Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

87. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, relative to House Resolution No. 1483 endorsing the inclusion of Taiwan in the United States Visa Waiver Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

88. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, rel-

ative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 memorializing the Congress to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and enacting the Social Security Fairness Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H.R. 2482.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clause 3, and Article I, section 8, clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. GRIMM:

H.R. 2483.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. HARRIS:

H.R. 2484.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 & 18 of the United States Constitution.

Clause 3: To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2485.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18; and including, but not solely limited to the 14th Amendment.

By Ms. BORDALLO:

H.R. 2486.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I.

By Mr. FLAKE:

H.R. 2487.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 1 (relating to the power of Congress to provide for the general welfare of the United States), clause 3 (relating to the power to regulate interstate commerce), and clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. HINCHEY:

H.R. 2488.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. HOLT:

H.R. 2489.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. INSLEE:

H.R. 2490.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18, which provides that Congress shall have the power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:

H.R. 2491.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the explicit power of Congress to regulate commerce in and among the states, as enumerated in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, the Commerce Clause, of the United States Constitution.

Additionally, the constitutional authority on which the tax provisions of this bill rest is the power of Congress to explicitly lay and collect taxes, duties, impost and excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States and, therefore, implicitly allows Congress to reduce taxes, as enumerated in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. MARINO:

H.R. 2492.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

1) Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

2) Article I, Section 9, Clause 3

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. McDERMOTT:

H.R. 2493.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 2494.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18.

By Mr. TIERNEY:

H.R. 2495.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 23: Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. WEST, and Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 27: Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. BONNER, and Mr. KISSELL.

H.R. 329: Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 333: Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. SCHOCK.

H.R. 376: Mr. MICHAUD.

H.R. 389: Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 402: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas and Ms. NORTON.