

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 356. A bill to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes" (Rept. 113-57). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. PITTS, Mr. FLEMING, Mrs. ROBY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. JONES, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. FLORES, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. CARTER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BENTIVOLIO, Mr. HARPER, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. AMASH, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. WOLF, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. HOLDING, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. LONG, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MARINO, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. GUTHRIE, Ms. FOXX, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. MESSER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. MULVANEY, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. OLSON, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. BARTON, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. KLINE, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. STEWART, Mr. MCKINLEY, and Mr. YODER):

H.R. 7. A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, 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. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 1958. A bill to prohibit wholesalers from purchasing prescription drugs from pharmacies, and to enhance information and transparency regarding drug wholesalers engaged in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. HALL, Mr. COLE, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. FLORES, Mr. BARTON, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. VELA, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MARINO, and Mr. NEUGEBAUER):

H.R. 1959. A bill to amend the Renewable Fuel Program in section 211(o) of the Clean

Air Act to allow domestic alternative fuel to be used to satisfy a portion of the required applicable volume of renewable fuel; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCKEON (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Washington) (both by request):

H.R. 1960. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Mr. CLAY, Mr. WENSTRUP, and Mr. MASSIE):

H.R. 1961. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 1962. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAINES:

H.R. 1963. A bill to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 1964. A bill to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2013 through 2023, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAMBORN:

H.R. 1965. A bill to streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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 Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 1966. A bill to establish a visa waiver program for the United States Virgin Islands; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia):

H.R. 1967. A bill to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to expand the cause of action relating to the pattern or practice of conduct by a governmental authority that deprives a person of rights protected by the Constitution to such conduct relating to adults as well as juveniles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 1968. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to award grants and loan guarantees to hospitals to carry out projects for the purpose of reducing energy costs and increasing resilience to improve security; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KING of New

York, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, and Ms. SCHWARTZ):

H.R. 1969. A bill to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 1970. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to ensure that social security benefits are paid, to prioritize payments when the United States is not able to issue new obligations due to the statutory debt limit, and to address a lapse in appropriations to fund the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. KLINE (for himself and Mr. THORNBERRY):

H.R. 1971. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide certain TRICARE beneficiaries with the opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. STEWART, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico, and Mr. TIPTON):

H.R. 1972. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MULVANEY:

H.R. 1973. A bill to permit business development companies to increase investments in small-and middle-market financial services companies and investment advisors; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MURPHY of Florida (for himself, Mr. MULVANEY, Ms. CHU, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. NUNNELEE, and Mr. RICHMOND):

H.R. 1974. A bill to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mrs.

CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. SPEIER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. HAHN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRIMALVA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. SCHKOWSKY, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HOLT, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. ESTY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. MOORE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. EDWARDS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. FARR, Mr.

GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. CHU, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. WATERS, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. POCAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. PETERS of Michigan):

H.R. 1975. A bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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. PINGREE of Maine (for herself, Ms. MOORE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. KEATING):

H.R. 1976. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide access to certified professional midwives for women enrolled in the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POLIS:

H.R. 1977. A bill to establish an alternative accountability model; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. SCHWARTZ (for herself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 1978. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the phasedown of the credit percentage for the dependent care tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIERNEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HOLT, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 1979. A bill to prevent the doubling of the interest rate for Federal subsidized student loans for the 2013-2014 academic year by providing funds for such loans through the Federal Reserve System, to ensure that such loans are available at interest rates that are equivalent to the interest rates at which the Federal Government provides loans to banks through the discount window operated by the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WALZ (for himself, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. JONES, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. BARBER, Ms. ESTY, Ms. KUSTER, and Mr. O'ROURKE):

H.R. 1980. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from requesting additional medical examinations of veterans who have submitted sufficient medical evidence provided by non-Department medical professionals and to improve the efficiency of processing certain claims for disability compensation by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. CLAY, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.J. Res. 44. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the right to vote; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRIDENSTINE (for himself and Mr. O'ROURKE):

H.J. Res. 45. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the

United States granting Congress the authority to enact laws limiting the number of terms that Representatives and Senators may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM (for herself, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. SINEMA):

H. Res. 213. A resolution establishing the Special Committee on Sexual Assault and Abuse in the Armed Forces to conduct oversight, ensure accountability, and report on the activities of the Department of Defense to prevent, reduce, prosecute, and provide victims' services for cases of sexual assault and abuse in the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Rules.

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. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 7.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill is based is Congress's power under the Spending Clause in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 1958.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power of Congress to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.)

By Mr. OLSON:

H.R. 1959.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18—The Congress shall have Power To . . . make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof. (Necessary and Proper Regulations to Effectuate Powers)

By Mr. MCKEON:

H.R. 1960.

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 "to provide for the common Defence", "to raise and support Armies", "to provide and maintain a Navy" and "to make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces" as enumerated in Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CHABOT:

H.R. 1961.

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

This legislation is enacted by Congressional Authority expressed in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 1962.

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

1st Amendment to the US Constitution.

By Mr. DAINES:

H.R. 1963.

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

Article 4, Section 3, Clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington:

H.R. 1964.

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

Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution.

By Mr. LAMBORN:

H.R. 1965.

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

Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 1966.

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

"Article IV, section 3 of the Constitution of the United States grant Congress the authority to make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States."

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 1967.

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

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution and Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 1968.

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

Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 1969.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 1970.

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

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 of the U.S. Constitution sets forth the power of appropriations and states that "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law. . . ."

In addition, Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 states that "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States. . . ."

Also, Article I, Section 8, Clauses 12 and 13 states that Congress shall have power "to raise and support Armies. . . ." and "to provide and maintain a Navy."

Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds and pay U.S. debt in order to ensure that U.S. servicemembers will not lose pay.

By Mr. KLINE:

H.R. 1971.

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

This legislation ensures that the Secretary of Defense provides retired military veteran beneficiaries who live beyond 100 miles of a Military Treatment Facility, an opportunity to retain access to TRICARE Prime. Specific authority is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution (clauses 12, 13, 14, and 16), 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; and to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia.

By Mrs. LUMMIS:

H.R. 1972.

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

Article 4, Section 3: The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice