

6501. A letter from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting five legislative recommendations from the Commission; to the Committee on House Administration.

6502. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Virginia Regulatory Program [VA-126-FOR; OSM-2008-0012] received May 22, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6503. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting information on Defense of Marriage Act litigation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6504. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; Choptank River and Cambridge Channel, Cambridge, MD [Docket No.: USCG-2011-1164] (RIN: 1625-AA87) received May 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6505. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Anacostia River, Washington, DC [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0591] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received May 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6506. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations; Safety and Security Zones; Recurring Events in Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone [Docket No.: USCG-2008-0384] (RIN: 1625-AA00; 1625-AA08; 1625-AA87) received May 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6507. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Seagoing Barges [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0363] (RIN: 1625-AB71) received May 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6508. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Damage Tolerance and Fatigue Evaluation for Composite Rotorcraft Structures, and Damage Tolerance and Fatigue Evaluation for Metallic Structures; Correction [Docket No.: FAA-2009-0660; Amdt. Nos. 27-47A, 29-54A; and Docket No. FAA-2009-0413; Amdt. No. 29-55A] (RIN: 2120-AJ52, 2120-AJ51) received May 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6509. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Small Business Size Standards: Transportation and Warehousing (RIN: 3245-AG08) received May 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

6510. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Disaster Assistance Loan Program; Maximum Term for Disaster Loans to Small Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere (RIN: 3245-AG42) received May 22, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

6511. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the ninth annual report on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6512. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting addi-

tional legislative proposals that the Department requests be enacted during the second session of the 112th Congress; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs.

6513. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report to Congress concerning the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility being constructed at the Department's Savannah River Site near Aiken, South Carolina, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 4306(a)(3); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce.

6514. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting second quarterly report of FY 2012 on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

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. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 691. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4480) to provide for the development of a plan to increase 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 response to a drawdown on petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (Rept. 112-540). 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. KUCINICH (for himself, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. CHU, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. HONDA, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ELLISON, and Ms. EDWARDS):

H.R. 5959. A bill to place a moratorium on permitting for mountaintop removal coal mining until health studies are conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. LUJÁN):

H.R. 5960. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to improve the response to insect infestations and related diseases and to change the funding source for the Healthy Forests Reserve Program, to codify the stewardship end result contracting and good neighbor authorities, and to amend the emergency watershed protection program to improve post fire rehabilitation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a pe-

riod 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 Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. TERRY, and Mrs. NOEM):

H.R. 5961. A bill to provide reasonable limits, control, and oversight over the Environmental Protection Agency's use of aerial surveillance of America's farmers; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. HANNA, and Mr. FARR):

H.R. 5962. A bill to amend the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 to require recordkeeping and authorize investigations and enforcement actions for violations of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. COLE:

H.R. 5963. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for 1 year the deduction for expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers and to allow such deduction with respect to home school expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CUELLAR (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 5964. A bill to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Judiciary, 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. GALLEGLY:

H.R. 5965. A bill to require the Chief of the Forest Service to make the Forest Service First and Second Generation Modular Airborne Firefighting System (MAFFS) units available to units of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve that have the aircraft capability and pilot and crew member training adequate for utilizing such firefighting systems to help alleviate the shortage of air tankers to fight wildfires; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself and Mr. MEEKS):

H.R. 5966. A bill to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Professional Boxing Safety Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 5967. A bill to amend title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal renewable electricity and energy efficiency standard for certain electric utilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POSEY (for himself and Mr. BUCHANAN):

H.R. 5968. A bill to amend the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 to authorize the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to enter into reimbursable fee agreements for the provision of additional services at Customs ports of

entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. TERRY, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. GOWDY, and Mrs. SCHMIDT):

H.R. 5969. A bill to preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. TERRY, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. GOWDY, and Mrs. SCHMIDT):

H.R. 5970. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing a proposed rule relating to the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to domestic service employees; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WALSH of Illinois:

H.R. 5971. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require each individual who desires to vote in an election for Federal office to provide the appropriate election official with a government-issued photo identification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART):

H. Res. 690. A resolution recognizing the Proclamation of the Refugee Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAMBORN:

H. Res. 692. A resolution recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the United States Air Force Space Command headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. MOORE (for herself, Ms. BASS of California, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. STARK, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H. Res. 693. A resolution expressing support for designation of June as "National Family Reunification Month"; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII.

234. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, relative to House Memorial 2002 urging the Congress to pass House Joint Resolution 106; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. KUCINICH:

H.R. 5959.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause III of the Constitution.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 5960.

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

This bill addresses management of federal land. Accordingly, we turn to the following constitutional authority: Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2.

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.

Currently, the federal government possesses approximately 1.8 billion acres of land. The land at issue in this bill is but a small part of those holdings. The U.S. Constitution specifically addresses the relationship of the federal government to lands. Article IV, Sec. 3, Clause 2—the Property Clause—gives Congress plenary power and full authority over federal property. The U.S. Supreme Court has described Congress's power to legislate under this Clause as "without limitation." Because of this express Constitutional authority, Congress has the right, if not the duty, to properly manage its public lands, including establishing forestation policies, and tree harvesting and tree salvaging. This bill falls squarely within the express Constitutional power set forth in the Property Clause.

By Mrs. CAPITO:

H.R. 5961.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (Interstate Commerce Clause)

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (Necessary and proper clause)

By Mrs. CAPPS:

H.R. 5962.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. COLE:

H.R. 5963.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have the Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 5964.

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

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I, SECTION 8: POWERS OF CONGRESS CLAUSE 18

The Congress shall have power . . . To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. GALLEGLY:

H.R. 5965.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution, it is the power of Congress to "make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States."

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 5966.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

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.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 5967.

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

Article I, section 8.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 5968.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

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.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department of Officer thereof.

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 5969.

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. WALBERG:

H.R. 5970.

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. WALSH of Illinois:

H.R. 5971.

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

Article I, Section 4, Clause 1: The Times, Places, and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed by each state by the legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or such Regulations, except as to the Places of choosing Senators.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 329: Ms. HIRONO.

H.R. 458: Mr. BACA and Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 640: Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 687: Mr. RUSH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ALT-MIRE, and Mr. ROONEY.

H.R. 692: Mrs. ADAMS.

H.R. 733: Mr. CARNEY.

H.R. 831: Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. BISHOP of New York.

H.R. 890: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 891: Mr. MILLER of North Carolina.

H.R. 904: Mr. MEEHAN and Mr. DEFAZIO.

H.R. 905: Mr. MARCHANT.

H.R. 930: Mr. JONES.

H.R. 931: Mr. ROKITA.

H.R. 987: Mr. CLARKE of Michigan.

H.R. 1063: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 1084: Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 1116: Mr. LUJÁN and Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H.R. 1167: Mr. MICA.

H.R. 1172: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 1236: Mr. KING of New York and Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 1277: Mr. PLATTS.

H.R. 1283: Mr. ROONEY.

H.R. 1285: Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia.

H.R. 1307: Mr. KLINE.

H.R. 1394: Mr. CAPUANO and Mr. HIGGINS.

H.R. 1523: Mr. STARK.

H.R. 1533: Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana.

H.R. 1537: Mr. CARNEY.

H.R. 1546: Mr. GARDNER, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 1588: Mr. RIGELL.