

Block Grants program; with an amendment (Rept. 112-582). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4402. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness; with an amendment (Rept. 112-583 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1171. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; with an amendment (Rept. 112-584 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. 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; with an amendment (Rept. 112-585). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4273. A bill to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-586). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. H. Res. 724. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6079) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Rept. 112-587). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4402 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### 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:

*[Omitted from the Record of June 29, 2012]*

By Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas.

H. Res. 718. A resolution raising a question of the privileges of the House.

*[Submitted July 9, 2012]*

By Mr. CANTOR (for himself, Mr. CAMP, Mr. KLINE, Mr. UPTON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. HERGER, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. CARTER, and Mr. DREIER):

H.R. 6079. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, Natural Resources, the Judiciary, House Administration, Rules, Appropriations, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently de-

termined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 6080. A bill to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 6081. A bill to accelerate research, development, and innovation in advanced manufacturing, to improve the competitiveness of American manufacturers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington:

H.R. 6082. A bill to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012-2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUCAS (for himself and Mr. PETERSON):

H.R. 6083. A bill to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2017, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. DOYLE):

H.R. 6084. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable tax credit for education and training expenses relating to autism spectrum disorders to increase the number of teachers with such expertise; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BOUSTANY:

H.R. 6085. A bill to amend section 40 of the Revised Statutes of the United States to clarify that for purposes of determining whether a Member of the House of Representatives is subject to a deduction from in pay by reason of absence from the House on a day, the Member shall be considered to be absent if the Member misses any vote held in the House on that day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

H.R. 6086. A bill to direct the heads of Federal public land management agencies to prepare reports on the availability of public access and egress to Federal public lands for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide funding for recreational public access to Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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 Ms. MCCOLLUM (for herself and Mr. SCHOCK):

H.R. 6087. A bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 6088. A bill to repeal certain tax increases enacted as part of health care reform; 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. TIPTON (for himself, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. WALDEN):

H.R. 6089. A bill to address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States by expanding authorities established in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States, to make permanent Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management authority to conduct good-neighbor cooperation with States to reduce wildfire risks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 725. A resolution expressing support for dancing as a form of valuable exercise and artistic expression and for the designation of July 28, 2012, as National Dance Day; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### MEMORIALS

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

241. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Resolution No. 80 encouraging the Congress to create a separate branch of the United States Armed Forces to combat cyber crime, warfare, and terrorism; to the Committee on Armed Services.

242. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 216 urging the Armed Services Committee to act favorably on H.R. 2148; to the Committee on Armed Services.

243. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 memorializing the Congress to take such actions as are necessary to encourage and enable the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to expedite the review and approval of Cheniere Energy's Sabine Pass Liquefied Natural Gas facility; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

244. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 10 memorializing the Congress to encourage the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Gulf of Mexico Marine Fisheries Council, and the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council to adopt a weekend-only fishery management scheme for red snapper for 2012; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

245. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Resolution No. 130 urging the Congress to enact the VISIT USA Act; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security.

246. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Resolution No. 25 supporting the Visa Improvements to Stimulate International Tourism to the United State of America; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security.

### 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. CANTOR:

H.R. 6079.

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

In *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, the Supreme Court rejected the constitutional basis offered by proponents of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the interstate commerce clause found in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution. Having eliminated the requirement that all Americans buy insurance, the Supreme Court recast the law's penalty for not buying insurance as a tax, which Americans would pay in lieu of purchasing insurance, and five Justices upheld this tax under the taxing power of Congress, found in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1. With the individual requirement to buy insurance having been found unconstitutional, and, with the compulsory nature of that requirement being central to the funding mechanism contemplated under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Congress hereby repeals the Act in its entirety. Furthermore, Congress did not intend and does not now intend to invoke its taxing power in relation to the individual requirement to buy insurance.

The Congress, the Executive, and the Judiciary are obligated to act according to the principle of coordinate branch construction based on their respective obligations to ensure that all their actions are constitutional. This is the clear meaning of the Vesting Clauses of Articles I, II, and III along with the Supremacy Clause of Article VI, as well as of the Oath of Office that each constitutional officer of the Federal government must take pursuant to Article VI. James Madison made this clear in 1834 stating, "As the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial departments of the United States are co-ordinate, and each equally bound to support the Constitution, it follows that each must in the exercise of its functions be guided by the text of the Constitution according to its own interpretation of it."

The "Repeal of Obamacare Act" repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title I and subtitle B of title II of the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010, which included several specific provisions that extend beyond the enumerated powers granted to Congress by the Constitution, including, in particular, the Commerce, Taxing, and the Spending Clauses of Article I, Section 8, as well as the Necessary and Proper Clauses contained therein, and that otherwise improperly extend authority to Federal agencies in a manner inconsistent with the Vesting Clause of Article I, Section 1.

The general repeal of this legislation is consistent with the powers that are reserved to the States and to the people as expressed in Amendment X to the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas:

H.R. 6080.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation, which makes improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and improves the Code, pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 6081.

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

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. HASTINGS of Washington:

H.R. 6082.

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

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2

By Mr. LUCAS:

H.R. 6083.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: The ability to regulate interstate commerce pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 6084.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. BOUSTANY:

H.R. 6085.

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

Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7 which states that no money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time. The Appropriations Clause provides Congress with a mechanism to control or to limit spending by the federal government

By Mr. HEINRICH:

H.R. 6086.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 6087.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, which gives Congress the power "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers."

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 6088.

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

Amendment 16 of the Constitution states: The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

By Mr. TIPTON:

H.R. 6089.

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

Article 4, Section 3: 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.

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 139: Mrs. CHRISTENSEN.  
H.R. 218: Mr. MEEKS.  
H.R. 459: Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Ms. PINGREE of Maine.  
H.R. 694: Ms. WILSON of Florida.  
H.R. 733: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BERG, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. POLIS, Mrs. BONO MACK, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. YOUNG of Florida.  
H.R. 860: Mr. CUELLAR and Ms. HANABUSA.  
H.R. 865: Mr. CHANDLER.  
H.R. 997: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 998: Mr. HOYER.  
H.R. 1063: Mr. HARRIS and Mr. BUCHANAN.  
H.R. 1171: Ms. BONAMICI.  
H.R. 1219: Mr. KISSELL.  
H.R. 1244: Mr. POE of Texas.  
H.R. 1265: Mr. PASCRELL.  
H.R. 1322: Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LOESACK, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.  
H.R. 1464: Mr. LAMBORN.  
H.R. 1546: Mr. KISSELL.  
H.R. 1742: Mr. GRIJALVA and Mr. HINOJOSA.  
H.R. 1775: Mr. BARROW, Mr. CRITZ, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. BOUSTANY.  
H.R. 1855: Mr. CHANDLER.  
H.R. 1909: Mr. RUSH.  
H.R. 1912: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.  
H.R. 1956: Mr. WOMACK.  
H.R. 1968: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 2040: Mr. ROE of Tennessee.  
H.R. 2053: Mr. CHANDLER.  
H.R. 2077: Mr. DOLD.  
H.R. 2140: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mr. WELCH.  
H.R. 2154: Mr. MORAN.  
H.R. 2168: Mr. STARK.  
H.R. 2268: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.  
H.R. 2295: Mr. BENISHEK.  
H.R. 2316: Mr. McDERMOTT and Mr. MORAN.  
H.R. 2437: Mr. HONDA.  
H.R. 2472: Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado.  
H.R. 2499: Mr. LOBIONDO.  
H.R. 2580: Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
H.R. 2655: Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. KISSELL, and Mr. HINCHAY.  
H.R. 2672: Mr. KISSELL.  
H.R. 2689: Mr. HONDA.  
H.R. 2730: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.  
H.R. 2866: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN and Mr. HANNA.  
H.R. 2948: Mr. MCINTYRE.  
H.R. 2969: Mr. FORBES, Mr. JONES, Mr. CONYERS and Mr. KISSELL.  
H.R. 3187: Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. FUDGE, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. LATTA.  
H.R. 3238: Mr. HIMES.  
H.R. 3315: Mr. PRICE of Georgia.  
H.R. 3337: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.  
H.R. 3395: Mr. DUFFY.  
H.R. 3510: Ms. DELAURO.  
H.R. 3643: Mr. WOMACK.  
H.R. 3709: Mr. JORDAN.  
H.R. 3767: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN and Ms. JENKINS.  
H.R. 3780: Mr. SCHOCK.  
H.R. 3798: Ms. SUTTON, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. POLIS.  
H.R. 3803: Mr. GUINTA.  
H.R. 3821: Mr. HONDA.  
H.R. 3861: Mr. ROGERS of Michigan.  
H.R. 4035: Mr. SCHOCK.  
H.R. 4066: Mrs. ELLMERS and Ms. JENKINS.  
H.R. 4070: Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas and Mr. MICHAUD.  
H.R. 4083: Mr. WAXMAN.  
H.R. 4103: Mr. BUCHANAN, Ms. SPEIER, and Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.  
H.R. 4124: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
H.R. 4155: Ms. HIRONO and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia.