

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1134. An Act to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on March 1, 2012 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 347. To correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5166. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of User Fees for Filovirus Testing of Nonhuman Primate Liver Samples (RIN: 0920-AA47) [Docket No.: CDC-2012-0003] received February 9, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5167. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Services Surveys: Amendments to the BE-120, Benchmark Survey of Transactions in Selected Services and Intangible Assets With Foreign Persons [Docket No.: 110112021-1680-03] (RIN: 0691-AA76) received February 6, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5168. A letter from the Assistant Director for Policy, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cote d'Ivoire Sanctions Regulations; Darfur Sanctions Regulations; Democratic Republic of the Congo Sanctions Regulations received February 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5169. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Reinstatement of Coverage Pertaining to Final Payment Under Construction and Building Service Contracts [GSAR Amendment 2012-01; GSAR Case 2010-G509 (Change 53) Docket 2011-0009; Sequence 1] (RIN: 3090-AJ13) received February 13, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5170. A letter from the Chief Operating Officer/President, Resolution Funding Corpora-

tion, transmitting the Corporation's Statement on the System of Internal Controls and the 2011 Audited Financial Statements; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5171. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Texas Regulatory Program [SATS Nos. TX-061-FOR; TX-062-FOR; TX-063-FOR; Docket No. OSM-2011-0007] received February 13, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5172. A letter from the Chief of Staff, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Review and Approval of Existing Ordinances or Resolutions; Repeal (RIN: 3141-AA45) received February 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5173. A letter from the Comptroller, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Fees received February 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5174. A letter from the Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2012 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Atka Mackerel Total Allowable Catch Amount [Docket No.: 101126521-0640-02] (RIN: 0648-XA901) received February 17, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5175. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2011 and 2012 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish [Docket No.: 111220788-1785-02] (RIN: 0648-XA855) received February 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5176. 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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Generic Annual Catch Limits/Accountability Measures Amendment for the Gulf of Mexico [Docket No.: 100217097-1757-02] (RIN: 0648-AY22) received February 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5177. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting a report on compliance within the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions under Title I of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5178. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's statement of actions with respect to the Government Accountability Office report entitled, "National Aeronautics and Space Administration: Acquisition Approach for Commercial Crew Transportation Includes Good Practices, but Faces Significant Challenges" (GAO-12-282), dated December 15, 2011; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

5179. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's statement of actions with respect to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report entitled, "International Space Station:

Approaches for Ensuring Utilization Through 2020 Are Reasonable But Should Be Revisited as NASA Gains More Knowledge of On-Orbit Performance" (GAO-12-162), dated December 15, 2011; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

5180. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Definition of a Taxpayer [TD 9576] (RIN: 1545-BF73) received February 13, 2012, 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. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 940. A bill to establish standards for covered bond programs and a covered bond regulatory oversight program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-407, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 570. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2842) to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-408). Referred to the House Calendar.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILLS

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following actions were taken by the Speaker:

[Omitted from the Record of March 1, 2012]

H.R. 901. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than March 9, 2012.

H.R. 2309. Referral to the Committee on Rules extended for a period ending not later than March 30, 2012.

[The following action occurred on March 5, 2012]

H.R. 940. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than March 30, 2012.

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. STEARNS (for himself and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 4132. A bill to amend section 506 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to expedite approval of drugs for serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CANTOR (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. BERMAN):

H.R. 4133. A bill to express the sense of Congress regarding the United States-Israel strategic relationship, to direct the President to submit to Congress reports on United States actions to enhance this relationship and to assist in the defense of Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 4134. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that any person who, for a commercial purpose, makes available for consumer use a machine capable of

producing tobacco products, is a manufacturer of tobacco products; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FLAKE:

H.R. 4135. A bill to permit United States companies to participate in the exploration for and the extraction of hydrocarbon resources from any portion of a foreign maritime exclusive economic zone that is contiguous to the exclusive economic zone of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUCHSON, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. CANSECO, Mr. TERRY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, and Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia):

H.R. 4136. A bill to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in conjunction with a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. NEAL):

H.R. 4137. A bill to make permanent the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided educational assistance; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. LEE of California:

H.R. 4138. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to create a National Neuromyelitis Optica Consortium to provide grants and coordinate research with respect to the causes of, and risk factors associated with, neuromyelitis optica, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California:

H.R. 4139. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend permanently the 100 percent exclusion of gain from the sale or exchange of qualified small business stock; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut:

H.R. 4140. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Veterans' 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. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. BASS of California):

H.R. 4141. A bill to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to take appropriate actions to improve the nutritional quality, quality control, and cost effectiveness of United States food assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. RUNYAN:

H.R. 4142. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for sur-

vivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TIBERI (for himself and Mr. PASCRELL):

H.R. 4143. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the period during which transfers of excess pension assets may be made to retiree health accounts and to provide for the transfer of such assets to retiree group term life insurance accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.

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. STEARNS:

H.R. 4132.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, the power to regulate interstate activity.

By Mr. CANTOR:

H.R. 4133.

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

Congress has the authority to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution, the power to "regulate Commerce with foreign Nations" and pursuant to Article I, Section 8, clause 1, the power to "provide for the common Defence."

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 4134.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution; whereby 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.

Furthermore, this bill makes specific changes to existing law, in accordance with Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution; whereby the Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. FLAKE:

H.R. 4135.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, which gives Congress the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations," and Clause 18, "to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers."

By Mr. GARDNER:

H.R. 4136.

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

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 4137.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Ms. LEE of California:

H.R. 4138.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California:

H.R. 4139.

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

The amendment to the Internal Revenue Code to extend permanently the 100 percent exclusion of gain from the sale or exchange of qualified small business stock is authorized by Article 1 Section 8 to Lay and collect taxes.

By Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut:

H.R. 4140.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. PAYNE:

H.R. 4141.

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

The Commerce Clause, Article I Section 8 Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States, grants Congress the power "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes".

By Mr. RUNYAN:

H.R. 4142.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. TIBERI:

H.R. 4143.

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

Article 1, Section 7 of the United States Constitution which provides that "All bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives."

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 12: Mrs. MALONEY.

H.R. 85: Mr. CLARKE of Michigan.

H.R. 178: Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 303: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio and Mr. CARNAHAN.

H.R. 409: Mr. LATHAM, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. TERRY.

H.R. 436: Mr. GALLEGLY.

H.R. 451: Mr. KISSELL.

H.R. 452: Mr. ROSS of Arkansas, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. CARNAHAN.

H.R. 512: Mr. HINOJOSA.

H.R. 546: Mr. SCHILLING.

H.R. 605: Mr. MARINO and Mr. SCHWEIKERT.

H.R. 664: Mr. LATHAM.

H.R. 708: Mr. YODER.

H.R. 733: Mr. BROUN of Georgia.

H.R. 750: Mr. QUAYLE.

H.R. 854: Mr. KIND.

H.R. 860: Mr. BOREN.

H.R. 890: Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. FALCOMA VAEGA.

H.R. 931: Mr. FARENTHOLD and Mr. HALL.

H.R. 972: Mr. JONES.

H.R. 978: Mr. FORTENBERRY.

H.R. 979: Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. JONES.

H.R. 998: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 1057: Mr. HINOJOSA.