

that wants to keep vacant office space, vacant warehouse space; but in government, because we don't have agencies talking to each other, we have vacant office space and vacant warehouse space across the entire Nation.

Here's an opportunity to do more with less. We have an opportunity to, in courthouse sharing, we have waste, 946,000 extra square feet, which was constructed because of lack of sharing. The number of courtrooms needed is 27 of the 33 courtrooms, which would have been reduced by a total of 126 if all we did was just share. But this is one example. Again, this goes across the entire bureaucracy across the United States. Combining agencies, collocating, getting to 100 percent utilization rate is something we ought to all strive for.

But I think one of the biggest areas, not only for redevelopment and jobs, but to bring in revenue—there is a lot of talk out there about taxes. If you really want to bring in revenue that Republicans and Democrats can agree on, let's sell off some of those things that we just don't need, properties that we have sat on for decades, properties that we may have bought at one time or developed at one time because we actually had a purpose for using them.

But there's no accountability, no efficiency to be able to say at a certain point that this property is just not needed; it's not being utilized; it hasn't been developed. It's going to cost us millions of dollars every year in operating costs. It's going to cost us billions of dollars to do tenant improvements.

We don't look at all of our properties across the Nation. We don't even look at our asset portfolio by agency. Let's start taking a look at the 1.4 million properties, buildings that we have across the Nation that your Federal Government owns that utilizes taxpayer dollars and make a business decision: Do we need it now? Is it being used efficiently? And can we sell off some of the things that we just don't need?

We've already identified 14,000 excess properties—"excess" meaning we don't need them today. Let's start by selling those off. But then let's look at some big ticket items. Rather than giving the Presidio back to California or to San Francisco, rather than doing a sweetheart deal for one city or one State, selling off big billion dollar properties to New York, let's do a competitive process that affects all of our taxpayers, that actually brings revenue back to our Treasury and reduces our debt.

And along the way, as we're selling off these properties, the private individual that buys it or the company that's redeveloping it is going to reinvest not only in the property, but in the community. You can generate millions of jobs just by creating the redevelopment across the entire Nation. So there's a great opportunity with our property sale as well.

And then we also need oversight. I mean, there has been a huge lack in oversight across the Nation. One of the glaring examples that I've seen is in my home State of California, a courthouse that was proposed over a decade ago. Now, in 2000 we had 60 judges, with a proposal to add about 20 more judges. They were going to build a new courthouse. About \$400 million it was going to be to build this new courthouse.

We also spent millions of dollars acquiring this new piece of property that is in a beautiful area of downtown, redeveloped all around it; but it is a hole in the ground. For the last decade, we have not done it because we haven't hired new judges; in fact, we have fewer judges now. And across the Nation there is this new policy to actually commingle, share courtroom space. So we've got two courtrooms in the L.A. area that neither one is a hundred percent occupied. We have space there just for individuals; but if we did sharing, we could actually get rid of one of those two courthouses. But instead, we're going to obligate a half a billion dollars to build a brand-new court site when we're not utilizing the other two court sites that we have today.

We need greater oversight so that we can look at all of these properties, the stimulus package that we had at one time and the money that's still being spent out there and actually use them for shovel-ready projects that will create jobs today. This little courthouse is going to spend a half a billion dollars on courtrooms that we don't need. We need greater oversight.

If we want to really move this country forward, if we want to get Republicans and Democrats to agree, if we want to get both parties in both Houses to work on something together, if you want to send something to the President that the President is actually asking for that creates jobs, not just numbers out there or long term, that creates jobs today, something that's going to bring in revenue—we know we need revenue, we know we've got a huge debt that we've got to pay off—immediate revenue within the first year, over \$15 billion within the next decade. And I think that that is a very conservative estimate, that we have a chance to sell quite a bit more than that itself.

And then, lastly, cutting waste. With one bill we can cut waste, we can create jobs, and we can create revenue with both parties agreeing to something that will move our country forward.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PALAZZO) at 6 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CARSON of Indiana (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons (surgery).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 368. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3709. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Responsibility and Liability for Government Property (DFARS Case 2010-D018) (RIN: 0750-AG94) received October 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3710. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] received October 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3711. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Share Insurance and Appendix (RIN: 3133-AD79) October 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3712. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program [Docket ID: ED-2011-OS-0010] (RIN: 1894-AA03) received October 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3713. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulations and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Compliance Certification for Electric Motors [Docket No.: EERE-2010-BT-CE-0014] (RIN: 1904-AC23) received September 27, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3714. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP); Administrative Implementation, Final Rule (RIN: 0906-AA83) received October 7, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3715. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles [EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0162; NHTSA-2010-0079; FRL-9455-1] (RIN: 2060-AP61; 2127-AK74) received October 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3716. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Electric Reliability Organization Interpretation of Transmission Operations Reliability Standard [Docket No.: RM10-29-000; Order No. 753] received October 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3717. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Management Directive 11.6, "Financial Assistance Program" received October 11, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3718. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Final Division of Safety Systems Interim Staff Guidance DSS-ISG-2010-01: Staff Guidance Regarding the Nuclear Criticality Safety Analysis for Spent Fuel Pools received October 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3719. A letter from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Supplemental Standards for Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of the Treasury (RIN: 1505-AC38) received October 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3720. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System, Grand Teton National Park, Bicycle Routes, Fishing and Vessels (RIN: 1024-AD75) received September 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3721. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for the Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of California Tiger Salamander [Docket No.: FWS-R8-ES-2009-0044] (RIN: 1018-AW86) received September 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3722. A letter from the Acting Chief, Listing Branch, Department of the Interior,

transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Altamaha Spiny mussel and Designation of Critical Habitat [Docket No.: FWS-R4-ES-2008-0107] (RIN: 1018-AV88) received October 11, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3723. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for Casey's June Beetle and Designation of Critical Habitat [Docket No.: FWS-R8-ES-2009-0019] (RIN: 1018-AV91) received September 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3724. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Regulatory Amendment [Docket No.: 110131079-1521-02] (RIN: 0648-BA79) received September 27, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3725. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought in Specified Counties [Notice 2011-79] received September 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3726. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Supplemental Procedures for Church Plan Letter Rulings (Rev. Proc. 2011-44) received September 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3727. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2011 Prevailing State Assumed Interest Rates (Rev. Rule. 2011-23) received October 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3728. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates [Notice 2011-84] received October 7, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3729. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Updated Procedures for Opinion and Advisory Letter Rulings for Pre-approved Plans (Revenue Procedure 2011-49) received October 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on 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. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 453. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2930) to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowd-funded securities, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2940) to direct the Securities and

Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D (Rept. 112-265). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. FLORES:

H.R. 3306. A bill to repeal the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loan program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. DOLD, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. BOSWELL, and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 3307. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the renewable energy credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. POMPEO (for himself, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. RIBBLE, and Mr. FLAKE):

H.R. 3308. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain energy tax subsidies and lower the corporate income tax rate; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WALDEN (for himself and Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois):

H.R. 3309. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCALISE (for himself and Mr. WALDEN):

H.R. 3310. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. ISSA):

H.R. 3311. A bill to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BRADY of Texas (for himself and Mr. LARSEN of Washington):

H.R. 3312. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. FILNER, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. EDWARDS, and Mr. HINCHAY):

H.R. 3313. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on certain trading transactions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. MATSUI):