

5207. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5208. A letter from the Corps of Engineers, Secretary, Mississippi River Commission, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act covering the calendar year 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5209. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-313, "Streetscape Reconstruction Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5210. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-314, "Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center and Dispensary Locations Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5211. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-315, "Historic Property Improvement Notification Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5212. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-318, "Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishments and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5213. A letter from the HR Specialist, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting first annual report on the category rating system as required by 5 U.S.C., Section 3319(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5214. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report of obligations and unobligated balances of funds provided for Federal-aid highways and safety construction programs for Fiscal Year 2010 as of September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5215. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0717; Directorate Identifier 2010-NM-108-AD; Amendment 39-16869; AD 2011-24-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5216. A letter from the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for WTO and Multilateral Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, transmitting the Administration's Annual Report on Subsidies Enforcement, pursuant to the Statement of Administrative Action of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. SOUTHERLAND:

H.R. 4150. A bill to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System

the areas included in Indian Peninsula Unit FL-92 and Cape San Blas Unit P-30 in Florida; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SOUTHERLAND:

H.R. 4151. A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Prisons land in Leon County, Florida; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia):

H.R. 4152. A bill to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, which are commonly referred to as the "Hatch Act" to eliminate the provision preventing certain State and local employees from seeking elective office, clarify the application of certain provisions to the District of Columbia, and modify the penalties which may be imposed for certain violations under subchapter III of chapter 73 of that title; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself and Mr. HOLDEN):

H.R. 4153. A bill to support efforts to reduce pollution of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and 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. BOREN (for himself, Mr. COLE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. INSLEE, and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 4154. A bill to decrease the incidence of violent crimes against Indian women, to strengthen the capacity of Indian tribes to exercise the sovereign authority of Indian tribes to respond to violent crimes committed against Indian women, and to ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes committed against Indian women are held accountable for that criminal behavior, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. DENHAM (for himself and Mr. WALZ of Minnesota):

H.R. 4155. A bill to direct the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MARINO, and Mr. STEARNS):

H.R. 4156. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to strengthen the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to seek advice from external experts regarding rare diseases, the burden of rare diseases, and the unmet medical needs of individuals with rare diseases; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LATHAM (for himself and Mr. BOREN):

H.R. 4157. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing a proposed rule under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 relating to child labor; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HALL (for himself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. OLSON, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. ADAMS, Mr. POSEY, Mr. RIGELL, and Mr. CLARKE of Michigan):

H.R. 4158. A bill to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. DeFAZIO:

H.R. 4159. A bill to increase the employment of Americans by requiring State workforce agencies to certify that employers are actively recruiting Americans and that Americans are not qualified or available to fill the positions that the employer wants to fill with H-2B nonimmigrants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROKITA (for himself, Mr. HUELSEKAMP, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, and Mr. JORDAN):

H.R. 4160. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to replace the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance program with a block grant to the States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, House Administration, Rules, and Appropriations, 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. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 4161. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide that the United States Postal Service may not close or consolidate any postal facility located in a ZIP code with a high rate of population growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. MILLER of Michigan:

H.R. 4162. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Great Lakes basin initiative for agricultural nonpoint source pollution prevention; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California (for himself and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 4163. A bill to amend certain provisions of the Truth in Lending Act related to the compensation of mortgage originators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. LOEBSACK):

H.R. 4164. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for members of the reserve components, a member or former member of a reserve component who is eligible for retired pay but for age, widows and widowers of retired members, and dependents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JONES:

H. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the use of offensive military force by a President without prior and clear authorization of an Act of Congress constitutes an impeachable high crime and misdemeanor under Article II, section 4 of the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KILDEE (for himself, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. FUDGE, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H. Res. 574. A resolution expressing support for designation of the week of March 12, 2012, through March 16, 2012, as National Young Audiences Week; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. JONES:

H. Res. 575. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to observe a moment of silence in the House on the first legislative day of each month for those killed or wounded in the United States engagement in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. WOLF, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. PITTS):

H. Res. 576. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of the People's Republic of China has violated internationally recognized human rights by implementing severe restrictions on the rights of Uyghurs to freely associate and engage in religious and political speech, subjecting detained Uyghurs to torture and forced confessions, carrying out extrajudicial killings against Uyghur dissidents, and pressuring other governments to unlawfully return Uyghurs to China, where they face mistreatment and persecution; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. UPTON:

H. Res. 577. A resolution recognizing the service of the Gold Star Dads of America, a nonprofit organization consisting of the fathers of members of the Armed Forces who make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

181. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, relative to a Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress to designate in South Carolina the Southern Campaign of the Revolution as a National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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. SOUTHERLAND:

H.R. 4150.

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

Article IV, section 3 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

(The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.)

By Mr. SOUTHERLAND:

H.R. 4151.

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

Article IV, section 3 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

(The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.)

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 4152.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States grants the Congress the power to enact this law.

By Mr. GOODLATTE:

H.R. 4153.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States. This clause allows Congress to regulate interstate commerce. In this case, this legislation is necessary to reduce burdens on interstate commerce.

By Mr. BOREN:

H.R. 4154.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. DENHAM:

H.R. 4155.

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. MARKEY:

H.R. 4156.

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

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. LATHAM:

H.R. 4157.

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

Article I, Section 1; and Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. HALL:

H.R. 4158.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. DEFAZIO:

H.R. 4159.

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

Article I Section 8, Clause 4. The Congress shall have Power * * * To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States.

By Mr. ROKITA:

H.R. 4160.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 [the Spending Clause] of the United States Constitution states that "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay for Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States." This bill restores the proper balance of power between the federal and state governments as intended under the 10th Amendment to the Constitution by devolving the responsibility of providing health care assistance for low income citizens to the states. It reinforces the founding constitutional principle that state governments are properly situated with attending to their citizens' health, safety, and general welfare."

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 4161.

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

U.S. Const. art. I, §§1 and 8.

By Mrs. MILLER of Michigan:

H.R. 4162.

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

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California:

H.R. 4163.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 4164.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 14

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 23: Mrs. CAPPS.

H.R. 104: Mr. LATTA and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

H.R. 324: Mr. GUTIERREZ and Mr. PLATTS.

H.R. 327: Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 329: Mr. BOREN.

H.R. 374: Mr. ROONEY.

H.R. 625: Mr. MCCAUL.

H.R. 683: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

H.R. 718: Mr. INSLEE, Mr. BISHOP of New York, and Mr. CRITZ.

H.R. 719: Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TURNER of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. EDWARDS, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. NEAL, Mr. WOMACK, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. PETRI, Mr. REYES, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. SIREN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. REED, Mr. KIND, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Mr. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. LATTA, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BASS of New Hampshire, and Mr. AMODEI.

H.R. 733: Ms. HAYWORTH.

H.R. 780: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 807: Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 854: Ms. HAYWORTH and Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 860: Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky.

H.R. 870: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. HOLT.

H.R. 885: Mr. HINOJOSA.

H.R. 891: Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 931: Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. GOWDY.

H.R. 941: Mr. MORAN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. RAHALL.

H.R. 964: Mr. MICHAUD.

H.R. 1041: Mr. MCCOTTER.

H.R. 1112: Mr. LATTA.

H.R. 1179: Mr. BARROW.

H.R. 1193: Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 1208: Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia.

H.R. 1236: Mr. AMODEI.

H.R. 1330: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 1340: Mr. ROHRBACHER and Mr. NUNNELEE.

H.R. 1360: Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 1370: Mr. HECK.

H.R. 1410: Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 1589: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 1612: Mr. CHANDLER and Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 1639: Mr. GRIMM, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, and Mr. FARENTHOLD.

H.R. 1842: Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 1867: Mr. HULTGREN.

H.R. 1895: Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 1955: Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California.

H.R. 1960: Mr. KING of Iowa.

H.R. 2086: Mr. GUTIERREZ and Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 2102: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 2104: Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 2106: Mr. BERMAN and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 2123: Mr. CRITZ.

H.R. 2124: Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 2168: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 2195: Mr. LOEBSACK.

H.R. 2222: Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

H.R. 2239: Ms. MOORE and Ms. HAYWORTH.

H.R. 2245: Mr. BUCSHON.

H.R. 2325: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2418: Mr. LATTA.

H.R. 2429: Mr. LATHAM.

H.R. 2485: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 2543: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 2595: Mr. ROSS of Arkansas.

H.R. 2600: Mr. ANDREWS and Mr. CRITZ.