

to the Northeast. And I think anybody that lives in Texas knows that's far from the prevailing winds in Texas. If anything, if we have a prevailing wind, it blows from the Gulf of Mexico—which is the Southeast—to the Northwest of our country. And the rest of the West, by the way, is not under these rules, with the exception of Oklahoma.

So these rules are going to impose such onerous air standard qualities that at least in the State of Texas, with one company, they have 13 power plants, they're saying they're going to close two—even before this starts they're going to close two. They're going to close one coal mine. They're going to stop shipping Western coal to that part of our State—because these are coal-powered plants. So there's two offline right there of the 13 they've got online. And potentially they could shut down more than that, maybe even half. That's one company's power plants.

Now, what does that do to you, to us as American citizens? It makes the price of electricity go up. It makes the possibility of a brownout and a blackout more relevant. If it's too cold or it's too hot—and down where we live it's mostly too hot—you might have a power outage. If you take power plants offline because they can't meet EPA standards because the standards are too onerous—and quite honestly a complete surprise in our State because we didn't even know we were supposed to be under this set of rules—we're probably going to have power shortages in our State.

But that's not all. The rest of the country has got these rules too, and they're just as surprising and onerous as they are to us. The only difference between them and us is they knew they were going to be under it—this is the eastern part of the country. We didn't know we were going to be under it, so we've got a particularly loud gripe. But other States are saying the same thing: Holy cow, what are we going to do?

The Midwest, almost all their power comes from coal—not in our State; we still have oil and gas. But in the Midwest, all their power comes from coal. What are they going to do when they start shutting down plants? How cold is it going to be in Chicago this next year—which my dad claims when the wind blows off the lake is the coldest place on Earth—how cold is it going to be when they shut down the power plants in the central part of the United States in the Midwest? It's a frightening thought.

The impact on humanity ought to be one of the analyses that's made when you start making an analysis under these EPA regulations. Nobody wants to dirty up the air, but you can do it with reasonable assumptions as to how much harm you're going to do when you start doing it. And the harm we're looking at here is a lot of harm. It's downright scary what can happen in a cold winter or a hot summer.

We're in the middle of a drought right now in Texas. And where I live, it

hasn't rained in—gosh, I don't know, a long time, at least 4 or 5 months. We had barely a sprinkle on top of my patio in the back yard—didn't even get my street wet, but they called it rain. I don't count that. I'm talking about when it rains. Now, could we get one? Yeah. We're a land of wild weather. We could get one tomorrow that would wash us off the face of the Earth. But that's fine—we could use it.

But the point is, that sure tells you how hot it has been. From starting in May until late in the month of September, almost the entire State of Texas had over 100-degree weather every single day. Normally our hot weather starts in late July through August, mid-September we're over 100. We had 105 and 106 the whole summer long. Now you can just imagine how much electricity got cranked out.

If we implement the rules that are imposed by the EPA, we will double the cost of electricity. I'll use my electricity bill as an example. The entire summer my electricity bill was approximately \$600 plus a month. What that's telling me is look for \$1,200 bucks a month. The guy that's got \$200 bucks a month—which is the average smaller home in our area—he's looking at \$400 a month. It's a shocker to have something like that happen to you and to realize it had to be because people didn't think out regulations they imposed. We can still meet the standards and not put our people at risk. These are the kinds of things that we're talking about that so concern us.

And the first thing, when this all happens—and the reason I've been talking about this now for almost a year is because I'm convinced that a lot of Americans believe that when this happens to them in their life, they believe this is done because the Congress of the United States passed some law that caused that to happen.

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They don't know that it's an unelected group of bureaucrats in an agency somewhere that made this decision, not Members of this Congress, not the people they elect to speak for them in Washington, D.C. No, people who have jobs that they can't be fired from and who are entrenched in these agencies around this town write rules that affect the lives of ordinary Americans, and they never know where they came from unless they're in the industry that gets affected. Industry knows what bureaucrats do, but the average American citizen, he doesn't know. That's why everywhere I go, I talk about this because I want everybody to know, but particularly I want my folks back home that I represent to know just what these agencies do on their causes that causes the cost of living to go up.

Well, I'm about through, so I'll do this the easy way. I want to thank the Speaker for his patience. I've got plenty more to talk about. We'll talk about it on another day.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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#### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on October 4, 2011 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2608. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 771. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1081 Elbel Road in Schertz, Texas, as the "Schertz Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 1632. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5014 Gary Avenue in Lubbock, Texas, as the "Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office".

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3353. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the semi-annual status report of the U.S. Chemical Demilitarization Program (CDP) for September 2011, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1521(j); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3354. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of six officers to wear the authorized insignia of the grade rear admiral (lower half); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3355. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Increase the Use of Fixed-Price Incentive (Firm Target) Contracts (DFARS Case 2011-D010) (RIN: 0750-AH15) received September 8, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3356. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementation of Office of Management and Budget Guidance on Drug-Free Workplace Requirements [Docket No.: FR-

5471-F-01] (RIN: 2501-AD54) received August 9, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3357. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities (RIN: 1820-AB59) received September 8, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3358. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Ophthalmic Devices; Classification of the Eyelid Thermal Pulsation System [Docket No.: FDA-2011-M-0570] received September 8, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3359. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (El Paso, Texas) [MB Docket No.: 11-74] (RM-11630) received September 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3360. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-14, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3361. A letter from the Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementation of a Decision Adopted under the Australia Group (AG) Intersessional Silent Approval Procedures in 2010 and Related Editorial Amendments [Docket No.: 110222155-1110-01] (RIN: 0694-AF14) received September 8, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3362. A letter from the Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Export Administration Regulations: Netherlands Antilles, Curacao, Sint Maarten and Timor-Leste [Docket No.: 110802457-1467-01] (RIN: 0694-AF18) received September 8, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3363. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Report and Determinations Pursuant to Section 804 of the Palestine Liberation Organization Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as Amended, and Sections 603-604 and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (P.L. 107-228); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3364. A letter from the Speaker, Kyrgyzstan Parliament, transmitting a letter congratulating the United States on its Independence Day; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3365. A letter from the Director, Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3366. A letter from the Solicitor, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3367. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Pay for Sunday Work (RIN: 3206-AM08) received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3368. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees (RIN: 3206-AM29) received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3369. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Personnel Records (RIN: 3206-AM05) received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3370. A letter from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2013, in accordance with Section 7(f) of the Railroad Retirement Act, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231(f); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3371. A letter from the Director, Congressional, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting a letter informing of the Commission's revision of two disclosure forms; to the Committee on House Administration.

3372. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 as compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a Public Law 88-454; (H. Doc. No. 112—63); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

3373. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Regulatory Products Division, EXSO, USCIS, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Immigration Benefits Business Transformation, Increment I [CIS No.: 2481-09; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2009-0022] (RIN: 1615-AB83) received August 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3374. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Model F.28 Mark 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0472; Directorate Identifier 2011-NM-005-AD; Amendment 39-16767; AD 2011-17-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 9, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3375. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney (PW) Models PW4074 and PW4077 Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1095; Directorate Identifier 2009-NE-40-AD; Amendment 39-16742; AD 2011-14-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 9, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3376. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0470; Directorate Identifier 2010-NM-190-AD; Amendment 39-16768; AD 2011-17-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 9, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3377. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320-214, -232, and -233 Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0305; Directorate Identifier 2010-NM-186-AD; Amendment 39-16766; AD 2011-17-

02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 9, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3378. A letter from the Co-Chairs, Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, transmitting a letter informing the Commission's final report will be submitted by August 31, 2011; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs.

3379. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report concerning the operations and status of the Government Securities Investment fund (G-Fund) of the Federal Employees Retirement System during the debt issuance suspension period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8348(h); jointly to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Ways and Means.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. MICA: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2594. A bill to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-232 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1025. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law (Rept. 112-233). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1263. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures; with amendment (Rept. 112-234). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2074. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a comprehensive policy on reporting and tracking sexual assault incidents and other safety incidents that occur at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs; with amendments (Rept. 112-235). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2302. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs; with amendments (Rept. 112-233). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2594 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 of the following