

notices to you every year, if he further questioned them and asked them how many read these point by point—and I put myself in this category—it is probably very small, as well. Not to say that it doesn't need to be publicly available. When changes are made, we have to have public notification. I agree with that.

But I do believe, serving on the Financial Services Committee, I think it's become very apparent, when you talk to institutions and when you talk to customers that the piling on of new regulations, without weeding out some of these old regulations that have either been antiquated or duplicative or repetitive or wasteful or whatever, is burdening not just the institution, it is burdening the customer, too. I'm not sure it gets the wanted understanding of what's going on to the customer that we're trying to achieve here, and I do believe it's been overcomplicated.

Mr. SHERMAN. Will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. CAPITO. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. SHERMAN. This bill was passed by the House as part of a package on March 8, 2006; this bill was pretty much in this exact form and was passed by this House June 24, 2008, as part of a package; then finally, as a separate bill, H.R. 3506 was passed by this House on April 14, 2010. So the House has a strong record of passing this legislation, and I hope we continue to do so. With that, I thank the gentlelady for yielding.

Mrs. CAPITO. I thank the gentleman for bringing that up. I think it's an important point.

With that, I urge support of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5817.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 3, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following mes-

sage from the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2012 at 3:08 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2170.

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 607.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR "HOT GOODS" ISSUES

(Mr. WALDEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask Labor Secretary Hilda Solis a simple question on behalf of the farmers of Oregon: When will we get answers about the Department's heavy-handed enforcement tactics?

In August, my colleagues and I from the Oregon delegation—Republicans and Democrats alike—wrote to the Secretary about reports that the Department of Labor had been discarding rights of due process and appeal in using "hot goods" orders to enforce labor laws on farms in the Pacific Northwest. So far, we are still waiting for a written response 108 days later.

We know the Department can move with great speed when it wants to—when it's trying to shut down a farm with little due process or appeal. So why does it take so long to get answers for Oregon farmers? Again, I ask the Secretary to clarify in writing the Department of Labor's procedures for due process after a farm inspection.

Certainly, no one is advocating for unfair labor practices, but our farmers deserve due process and a clear understanding of what to expect from an investigation. Only the Department of Labor can provide these answers to Oregon's congressional delegation and to the citizens we represent. 108 days later, we and they still do not have those written answers, and that is simply unacceptable.

JOHNNY "FOOTBALL" MANZIEL FOR HEISMAN

(Mr. BARTON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of freshman sensation Johnny "Football" Manziel's quest to become the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy. He is a redshirt freshman quarterback at Texas A&M who has led the Texas Aggies to a 10-2 record this year, losing only to Florida, which is currently ranked No. 3 in the Nation, and to LSU, which I believe is currently ranked No. 7 in the Nation.

He has broken the record for total offense, not once but twice this year, in the Southeastern Conference. His total offense for the year exceeds that of both Cam Newton's, of Auburn, and Tim Tebow's, of Florida, when they were playing, and they both won the Heisman Trophy in their years.

Texas A&M is going to play Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl on January 7. It would be a supreme blessing if the Heisman Trophy voters for the first time were to vote for Johnny "Football" Manziel, quarterback of the fighting Texas Aggies.

HOUSE BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

September 28, 2012:

H.J. Res. 117. A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

October 5, 2012:

H.R. 1272. An Act to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1791. An Act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2139. An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Club International.

H.R. 2240. An Act to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2706. An Act to prohibit the sale of billfish.

H.R. 3556. An Act to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the "Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse".

H.R. 4158. An Act to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions.

H.R. 4223. An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4347. An Act to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Robert Booechever United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5512. An Act to amend title 28, United States Code, to realign divisions within two judicial districts.

H.R. 6189. An Act to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs.

H.R. 6215. An Act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution.

H.R. 6375. An Act to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6431. An Act to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6433. An Act to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees.

November 27, 2012:

H.R. 2606. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4114. An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

September 28, 2012:

S. 3625. An Act to change the effective date for the internet publication of certain information to prevent harm to the national security or endangering the military officers and civilian employees to whom the publication requirement applies, and for other purposes.

October 5, 2012:

S. 300. An Act to prevent abuse of Government charge cards.

S. 710. An Act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

October 19, 2012:

S. 3624. An Act to amend section 31311 of title 49, United States Code, to permit States to issue commercial driver's licenses to members of the Armed Forces whose duty station is located in the State.

November 27, 2012:

S. 743. An Act to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 1956. An Act to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

Bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2170. An act to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, which are commonly referred to as the "Hatch Act", to scale back the provision forbidding 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.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 30, 2012, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 915. To establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to

protect United States border cities and communities from transnational crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8534. A letter from the Director — National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU) (RIN: 0524-AA39) received November 13, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8535. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting third periodic Report to Congress: Summary of Significant Safety-Related Infrastructure Issues at Operating Defense Nuclear Facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8536. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Free Trade Agreement-Panama (DFARS Case 2012-D044) (RIN: 0750-AH79) received November 13, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8537. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Major General William E. Ward, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8538. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2012-0003] received November 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8539. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2012-0003] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8053] received November 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8540. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2012-0003] received November 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8541. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Purchase of Certain Debt Securities by Business and Industrial Development Companies Relying on

an Investment Company Act Exemption [Release No.: IC-30268; File No.: S7-07-11] (RIN: 3235-AL02) received November 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8542. A letter from the Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Revising the Exemption for Digger Derricks in the Cranes and Derricks in Construction Standard [Docket ID: OSHA-2012-0025] (RIN: 1218-AC75) received November 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8543. A letter from the Deputy Director for Policy, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits received November 13, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8544. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's eighth annual report on Ethanol Market Concentration, pursuant to Section 1501(a)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8545. A letter from the Secretary, Department of 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 Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8546. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergency 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 Iran that was declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8547. A letter from the Administrator and Chief Executive Office, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting submission of Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) 2012 Annual Report, pursuant to Public Law 89-448; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8548. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's annual financial report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8549. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2012 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8550. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting that the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2012 is available online; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8551. A letter from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting a copy of the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8552. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Inspector General's semiannual report to Congress for the reporting period April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8553. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,