

I look forward to working with my Republican colleagues to hear their stories of how Medicare has impacted their lives, to work with them to strengthen Medicare, to make sure it is there, not only today, but it is there for the next generation and that it is stronger.

We can do this. We know how to do it. Over the coming weeks and the coming months, as we address our challenges, I'll be coming to this floor to share those stories and those ideas of how we move forward as a Nation and how we move forward as Americans making sure we honor the promise that we've made, that after a lifetime of work, after a lifetime paying into a system, that our parents and grandparents, that our seniors can get the care that they need.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Utah) at 8 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.

MAKING IN ORDER CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 933, CONSOLIDATED AND FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment; the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read; the motion shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. THOMPSON of California (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

771. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Declaration of Prion as a Pest Under FIFRA; Related Amendments; and Availability of Final Test Guidelines [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0427; FRL-9372-7] (RIN: 2070-AJ26) received February 27, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

772. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Acetochlor; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0302; FRL-9377-6] received February 27, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

773. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fenpyrazamine; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0357; FRL-9373-9] received February 27, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

774. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pyraflufen-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-1002; FRL-9379-6] received February 27, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

775. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pyrooxasulfone; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0308; FRL-9379-9] received February 27, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

776. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Tetrachlorvinphos; Extension of Time-Limited Interim Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0360; FRL-9380-9] (RIN: 2070-AZ16) received March 13, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

777. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Annual Report of the Reserve Forces Policy Board for Fiscal Year 2012, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 113 (c)(2); to the Committee on Armed Services.

778. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General James N. Mattis, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement on the retired list in the grade of General; to the Committee on Armed Services.

779. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Economic Development Conveyances Report to Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

780. A letter from the Executive Secretary, Board of Actuaries, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's 2012 report on the Military Retirement Fund (MRF); to the Committee on Armed Services.

781. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting Buy American Act Report for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

782. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Filings Required of Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Other Related Entities (RIN: 1210-AB51) received March 13, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

783. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Ex Parte Cease and Desist and Summary Seizure Orders — Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (RIN: 1210-AB48) received March 31, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

784. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "The Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Program Activities Report for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

785. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Evaluation Findings — Performance Improvement 2011-2012 report; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

786. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Amendments to the HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014 [CMS-9964-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AR74) received March 1, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

787. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; The 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory for the Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2010-0141; FRL-9786-4] received February 27, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

788. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Identification of Additional Qualifying Renewable Fuel Pathways under the Renewable Fuel Standard Program [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0542; FRL-9686-3] (RIN: 2060-AR07) received February 27, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

789. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Federal Implementation Plan for Oil and Natural Gas Well Production Facilities; Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation), North Dakota [EPA-R08-OAR-2012-0479; FRL-9789-3] received March 8, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

790. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; New Source Review (NSR) Preconstruction Permitting Program; Clarification of EPA's Approval of the Sunland Park Section 110(a)(1) Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R06-OAR-2005-NM-0006; FRL-9788-8] received March 8, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

791. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — New York: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [EPA-R02-RCRA-2013-0144; FRL-9693-2] received March 8, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

792. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Idaho [EPA-R10-OAR-2011-0640, FRL-9791-2] received March 13, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

793. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Consent Decree Requirements [EPA-R05-OAR-2012-0650; FRL-9789-9] received March 13, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

794. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Cleveland-Akron-Lorain and Columbus 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revisions to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets [EPA-R05-OAR-2012-0884; EPA-R05-OAR-2012-0970; FRL-9790-2] received March 13, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

795. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Control Techniques Guidelines and Reasonably Available Control Technology [EPA-R04-OAR-2012-0448; FRL-9791-1] received March 13, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

796. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revision to Ambient Nitrogen Dioxide Monitoring Requirements [EPA-HQ-OAR-2012-0486; FRL-9789-2] (RIN: 2060-AR59) received March 13, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

797. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on "Overseas Surplus Property" for disposal within fiscal years 2013 through 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

798. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Report on Workforce Planning for Foreign Service Personnel; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

799. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting authorizing the implementation of certain sanctions set forth in

the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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801. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's determination and certification under Section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 relating to the top five exporting and importing countries of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

802. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

803. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses as required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by Section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

804. A letter from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, transmitting ninth and final lessons learned report entitled "Learning from Iraq"; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

805. A letter from the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's annual report on the No FEAR Act for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

806. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting a report on compliance within the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions under Title I of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

807. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the annual report of the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance for Fiscal Year 2011, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3712(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

808. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Small Business Size Standards: Information (RIN: 3245-AG26) received March 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

809. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Small Business Size Standards: Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services (RIN: 3245-AG27) received March 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

810. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Compensation, Retirement Programs, and

Related Benefits; Effective Dates (RIN: 3052-AC41) received March 11, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Small Business and Science, Space, and Technology.

811. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report concerning the operations and status of the Government Securities Investment fund (G-Fund) of the Federal Employees Retirement System during the debt issuance suspension period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8348(1); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Oversight and Government Reform.

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. JONES:

H.R. 1275. A bill to guarantee the right of individuals to receive Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act in full with an accurate annual cost-of-living adjustment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. BROOKS

of Alabama, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. ENYART, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HARPER, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. POSTER, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. JONES, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. OWENS, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. TURNER, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 1276. A bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify that countervailing duties may be imposed to address subsidies relating to a fundamentally undervalued currency of any foreign country; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PEARCE (for himself, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. JORDAN):

H.R. 1277. A bill to amend title III of the Social Security Act to require States to implement a drug testing program for applicants for and recipients of unemployment compensation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA (for himself, Mr. COLE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BASS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 1278. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 regarding the disparagement of Native American persons or peoples through marks that use the term "redskin", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA (for himself and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN):

H.R. 1279. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to issue up to 10,500 E-3 visas per year to nationals of the Republic of Korea (South); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OLSON:

H.R. 1280. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to increase the penalties imposed for intimidating, threatening, or coercing any person from engaging in voter registration activities or for