

7411. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Small Business Investment Companies — Early Stage SBICs (RIN: 3245-AG32) received July 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

7412. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — 7(a) Loan Program; Eligible Passive Companies (RIN: 3245-AG48) received July 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

7413. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Conflicts of Interest and Investment of Idle Funds (RIN: 3245-AF56) received July 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

7414. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a letter notifying that the Department intends to take in *Cardona v. Shinseki*, Vet. App. No. 11-3083; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7415. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting notification of a continuation of a waiver authority; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7416. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Third Party Payer Issues & Reporting Agent, Revisions (Rev. Proc. 2010-32) received July 31, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7417. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2012 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment [Notice 2012-49] received July 31, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7418. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Applicable Federal Rates — August 2012 (Rev. Rul. 2012-21) received July 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7419. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Reallocation of Section 48A Credits under the Qualifying Advanced Coal Project Program [Notice 2012-51] received July 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7420. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Charitable Contributions to Domestic Disregarded Entities [Notice 2012-52] received August 6, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7421. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Deductions for Entertainment Use of Business Aircraft [TD 9597] (RIN: 1545-BF34) received August 6, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7422. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Revisions to Rev. Proc. 98-32 (Rev. Proc. 2012-33) received August 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7423. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final

rule — Expedited Vocational Assessment Under the Sequential Evaluation Process [Docket No.: SSA-2010-0060] (RIN: 0960-AH26) received July 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7424. A letter from the Congressional Affairs Division, Office of External Affairs, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Report on the Grants Program Measurement Study; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

7425. A letter from the Administrator, TSA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a piece of draft legislation; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

7426. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Technical Correction to Organizational Names, Addresses, and OMB Control Numbers [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2010-0629; FRL-8846-7] received August 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce.

7427. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Board's quarterly report to Congress on the Status of Significant Unresolved Issues with the Department of Energy's Design and Construction Projects (dated June 25, 2012); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations.

7428. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Activity Funding Level Report; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Science, Space, and Technology.

7429. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Medicare Program: Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2013 Rates; Hospitals' Resident Caps for Graduate Medical Education Payment Purposes; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers and for Ambulatory Surgical Centers [CMS-1588-F] (RIN: 0938-AR12) received August 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

7430. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 [CMS-1433-N] (RIN: 0938-AR21) received August 6, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

7431. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2013 [CMS-1432-N] (RIN: 0938-AR20) received August 6, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

7432. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System — Update for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2012 (FY 2013) [CMS-1440-N] (RIN: 0938-AR22) received August 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

7433. A letter from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmit-

ting the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) July 2012 Quarterly Report and Semiannual Report; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Appropriations.

7434. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2013 [CMS-1434-N] (RIN: 0938-AR17) received July 25, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

7435. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Regulations Regarding Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts to Medicare Beneficiaries' Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums [Docket No.: SSA-2010-0029] (RIN: 0960-AH22) received July 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

7436. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Implementation of Agreement between the United States and China on Science and Technology; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and Science, Space, and Technology.

7437. A letter from the Administrator, TSA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a piece of draft legislation; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, and Homeland Security.

7438. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting a piece of draft legislation entitled, "National Park System Critical Authorities Act of 2012"; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Oversight and Government Reform.

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. REYES:

H.R. 6359. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any prizes or awards won in competition in the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIERNEY:

H.R. 6360. A bill to increase accountability in contracts for overseas contingency operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and Ways and Means, 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.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

266. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 265 memorializing the Congress and the President to continue funding for the Microbiological Data Program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

267. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Resolution No. 10 requesting immediate repeal of

the combat exclusionary rules; to the Committee on Armed Services.

268. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 115 memorializing the Congress to take such actions as are necessary to oppose the elimination of A-10 aircraft assigned to the 917th Fighter Group; to the Committee on Armed Services.

269. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Colorado, relative to House Joint Resolution 12-1009 recognizing the immense social and economic benefit of homeownership; to the Committee on Financial Services.

270. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 111 memorializing the Congress and the President to enact legislation protecting the rights of conscience of students seeking counseling degrees and licensed professional counselors; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

271. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Resolution No. 99 requesting that advisory forces remain in Uganda until Joseph Kony is removed and stability is brought to the country; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

272. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 227 memorializing the Congress to reject the President's budget proposal to eliminate the search-and-rescue U.S. Coast Guard helicopter unit in Muskegon County; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

273. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 195 memorializing the Congress to enact legislation to ensure that the amount credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used solely for the dredging, infrastructure, operation, and maintenance of federally authorized ports; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

274. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 218 memorializing the Congress to fund the Facility of Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) at Michigan State University; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

275. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Resolution No. 64 urging the Congress to adopt the Veterans Remembered Flag; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

276. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 115 urging the Congress to amend the Authorization for Use of Military Force and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs.

277. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, relative to House Resolution No. 824 urging the Congress and the President to begin expedited withdrawal of forces from Afghanistan; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Armed Services.

278. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Resolution No. 98 urging the Congress to propose and support the inclusion of the Philippines in the VISIT USA Act; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security.

tives, 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. REYES:

H.R. 6359.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

Text:

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;

Clause 2: To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

Clause 3: To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

Clause 4: To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

Clause 5: To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

Clause 6: To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

Clause 7: To establish Post Offices and post Roads;

Clause 8: To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

Clause 9: To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

Clause 10: To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations;

Clause 11: To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

Clause 12: To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

Clause 13: To provide and maintain a Navy;

Clause 14: To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

Clause 15: To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;

Clause 16: To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

Clause 17: To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings;— And

Clause 18: 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. TIERNEY:

H.R. 6360:

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

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 the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 300: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 733: Mr. MCCARTHY of California.

H.R. 996: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 1054: Mr. MARKEY and Ms. CHU.

H.R. 1897: Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 2168: Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 2541: Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 2600: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 2794: Mrs. CAPPS.

H.R. 3264: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 3307: Ms. TSONGAS.

H.R. 3423: Mr. BOSWELL and Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 3594: Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 3687: Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. KUCINICH.

H.R. 3798: Ms. DELAURO and Mr. DOLD.

H.R. 4327: Mr. REYES.

H.R. 4405: Mr. HIMES and Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 5744: Mr. MCCLINTOCK.

H.R. 5850: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 6028: Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 6289: Mr. SCHILLING.

H. Res. 733: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

52. The SPEAKER presented a petition of The Board of Chosen Freeholders, New Jersey, relative to urging the President to protect Americans' religious liberty; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

53. Also, a petition of the Town of Woodstock, New York, relative to Resolution No. 220-2012 calling the Congress to honor its obligation to the Constitution by affirming the powers given it in Article 1, Section 8; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

54. Also, a petition of Office of Management and Budget, Indiana, relative to the state's request for reimbursement in the amount of \$130,953,979; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

55. Also, a petition of City of Miami, Florida, relative to Resolution No. R-12-0241 urging the President and the Congress to abolish Visa requirements for Brazilian tourists seeking to travel to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

56. Also, a petition of the City of Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, relative to Resolution No. 2012-78 expressing support for President Barack Obama's use of Executive Authority to implement the DREAM Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

57. Also, a petition of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Pennsylvania, relative to supporting the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Natural Resources, and the Budget.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-