

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6634.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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 6, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, 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 message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 6, 2012 at 12:42 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 4310.

That the Senate requests a conference with the House and appoints conferees.

That the Senate passed S. 3331.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6156.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, December 6, 2012:

H.R. 6634, to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms;

S. 2367, to strike the word "lunatic" from Federal law, and for other purposes;

S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KLINE (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for December 4 and 5 on account of the passing of his mother, Litta Kline.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1947. An act to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture; in addition to the Committee on 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.

S. 3331. An act to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 3666. An act to amend the Animal Welfare Act to modify the definition of "exhibitor"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 6634. An act to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 2367. An act to strike the word "lunatic" from Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 3486. An act to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8629. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral David J. Venlet, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8630. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral John T. Blake, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8631. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to United Arab Emirates pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8632. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to South Korea and China pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8633. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting a report entitled, "Merger Decisions 2011", in accordance with Section 18(c)(9) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8634. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Safety Standard for Infant Swings [CPSC Docket No.: CPSC-2012-0011] (RIN: 3041-AC90) received November 26, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8635. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting the fourth annual report on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8636. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8637. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8638. A letter from the Administrator, Agency for International Development, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8639. A letter from the Director of Management, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8640. A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, 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.

8641. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Safety Board, transmitting the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8642. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Inspector General's semiannual report to Congress for the reporting period ending September 30, 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8643. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2012 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8644. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8645. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8646. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Permits and Regulations, Division of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Migratory Bird Permits; Delegating Falconry Permitting Authority to Seven States [FWS-HQ-MB-2012-0084; 91200-1231-9BPP] (RIN: 1018-AZ16) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8647. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Southern Selkirk Mountains Population of Woodland Caribou [Docket No.: FWS-R1-ES-2011-0096] (RIN: 1018-AX38) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8648. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Critical Habitat for the Riverside Fairy Shrimp [Docket No.: FWS-R8-ES-2011-0013] (RIN: 1018-AX15) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8649. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0648-XC277) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8650. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fraser River Sockeye Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders (RIN: 0648-XC222) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8651. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0648-XC295) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8652. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; "Other Rockfish" in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 111213751-2102-02] (RIN: 0648-XC312) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8653. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0624-XC301) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8654. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #22 through #26 [Docket No.: 120424023-1023-01] (RIN: 0648-XC282) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8655. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Monitoring and Enforcement Requirements in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Freezer Longline Fleet [Docket No.: 120416007-2464-01] (RIN: 0648-BB67) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8656. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Revised Limits on Sea Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery [Docket No.: 120416010-2476-01] (RIN: 0648-BB84) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8657. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the final report required by Section 1201(c) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) detailing the Department's progress; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8658. 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 — Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance — Stillborn Child Coverage (RIN: 2900-AO30) received November 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8659. 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 — Authorization for Non-VA Medical Services (RIN: 2900-AO47) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8660. 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 — Rules Governing Hearings Before the Agency of Original Jurisdiction and the Board of Veterans' Appeals; Repeal of Prior Rule Change (RIN: 2900-AO43) received November 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8661. 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 — VA Acquisition Regulation: Electronic Submission of Payment Requests (RIN: 2900-AN97) received November 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8662. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Informal Entry Limit and Removal of a Formal Entry Requirement [USCBP-2011-0042] (RIN: 1515-AD69) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8663. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2013 Section 127A CPI Adjustments (Rev. Rul. 2012-33) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8664. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Guidance on regulations to be issued regarding the deduction and capitalization of expenditures related to tangible property [Notice 2012-73] received November 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8665. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Modification of Revenue Procedure 2077-44 (Rev. Proc. 2012-50) received November 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8666. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue

Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Extension of Deadline to Amend for Section 436 [Notice 2012-70] received November 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. BRADY of Texas:

H.R. 6642. A bill to reauthorize customs trade facilitation and enforcement functions and programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and the Budget, 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. FATTAH:

H.R. 6643. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide authority to increase the debt limit when an Act of Congress provides budget authority or reduces revenues, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. POMPEO (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. JONES, Mr. LANDRY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. OLSON, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. BROWN of Georgia, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. FLORES, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, and Mr. NUNNELEE):

H. Con. Res. 144. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax is not in the economic interest of the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

MEMORIALS

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

320. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 35 urging the President and the Congress to restrict the transshipment for waterborne export of coal for electricity generation to any nation that fails to adopt rules and regulations on the emissions of greenhouse gases; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Foreign Affairs.

321. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 30 memorializing the President and the Congress to enact appropriate legislation that would add comprehensive, preventative dental care coverage to Medicare benefits; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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.