

Mr. Speaker, these towns are replete with history and rich in heritage. We do well to remember the foundation on which we are built and to continue to add to the mosaic that is the Capital Region, the State of New York, and indeed our Nation.

Congratulations on the celebration of the four towns' 225 years. May our future and theirs be even brighter than our rich past.

#### PASS THE SKILLS ACT

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Today, the Federal Government spends \$18 billion a year to operate more than 50, often duplicative, workforce education programs. Even with that significant investment, roughly 20 million Americans remain un- or -underemployed. Businesses, too, are also struggling, struggling to find workers with the right technical skill sets to fill vacant jobs on payroll.

Why the mismatch? Why aren't workforce education programs efficiently preparing capable job seekers for these careers? Job seekers and employers alike would be better served by a more responsive, individualized, and modern workforce development strategy. With my colleagues on the Education and Workforce Committee, I have introduced H.R. 803, the SKILLS Act, which will eliminate arbitrary roadblocks within existing workforce education programs, prioritize well-paying, in-demand industries, expand opportunities at community colleges, and most importantly, treat all job seekers as individuals.

Let's pass the SKILLS Act.

#### TAKE A BUDGET CUE FROM HARDWORKING AMERICANS

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

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the President to get serious about our getting our fiscal house in order. While imperfect, the continuing resolution passed today is an important step in the right direction. Today's legislation provides the Defense Department and VA some relief from President Obama's sequester by granting flexibility to prioritize spending, helping ensure the needs of our Armed Forces are met. It is time for the Senate to follow the House's lead and pass this legislation.

Instead of campaigning, President Obama should be devoting time and resources to finish his budget submission to Congress, which is already 4 weeks overdue. When mothers, fathers, and small business owners face budget problems, they sit down around the kitchen or office table with notepads, pencils, calculators, and get to work. They prioritize spending and make tough but necessary decisions.

It is time for the President and our friends across the aisle to adopt the same commonsense practices of budgeting and prioritization that hard-working women and men in the private sector use every single day.

#### LET'S GET THIS DONE RIGHT

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

Mr. LaMALFA. We passed the CR today. We've seen the sequester go through this week, unfortunately. So here we are.

We ask the President to not scare the country and put everybody on notice that he's going to make it as painless as possible, to do the positive things that are going to make this thing work. We have to rein in spending in the United States. It's going to be for our children and our future. So instead of threatening things such as guided tours that don't cost anything becoming part of the past, why don't we move forward with things that we can agree on and that are going to be helpful for balancing our budget and taking the small step towards a future. Yes, it's going to be painful. But it doesn't have to be as painful as when we hear directives to Federal agencies to make it as painful as possible. It's a very disingenuous process.

So let's stay here and get this thing done right and find real things that we can make in reductions to help our country and not threaten it.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 7, 2013, at noon.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

606. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Change to Administrative Rules Regarding the Transfer and Storage of Excess Spearmint Oil [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-12-0014; FV12-985-2 FR] received February 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

607. A letter from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Disclosure and Delivery Requirements for Copies of Appraisals and Other Written Valuations Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B) [Docket No.: CFPB-2012-0032] (RIN: 3170-AA26) received February 15, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

608. A letter from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Disclosure of Records and Information [Docket No.: CFPB-2011-0003] (RIN: 3170-AA01) received February 15, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

609. A letter from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans [Docket No.: CFPB-2012-0031] (RIN: 3170-AA11) received February 15, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

610. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations (Bexar County, TX, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2013-0002] received February 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

611. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Designation of Low-Income Status; Acceptance of Secondary Capital Accounts by Low-Income Designated Credit Unions (RIN: 3133-AE09) received February 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

612. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a certification regarding the Essential Health Benefits requirements of the Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

613. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period October 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

614. A letter from the Federal Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes To Implement the First Inventor To File Provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act [Docket No.: PTO-P-2012-0015] (RIN: 0651-AC77) received February 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

615. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a claim for equitable relief under the Meritorious Claims Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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. COFFMAN (for himself, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mrs. ROBY):

H.R. 978. A bill to deauthorize the Military Selective Service Act, including the registration requirement and the activities of civilian local boards, civilian appeal boards, and similar local agencies of the Selective Service System, except during a national emergency declared by the President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. THOMPSON (for Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Ms. FOXX, Mr. HURT, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. HANNA, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. JONES, Mr. BENISHEK, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mrs. LUMMIS,

Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BONNER, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. KILMER, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. COHEN, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. DELBENE, and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 979. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term “biobased product”; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. RAHALL:

H.R. 980. A bill to protect the health care and pension benefits of our nation’s miners; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

H.R. 981. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FARENTHOLD (for himself and Mr. MATHESON):

H.R. 982. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos; and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LOFGREN (for herself, Mr. POE of Texas, and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 983. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to disclosures to governments by communications-related service providers of certain information consisting of or relating to communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 984. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a task force on uretrauma; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, 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. ROGERS of Michigan (for himself, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. WALBERG, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BENTIVOLIO, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BENISHEK, and Mr. DUFFY):

H.R. 985. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to prevent the spread of Asian carp in the Great Lakes and the tributaries of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SCHOCK (for himself, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, and Mr. WALDEN):

H.R. 986. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the eligibility of eligible professionals practicing in rural

health clinics for electronic health records and quality improvement incentives under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

By Mr. REICHERT:

H.R. 987. A bill to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2013; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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. LOBIONDO (for himself and Mr. VISLOSKEY):

H.R. 988. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLORES:

H.R. 989. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for the Lifeline program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. NORTON, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. WATERS, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. LEE of California, and Ms. CHU):

H.R. 990. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to address certain issues related to the extension of consumer credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HALL (for himself and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 991. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover screening computed tomography colonography as a colorectal cancer screening test under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

By Mr. HULTGREN (for himself, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HUDSON, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 992. A bill to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. BISHOP of Utah (for himself and Mr. STEWART):

H.R. 993. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. NUNES, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. ROHR-

ABACHER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. COOK, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. SIMPSON):

H.R. 994. A bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to impose notice and a compliance opportunity to be provided before commencement of a private civil action; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 995. A bill to establish a monument in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. MAFFEI, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. MORAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. WALZ, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. FARR, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, and Mr. DINGELL):

H.R. 996. A bill to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, 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. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HALL, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. JONES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. TURNER, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. GIBBS, Ms. FOXX, Mr. LATTA, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. SALMON, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. JORDAN, and Mr. GOHMERT):

H.R. 997. A bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress’ powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and 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.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 998. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the holding period used to determine whether horses are section 1231 assets to 12 months; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 999. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that individuals seeking training in the operation of certain aircraft be checked against immigration information in the possession of the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that such individuals are citizens or nationals of the United States, lawful permanent resident aliens, or nonimmigrants admitted for a limited period to obtain such training, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. CONYERS:

H.R. 1000. A bill to establish the National Full Employment Trust Fund to create employment opportunities for the unemployed; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

By Mr. BONNER (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 1001. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide a specific limited exemption from the overtime pay requirements of such Act for work related to disaster or catastrophe claims adjustment after a major disaster; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SRES, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CLAY, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 1002. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require the inclusion of credit scores with free annual credit reports provided to consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CONAWAY (for himself, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. MCHENRY, and Mr. GARRETT):

H.R. 1003. A bill to improve consideration by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. MCNERNEY):

H.R. 1004. A bill to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAVES of Georgia (for himself, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, and Mr. COLLINS of Georgia):

H.R. 1005. A bill to deauthorize appropriation of funds, and to rescind unobligated appropriations, to carry out the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, and 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.

By Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia (for himself and Mr. MICHAUD):

H.R. 1006. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to lower the maximum rate of compensation for United States Postal Service employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GRIMM (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of New York):

H.R. 1007. A bill to amend part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants to schools for the development of asthma management plans and the purchase of asthma medications and devices for emergency use, as necessary; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CARNEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. COHEN, Ms. HAHN, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. KEATING, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. RUSH, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida):

H.R. 1008. A bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Energy and Commerce, 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. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. HANNA, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. OWENS, and Ms. PINGREE of Maine):

H.R. 1009. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide recruitment and retention incentives for volunteer emergency service workers; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BARBER, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. CHU, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ENYART, Ms. ESTY, Mr. FARR, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. HAHN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. LOFGREEN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New

Mexico, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEAL, Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SIRES, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. TONKO, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. WALZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 1010. A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. LANCE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN):

H.R. 1011. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil and gas leases on portions of the Outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of New Jersey; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. BONNER, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. TIERNEY, and Mr. KEATING):

H.R. 1012. A bill to strengthen Federal consumer protection and product traceability with respect to commercially marketed seafood, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Natural Resources, 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.

By Mr. MESSER (for himself and Mr. MULVANEY):

H.R. 1013. A bill to make 1 percent across-the-board rescissions in discretionary spending for each of fiscal years 2013 and 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PALAZZO:

H.R. 1014. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that Act; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself and Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois):

H.R. 1015. A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to revise the medical and evaluation criteria for determining disability in a person diagnosed with Huntington's Disease and to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's Disease; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PETERS of California (for himself, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. VARGAS):

H.R. 1016. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to authorize the United States Postal Service to sell, at fair market value, any post office building subject to relocation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 1017. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain Federal land, to direct that the proceeds of such sales be applied to reduce the Federal budget deficit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. SABLAN (for himself, Mr. PIERLUISI, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. RANGEL):

H.R. 1018. A bill to clarify the application of certain Federal laws relating to elections in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands; to the Committee on House Administration, and 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.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MOORE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FARR, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. CHU, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CAPPAS, and Mr. DOGGETT):

H.R. 1019. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHOCK (for himself, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 1020. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase and adjust for inflation the maximum value of articles that may be imported duty-free by one person on one day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STIVERS:

H.R. 1021. A bill to provide that there shall be no net increase in the acres of certain Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service unless the Federal budget is balanced for the year in which the land would be purchased; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. SWALWELL of California:

H.R. 1022. A bill to develop an energy critical elements program, to amend the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BARROW of Georgia:

H.J. Res. 33. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit a law increasing the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives from taking effect until an election of Representatives has intervened, and to permit a law otherwise varying such compensation to take effect upon enactment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOLT:

H. Con. Res. 22. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol

for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Doctor Muhammad Yunus; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. DENT, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. KELLY, Mr. MARINO, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROTHFUS, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. PITTS):

H. Res. 103. A resolution congratulating the Penn State IPC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. BROWNLEY of California (for herself and Mr. COOK):

H. Res. 104. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of easing the transition of members of the Armed Forces and their families from military to civilian life; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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. GEORGE MILLER of California:

H. Res. 105. A resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of Rule XII,

3. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Mississippi, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 547 ratifying the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Ms. PELOSI introduced a bill (H.R. 1023) for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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. COFFMAN:

H.R. 978.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution (Clauses 12, 13, 14, 16, and 18), which grants Congress the power to raise and support an Army; to provide and maintain a Navy; to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces; to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia; and to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the foregoing powers.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 979.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution which gives Congress the power "to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and within the Indian Tribes."

By Mr. RAHALL:

H.R. 980.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 and Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia:

H.R. 981.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1; and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. FARENTHOLD:

H.R. 982.

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

Article 1 Section 8, clause 4 (to establish a uniform Rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States)

By Ms. LOFGREN:

H.R. 983.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 984.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 12

The Congress shall have Power to raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer term than two Years;

By Mr. ROGERS of Michigan:

H.R. 985.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. SCHOCK:

H.R. 986.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress as stated in Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. REICHERT:

H.R. 987.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, to "provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States."

By Mr. LOBIONDO:

H.R. 988.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States of America

By Mr. FLORES:

H.R. 989.

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

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7

"No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time."

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 990.

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