

I was told by a Member of this body, who was laid to rest this year, that this was a great body to serve in. Please let me know that he was telling the truth.

HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF

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

Mr. DENT. My congressional district abuts the State of New Jersey. Hundreds of thousands of people in my congressional district were without power for some time. We were very much impacted, but what I noticed most during this terrible hurricane were all the New Jersey and New York license plates in my congressional district. We were sheltering many of the evacuees who were looking for friends and family and who were just looking to go to a place where they could be comfortable.

I think it would be very wise for leadership to reconsider the decision to adjourn the House before dealing with this legislation. Frankly, I'm not yet convinced that this legislation has adequately addressed some of the concerns we have in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but I'm willing to work with everybody to make it right. In having witnessed what happened to our friends in New Jersey and New York, I think it's imperative that we stay here and address this issue. Obviously, all of us have places we'd like to be right now, perhaps, rather than right here, but it's important. Our friends are struggling and suffering, and I think we need to get the work done.

HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF

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

Mr. HOLT. *E pluribus unum*: one out of many.

We help each other. We always have. My district and many around were badly affected by one of the largest storms, by one of the most expensive storms, by one of the worst storms in history. There are thousands of people who are not going back to their homes. They deserve our help. I wish I could speak as articulately and in such a measured manner as our leader did and as others have, but I'm afraid my anger is going to get the better of me.

Some weeks ago, someone said to me, You know, you're not going to get help from the House of Representatives because these are blue States. They voted for a Democrat for President.

Now, I would like to think—and Mr. KING and Mr. LOBIONDO and Mr. SMITH and Governor Christie would like to think—that this is not a partisan matter, but I have to wonder what could be going on here. Why would we not help each other as this House has always done?

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND WISDOM FOR INCOMING CONGRESS

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

Mr. BILBRAY. I apologize to my colleagues for changing the subject for a moment, but this will be the last chance I'll be able to address the House.

Six and a half years ago, I had the privilege of coming to the House and standing here after a special election. I'd like to paraphrase, basically, what I said then: I come from the 50th District of California—a classic coastal community. After having been out of the Congress for 5 years, they returned me here to the House as the 50th District, it being that classic environmental community, recycled Congressmen when it came to my election. I would just ask that both sides understand what a great privilege it is to represent the 50th.

In leaving, I just want to say one thing: I hear that one of the major issues you're going to address when this new Congress comes in is the issue of immigration, and those of us in California understand that. The one place that Democrats and Republicans should be able to agree on, especially with the budget crisis, is: When are we going to stop the practice of people who are committing a crime by employing illegal immigrants?

Take the tax deduction away, and require that if a business wants to claim a business deduction for employing somebody that we make sure those employees are legal—just by requiring E-Verify.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I am going to miss a lot of faces around here in Washington, but as a San Diegan, let me assure you that I will not miss the weather.

God bless and thank you.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 31, 2012, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 6587. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 Simi Village Drive in Simi Valley, California, as the "Postal Inspector Terry Asbury Post Office Building"

H.R. 6379. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6239 Savannah Highway in Ravenel, South Carolina, as the "Representative Curtis B. Inabinett, Sr. Post Office"

H.R. 3892. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the "Lance Corporal Victor A. Dew Post Office"

H.R. 3869. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Sidney 'Sid' Sanders McMath Post Office Building"

H.R. 2338. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600

Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the "Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office"

H.R. 6260. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 211 Hope Street in Mountain View, California, as the "Lieutenant Kenneth M. Ballard Memorial Post Office"

H.R. 4389. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19 East Merced Street in Fowler, California, as the "Cecil E. Bolt Post Office"

H.R. 1339. To designate the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard of the United States.

H.R. 5859. To repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting

H.R. 1845. To provide a demonstration project providing Medicare coverage for in-home administration of intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) and to amend the title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the application of Medicare secondary payer rules for certain claims

H.R. 4053. To intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending

H.R. 6671. To amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 2, 2013, 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:

9000. A letter from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C): Adjustment To Asset-Size Exemption Threshold [Docket No.: CFPB-2012-0049] received December 31, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9001. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 35 [Docket No.: 1206013412-2517-02] (RIN: 0648-BB97) received December 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9002. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Snapper-Group Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2012 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper [Docket No.: 0907271173-0629-03] (RIN: 0648-XC380) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9003. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final

rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 111220786-1781-01] (RIN: 0648-XC373) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9004. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; Reopening of the Commercial Harvest of Red Snapper and Gray Triggerfish in the South Atlantic [Docket No.: 120709225-2365-01 and 100812345-2142-03] (RIN: 0648-XC367) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9005. 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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2012 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Blue Runner [Docket No.: 100812345-2142-03] (RIN: 0648-XC310) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9006. A letter from the 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 Flatfish, Other Rockfish, Pacific Ocean Perch, Sculpin, and Squid in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 111213751-2102-02] (RIN: 0648-XC377) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9007. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; 2013 Fishing Quotas for Atlantic Surfclams and Ocean Quahogs; and Suspension of Minimum Atlantic Surfclam Size Limit [Docket No.: 101013504-0610-02] (RIN: 0648-XC353) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9008. 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 Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 111220786-1781-01] (RIN: 0648-XC340) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9009. 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 Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; White Hake Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery [Docket No.: 120109034-2171-01] (RIN: 0648-XC369) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9010. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Extension of Emergency Fishery Closure Due to the Presence of the Toxin That Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) [Docket No.: 050613158-5262-03] (RIN: 0648-BB59) received

December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9011. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Transferability of Black Sea Bass Pot Endorsements [Docket No.: 120718253-2644-02] (RIN: 0648-BC30) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

9012. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Small Business Bond Reduction [Docket No.: TTB-2012-0006; T.D. TTB-109; Re: Notice No. 131] (RIN: 1513-AB94) received December 31, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9013. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Pay-out Requirement for Type III Supporting Organizations That Are Not Functionally Integrated [TD 9605] (RIN: 1545-BG31; 1545-BL38) received December 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9014. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Voluntary Classification Settlement Program [Announcement 2012-45] received December 31, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9015. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Voluntary Classification Settlement Program—Temporary Eligibility Expansion [Announcement 2012-46] received December 31, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9016. A letter from the Chief, Boarder Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Opening of Boquillas Boarder Crossing and Update to the Class B Port of Entry Description [Docket No.: USCBP-2011-0032] (RIN: 1651-AA90) received December 27, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary.

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. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Activities of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, One Hundred and Twelfth Congress, Second Session (Rept. 112-740). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 844. Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 8) to extend certain tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003, and to provide for expedited consideration of a bill providing for comprehensive tax reform, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-741). 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. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. FLORES, Mr. HARPER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. CULBERSON, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. JONES, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. HENSARLING, and Mr. WESTMORELAND):

H.R. 6726. A bill to prevent the 2013 pay adjustment for Members of Congress and persons holding other offices or positions in the Federal Government from being made; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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, considered and passed.

By Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 6727. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DENHAM (for himself, Mr. MICA, and Mr. RAHALL):

H.R. 6728. A bill to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CULBERSON (for himself, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. LANCE, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. OLSON, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CHABOT):

H.R. 6729. A bill to save at least \$10,000,000,000 by consolidating some duplicative and overlapping Government programs; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H. Con. Res. 147. Concurrent resolution waiving the requirement that measures enrolled during the remainder of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress be printed on parchment; considered and agreed to.

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. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 6726.

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

Clause 1 of Section 6 of Article I of the Constitution, which states "The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained by Law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States." and Clause 1 of Section 1 of Article I, which states "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States,