

## RULE 17. TRAVEL OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

(a) Approval of Travel. Consistent with the primary expense resolution and such additional expense resolutions as may have been approved, travel to be reimbursed from funds set aside for the Committee for any member or any staff member shall be paid only upon the prior authorization of the chairman. Travel may be authorized by the chairman for any member and any staff member in connection with the attendance of hearings conducted by the Committee or any subcommittee thereof and meetings, conferences, and investigations which involve activities or subject matter under the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the chairman in writing the following: (1) the purpose of the travel; (2) the dates during which the travel is to be made and the date or dates of the event for which the travel is being made; (3) the location of the event for which the travel is to be made; and (4) the names of members and staff seeking authorization.

(b) Approval of Travel by Minority Members and Staff. In the case of travel by minority party members and minority party professional staff for the purpose set out in (a), the prior approval, not only of the chairman but also of the ranking minority member, shall be required. Such prior authorization shall be given by the chairman only upon the representation by the ranking minority member in writing setting forth those items enumerated in (1), (2), (3), and (4) of paragraph (a).

## RULE 18. WEBSITE

The chairman shall maintain an official Committee website for the purposes of furthering the Committee's legislative and oversight responsibilities, including communicating information about the Committee's activities to Committee members and other members of the House. The ranking minority member may maintain an official website for the purpose of carrying out official responsibilities, including communicating information about the activities of the minority members of the Committee to Committee members and other members of the House.

## RULE 19. CONFERENCES

The chairman of the Committee is directed to offer a motion under clause 1 of Rule XXII of the Rules of the House whenever the chairman considers it appropriate.

## ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. UPTON:

H.R. 152. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, also reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 325. An act to ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes.

## ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned

until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 4, 2013, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

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

148. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting accounts in the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013, with Funding Designated by the President as Emergency Requirements; (H. Doc. No. 113—7); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

149. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-578, "911 Purity Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

150. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-580, "Albert 'Butch' Hopkins Way Designation Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

151. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-588, "UDC Board Meeting Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

152. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-575, "Phebbie Scott Way Designation Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

153. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-548, "General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Years 2013-2018 Authorization Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

154. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-552, "Public Vehicle-for-Hire Educational Services Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

155. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-550, "Judicial Adjudication of Parentage Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

156. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-551, "District Department of Transportation Accessible Vehicles Fund Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

157. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-535, "Allen Chapel A.M.E. Senior Residential Rental Project Property Tax Exemption Clarification Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

158. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-536, "Hire Date Reporting Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

159. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting

Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-537, "Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Technical Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

160. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-538, "School-Based Enrichment Programs Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

161. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-539, "Office of the Chief Financial Officer Audit Report Transparency Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

162. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-546, "Health Benefits Plan Members Bill of Rights Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

163. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-547, "Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

164. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-549, "Medicaid Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

165. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-553, "Local Rent Supplement Program Voucher Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

166. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-554, "NoMA Residential Development Tax Abatement Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

167. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-555, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square N-515, S.O. 12-02073, Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

168. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-559, "District of Columbia Flag Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

169. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-560, "Water Quality Assurance Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

170. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-561, "District Department of Transportation Accessible Vehicles Fund Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

171. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-562, "Energy Innovation and Savings Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

172. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-563, "Alternative Service of Process Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

173. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-564, "Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Amendment

Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

174. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-565, "Department of Motor Vehicles Reciprocity Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

175. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-573, "Parkside Parcel E and J Mixed-Income Apartments Tax Abatement Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

176. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-574, "Streetscape Reconstruction Second Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

177. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-579, "Senator Charles H. Percy Plaza Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

178. A letter from the Executive Director, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act, for the Mississippi River Commission covering the calendar year 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on 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. BROOKS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. JONES, and Mr. SOUTHERLAND):

H.R. 443. A bill to increase the statutory limit on the public debt by \$1 trillion upon the adoption by Congress of a balanced budget Constitutional amendment and by an additional \$1 trillion upon ratification by the States of that amendment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PRICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Ms. JENKINS, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 444. A bill to require that, if the President's fiscal year 2014 budget does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such budget, the President shall submit a supplemental unified budget by April 1, 2013, which identifies a fiscal year in which balance is achieved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. DENT (for himself and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 445. A bill to authorize a National Heritage Area Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 446. A bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKS of Arizona (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AMODEI, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. BLACK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. COLE, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr.

DAINES, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FLORES, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HALL, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. HULTGREN, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. JONES, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. LONG, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MICA, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. OLSON, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. POMPEO, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. STEWART, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. YODER):

H.R. 447. A bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or race, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 448. A bill to require that the prevailing wage utilized for purposes of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Davis-Bacon Act), be determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MILLER of Florida:

H.R. 449. A bill to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and 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. POSEY:

H.R. 450. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to bring the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection into the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 451. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

## 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. BROOKS of Alabama:

H.R. 443.

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

Article I, Section 8. The Congress shall have Power . . . to pay debts . . ."

Article V. The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution . . .

By Mr. PRICE of Georgia:

H.R. 444.

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

This bill makes changes to existing law relating to Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, which provides that, "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts, and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States," and Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7, which provides that, "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 shall be published from time to time."

Section 1105 (a), of title 31, United States Code, requires the president to submit to Congress each year his budget request no later than the first Monday in February for the upcoming fiscal year. It is within the purview of the Congress to provide oversight and guidance to the president regarding requirements of this statute should, or should he not, meet these obligations as required by law.

By Mr. DENT:

H.R. 445.

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

section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 446.

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. FRANKS of Arizona:

H.R. 447.

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

(1) the Commerce Clause;

(2) section 2 of the 13th amendment;

(3) section 5 of the 14th amendment, including the power to enforce the prohibition on government action denying equal protection of the laws; and

(4) section 8 of article I to make all laws necessary and proper for the carrying into execution of powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 448.

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

Because this legislation adjusts the formula the federal government uses to spend money on federal contracts, it is authorized by the Constitution under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1, which grants Congress its spending power.

By Mr. MILLER of Florida:

H.R. 449.

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

Article I, Section 8 & Amendment II to The Constitution of the United States

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 450.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 451.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 7 (power to establish Post Offices) and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 (the Necessary and Proper Clause).