

4577. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Shipping and Transportation; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0618] (RIN: 1625-AB77) received December 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4578. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0721; Directorate Identifier 2010-NM-217-AD; Amendment 39-16861; AD 2011-23-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4579. A letter from the FMCSA Regulatory Ombudsman, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drivers of CMVs: Restricting the Use of Cellular Phones [Docket No.: FMCSA-2010-0096] (RIN: 2137-AE65) received December 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4580. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's thirteenth report to Congress and the eleventh report to the President entitled, "The National Initiative for Increasing Safety Belt Use: The Buckle Up America Campaign"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4581. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Blythe, CA [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0585; Airspace Docket No. 11-AWP-9] received December 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4582. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Luray, VA [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0785; Airspace Docket No. 11-AEA-20] received December 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4583. A letter from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for the fiscal year 2011, in accordance with OMB Circular A-136; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4584. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Alternate Passenger Rail Service Pilot Program [Docket No.: FRA-2009-0108; Notice No. 2] (RIN: 2130-AC19) received December 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4585. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Department of Energy FY 2010 Methane Hydrate Program Report to Congress", pursuant to Section 968 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

4586. A letter from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Benefits for Newborn Children of Certain Woman Veterans (RIN: 2900-AO05) received December 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4587. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting the Department's FY 2009 annual report on the Child Support Enforcement Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4588. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — William & Sharon Norris v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo. 2011-161 received December 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4589. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Employer's Annual Federal Tax Return and Modifications to the Deposit Rules [TD 9566] (RIN: 1545-BK82) received December 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4590. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Sample Plan Amendment for Section 436 [Notice 2011-96] received December 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4591. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Targeted Populations Under Section 45(e)(2) [TD 9560] (RIN: 1545-BE89) received December 12, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4592. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting an additional legislative proposal that the Department of Defense requests to be enacted during the first session of the 112th Congress; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Transportation and Infrastructure.

4593. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Second Biennial Report to Congress Responding to the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) Findings and Recommendations during Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009", pursuant to Public Law 109-58, section 807(d)(2); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Science, Space, and Technology.

4594. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Ezogabine Into Schedule V [Docket No.: DEA-354] received December 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary.

4595. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 7(a) of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-45), a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2012-03 suspending the limitation on the obligation of the State Department Appropriations contained in sections 3(b) and 7(b) of that Act for six months as well as the periodic report provided for under Section 6 of the Act covering the period from December 2, 2011 to the present, pursuant to Public Law 104-45, section 6 (109 Stat. 400); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Appropriations.

4596. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Availability of Medicare Data for Performance Measurement [CMS-5059-F] (RIN: 0938-AQ17) received December 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

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:

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN: Committee on Foreign Affairs. H.R. 2059. A bill to prohibit funding to the United Nations Population Fund (Rept. 112-361). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California: Committee on House Administration. House Resolution 496. Resolution adjusting the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress (Rept. 112-362). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 2309. A bill to restore the financial solvency of the United States Postal Service and to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail; with an amendment (Rept. 112-363, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on the Budget. H.R. 3521. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for a legislative line-item veto to expedite consideration of rescissions, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 112-364, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 515. Resolution addressing a motion to proceed under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code (Rept. 112-365). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BACHUS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1221. A bill to suspend the current compensation packages for the senior executives of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and establish compensation for such positions in accordance with rates of pay for senior employees in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-366, Pt. 1). 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 Oversight and Government Reform discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1221 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

[Omitted from the Record of January 6, 2012]

H.R. 901. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than January 20, 2012.

[Submitted January 17, 2012]

H.R. 2309. Referral to the Committee on Rules extended for a period ending not later than March 1, 2012.

H.R. 3521. Referral to the Committee on Rules extended for a period ending not later than February 3, 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:

[Submitted January 10, 2012]

By Mr. GIBSON (for himself and Mr. REED):

H.R. 3769. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the low-income housing credit that may be allocated in States damaged in 2011 by Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BLACK (for herself, Mrs. ADAMS, Mr. AKIN, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRAVAACK, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. HULTGREN, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANDRY, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. MARINO, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POMPEO, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. WALSH of Illinois, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. CANSECO, and Mr. QUAYLE):

H. Res. 509. A resolution disapproving of the President's appointment of four officers or employees of the United States during a period when no recess of the Congress for a period of more than three days was authorized by concurrent resolution and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that those appointments were made in violation of the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

[Submitted January 13, 2012]

By Mr. LANDRY (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. SCALISE, and Mr. BARLETTA):

H.R. 3770. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that payment for services may not be made to an individual appointed during a recess of the Senate to fill a vacancy in an existing office, if the vacancy existed while the Senate was in session and was by law required to be filled by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Financial 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. CONYERS (for himself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr.

JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Ms. RICHARDSON, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 3771. A bill to promote long-term, sustainable rebuilding and development in Haiti, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi:

H.R. 3772. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the "First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Ms. BASS of California, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HONDA, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WATERS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H. Res. 510. A resolution recognizing the anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives, and expressing continued solidarity with the Haitian people; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

[Submitted January 17, 2012]

By Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. PITTS, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 3773. A bill to amend the Renewable Fuel Program in section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act to allow domestic alternative fuel to be used to satisfy a portion of the required applicable volume of renewable fuel; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois:

H.R. 3774. A bill to reduce the salaries of Members of Congress and the amounts available for the salaries and expenses of offices of Members, committees, and the leadership of Congress by 50 percent, to provide for further reductions in the salaries of Members of Congress to the extent that Congress is in session for more than 60 days during any session of a Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, Rules, and Ethics, 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. PITTS:

H.R. 3775. A bill to provide dollars to the classroom; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. HOLT, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 3776. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school libraries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 3777. A bill to resolve title issues involving real property and equipment acquired using funds provided under the Alaska Kiln Drying Grant Program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.J. Res. 99. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require that an increase in the Federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the several States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CANTOR:

H. Res. 511. A resolution electing the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CANTOR:

H. Res. 512. A resolution providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CANTOR:

H. Res. 513. A resolution to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CANTOR:

H. Res. 514. A resolution providing for the hour of meeting of the House; considered and agreed to.

MEMORIALS

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

173. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 145 urging the Congress and the Department of Labor to amend proposed work regulations that would limit youth employment on farms; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

174. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 13 urging the President and the Congress to provide resources to increase the supply of physicians in California; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

175. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 18 recognizing September 2011 as Sickle Cell Awareness Month in California; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

176. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 17 urging the Congress and the President to increase funding for these law enforcement and crime prevention programs and to pay the full costs of incarcerating undocumented criminals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

177. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 15 urging the government to consider the California jobs and economic stimulus provided by the California floriculture industry when advancing free trade agreements; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

178. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 95 expressing support for the continued efforts of the Michigan Attorney General to oppose the Implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Appropriations, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, House Administration, and Rules.

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.

[Submitted January 10, 2012]

By Mr. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON:
H.R. 3769.