

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

8667. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Working Capital Fund, Treasury Symbol 47X 4540, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

8668. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Working Capital Fund, Treasury Symbol 47X 4542, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

8669. A letter from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Delayed Implementation of Certain New Mortgage Disclosures [Docket No.: CFPB-2012-0045] (RIN: 3170-AA32) received November 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8670. 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-8255] received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8671. 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-8257] received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8672. A letter from the Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Certain persons to the Entity List [Docket No.: 12100957-2527-01] (RIN: 0694-AF80) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8673. A letter from the Acting Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 11958, Transmittal No. 10-12 informing of an intent to sign the Capability Management Updates Project Arrangement pursuant to the memorandum of the Understanding between Australia, Canada, Denmark, Republic of Italy, Kingdom of Norway, United Kingdom, and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8674. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 12-145, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8675. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment (Transmittal No. RSAT-12-2912); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8676. 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.

8677. A letter from the Associate Director, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cuban Assets Control Regulations received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8678. A letter from the Honorary Secretary, Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts, transmitting the 216th petition to the Prime Minister of Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8679. A letter from the Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Administration, transmitting the personnel report for personnel employed in the White House Office, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of Policy Development, and the Office of Administration for FY 2012, pursuant to 3 U.S.C. 113; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8680. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the semiannual report from the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8681. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's semiannual report from the office 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.

8682. A letter from the Presiding Governor, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8683. 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.

8684. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Inspector General's semiannual report to Congress for the reporting 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.

8685. A letter from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Benefit Payments Under Certain District of Columbia Retirement Plans (RIN: 1505-AC02) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8686. A letter from the Special Assistant to the President and Director, Executive Office of the President, Office of Administration, transmitting accounting expenditures from the Unanticipated Needs Account for fiscal year 2012, pursuant to 3 U.S.C. 108; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8687. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General of the Federal Labor Relations Board 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.

8688. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the

Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8689. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Interagency Acquisitions: Compliance by Nondefense Agencies with Defense Procurement Requirements [FAC 2005-62; FAR Case 2012-010; Item II; Docket 2012-0000, Sequence 01] (RIN: 90000-AM36) received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8690. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Updates to Contract Reporting and Central Contractor Registration [FAC 2005-62; FAR Case 2010-014; Item I; Docket 2010-0014, Sequence 01] (RIN: 9000-AL99) received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8691. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-62; Small Entity Compliance Guide [Docket: FAR 2012-0081, Sequence 7] received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8692. A letter from the Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Update of Existing Privacy Act — NASA Regulations [Document Number NASA-NASA-2012-0005] (RIN: 2700-AD86) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8693. A letter from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's semiannual report from the office 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.

8694. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Coverage for Certain Intermittent Employees (RIN: 3206-AM74) received November 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8695. A letter from the Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2012, as required under OMB Circular No. A-11 and A136; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8696. A letter from the Vice Chairman, Postal Service, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of 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.

8697. A letter from the Branch Chief, Endangered Species Listings, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Revised Critical Habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl [FWS-R1-ES-2011-0112] (RIN: 1018-AX69) received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8698. 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 620 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0648-XC319) received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8699. 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; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0648-XC211) received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8700. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off the West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting and Non-Whiting Allocations; Pacific Whiting Seasons [Docket No.: 100804324-1265-02] (RIN: 0648-XC302) received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8701. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Debris Removal: Eligibility of Force Account Labor Straight-Time Costs under the Public Assistance Program for Hurricane Sandy [Docket ID: FEMA-2012-0004] (RIN: 1660-AA75) received November 26, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8702. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Branded Prescription Drug Fee; Guidance for the 2013 Fee Year [Notice 2012-74] received November 29, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8703. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segement Rates [Notice 2012-66] received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8704. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Salvage Discount Factors and Payment Patterns for 2012 (Rev. Proc. 2012-45) received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8705. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2012 Base Period T-Bill Rate (Rev. Rul. 2012-22) received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8706. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2012-2013 Special Per Diem Rates [Notice 2012-63] received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. H. Res. 827. A resolution providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (Rept. 112-700). 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. BERMAN (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia):

H.R. 6644. A bill to establish a framework for effective, transparent, and accountable United States foreign assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, Armed Services, and Rules, 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. HERGER:

H.R. 6645. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to save and strengthen the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Rules, 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. BUCHANAN (for himself and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 6646. A bill to prohibit United States assistance to the country of Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Texas, and Mr. MARCHANT):

H.R. 6647. A bill to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KUCINICH:

H.R. 6648. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Post Office Consumer Action Group, Incorporated; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself and Mr. BERMAN):

H.R. 6649. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KUCINICH (for himself, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. MORAN):

H. Res. 828. A resolution calling for the unconditional release of Nasrin Sotoudeh and all prisoners of conscience in Iran, and the utilization by the United States of direct multilateral and bilateral diplomacy with Iran to address Iran's human rights situation; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. BERMAN:

H.R. 6644.

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

This bill is introduced pursuant to the authority delineated in Article I section I,

which includes an implied power for the Congress to regulate the conduct of the United States with respect to foreign affairs.

By Mr. HERGER:

H.R. 6645.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1.

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 6646.

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

Article I, Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 6647.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1.

By Mr. KUCINICH:

H.R. 6648.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 which provides Congress with the power to establish and regulate the United States postal system.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 6649.

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

Article I, section 8 of the constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 181: Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 1448: Mr. DEFAZIO.

H.R. 1897: Mr. FRANKS of Arizona and Mr. DOGGETT.

H.R. 2104: Mr. LATHAM.

H.R. 2595: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 2701: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 2770: Mr. CRAVAACK.

H.R. 3014: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 3506: Mr. YODER.

H.R. 3627: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 3652: Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 3713: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. CARNAHAN.

H.R. 4209: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 4216: Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California.

H.R. 4336: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 4390: Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 5741: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 5943: Mr. LOEBACK.

H.R. 6154: Mr. SCHWEIKERT and Mr. PASTOR of Arizona.

H.R. 6322: Mr. HARPER.

H.R. 6364: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri and Mrs. HARTZLER.

H.R. 6388: Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California.

H.R. 6437: Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia and Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 6446: Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 6490: Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. TURNER of New York, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 6504: Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 6575: Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. LOEBACK.

H.R. 6590: Mr. CARNEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 6613: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 6628: Mr. MICHAUD and Mr. COSTA.

H. Con. Res. 116: Mr. McDERMOTT.

H. Con. Res. 142: Mr. TERRY, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. PEARCE.