

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 27, 2013, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1979. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Walter M. Skinner, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1980. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Rules of Practice and Procedure: Enterprise and Federal Home Loan Bank Housing Goals Related Enforcement Amendment (RIN: 2590-AA57) received June 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1981. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, as Amended by the Red Flag Program Clarification Act of 2010 (RIN: 3084-AA94) received June 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1982. A letter from the Division Chief, Policy Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Review of Foreign Ownership Policies for Common Carrier and Aeronautical Radio Licensees under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended [IB Docket No.: 11-133] received June 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1983. A letter from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, OET, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules to Amend the Definition of Auditory Assistance Device in Support of Simultaneous Language Interpretation [ET Docket No.: 10-26] received June 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1984. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Freedom of Information Act received June 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1985. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Quality Assurance Program Requirements Regulatory Guide 1.33 received June 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1986. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Fuel Oil Systems for Emergency Power Supplies Regulatory Guide 1.137 received June 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1987. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting the 2012 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Fed-

eral Home Loan Bank of Topeka, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1988. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the sixty-sixth Semiannual Report to Congress of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1989. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the forty-eighth Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-up, covering the six month period ending March 31, 2013 in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1990. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1991. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1992. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting the 2012 management report and statements on the system of internal controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1993. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-67; Small Entity Compliance Guide [Docket: FAR 2013-0078, Sequence 3] received June 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1994. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments [FAC 2005-67; Item XI; Docket 2013-0080, Sequence 3] received June 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1995. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Updated Postretirement Benefit (PRB) References [FAC 2005-67; FAR Case 2011-019; Item X; Docket 2011-0019, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM23) received June 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1996. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Free Trade Agreement (FTA)-Panama [FAC 2005-67; FAR Case 2012-027; Item IX; Docket 2012-0027, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM43) received June 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1997. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; [FAC 2005-67; FAR Case 2013-008; Item VIII; Docket 2013-0008, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM54) received June 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1998. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administra-

tion's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States [FAC 2005-67; FAR Case 2011-029; Item I; Docket 2011-0029, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM20) received June 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1999. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013 as compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a Public Law 88-454; (H. Doc. No. 113-41); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

2000. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — General Regulations; National Park System, Demonstrations, Sale or Distribution of printed matter [NPS-WASO-REGS-8546; PXXVPADO515] (RIN: 1024-AD91) received June 19, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2001. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification that the Department issued payments to eligible local governments under the Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2002. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Action #3 [Docket No.: 130108020-3409-01] (RIN: 0648-XC686) received June 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2003. A letter from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, transmitting High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program Report to Congress, pursuant to Public Law 109-469; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2004. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's 2013 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program, pursuant to Public Law 104-193, section 231 (110 Stat. 2197); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan: Committee on House Administration. House Resolution 277. Resolution dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee (Rept. 113-132). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan: Committee on House Administration. House Resolution 278. Resolution dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Forty Third Congressional District of California (Rept. 113-133). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. WALDEN (for himself, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. DENT, Mr. HANNA, Mr. HARPER, Mr. JONES, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. TIBERI, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. SCHRADER, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio):

H.R. 2504. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD (for herself and Mrs. NAPOLITANO):

H.R. 2505. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue certain regulations with respect to motorcoach safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mr. DENT (for himself, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. COFFMAN, and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 2506. A bill to amend the Privacy Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. MASSIE (for himself, Mr. AMASH, Mr. JONES, Mr. YOHO, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, and Mr. GOHMERT):

H.R. 2507. A bill to restrict funds related to escalating United States military involvement in Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and 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. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. COOK, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. COLE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. KILDEE, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 2508. A bill to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEWIS (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SCHOCK, and Mr. SENBRENNER):

H.R. 2509. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself, Mr. JONES, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. COOPER):

H.R. 2510. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish within the Department of Defense centers of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to open burn pits; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BLACK (for herself, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. BROWN of Georgia, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. RADEL, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mr. STEWART, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. TIPTON, and Mr. WILLIAMS):

H.R. 2511. A bill to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to control the development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 2512. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish clear regulatory standards for mortgage servicers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. COLE, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. YOHO, and Mr. CRAMER):

H.R. 2513. A bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 2514. A bill to improve efficiency by consolidating some duplicative and overlapping Government programs; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. HOLT, Ms. CLARKE, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 2515. A bill to amend the provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school library media specialists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Ms. CHU, and Mr. PIERLUISI):

H.R. 2516. A bill to establish dual language education programs in low-income communities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 2517. A bill to improve the literacy and English skills of limited English proficient individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois (for himself, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. MCINTYRE, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. MATHESON, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 2518. A bill to increase the long-term fiscal accountability of direct spending legislation; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. FALCONE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HONDA, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. PINGREE of Maine):

H.R. 2519. A bill to direct the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance for individuals affected by exposure to Agent Orange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Foreign 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 Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico (for herself and Mr. CUMMINGS):

H.R. 2520. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit 501(c)(4) entities from participating in, or intervening in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico (for himself, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, and Mr. PEARCE):

H.R. 2521. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand and intensify programs of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to translational research and related activities concerning cavernous angioma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 2522. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and make permanent the Department of Veterans Affairs loan guarantee for the purchase of residential cooperative housing units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. POLIS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BARBER, Ms. BASS, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BONAMICI, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. ESTY, Mr. FARR, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. HAHN, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. HANNA, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida,

Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. LOEBBACH, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAFFEI, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. LORETTA SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SIREN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. WALZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. WATT, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. YARMUTH):

H.R. 2523. A bill to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAULSEN (for himself, Mr. KIND, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, and Ms. FUDGE):

H.R. 2524. A bill to establish a program to provide incentive payments to participating Medicare beneficiaries who voluntarily establish and maintain better health; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mr. SALMON (for himself and Mr. ANDREWS):

H.R. 2525. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize nonprofit institutions of higher education to provide payment to certain third-party entities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia:

H.R. 2526. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to add a Federal defender representative as a nonvoting member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself, Ms. MENG, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. JONES, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. ESTY, Mr. LOEBBACH, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. GABBARD, and Ms. SINEMA):

H.R. 2527. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans with coun-

seling and treatment for sexual trauma that occurred during inactive duty training; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself and Mr. HORSFORD):

H.R. 2528. A bill to establish a task force in the Department of Veterans Affairs to assess the retention and training of claims processors; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. TIPTON (for himself, Mr. PEARCE, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. GARDNER):

H. Res. 279. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that allocating the appropriate resources to wildland fire management is needed to protect the environment, the economy, and the people of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

67. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of West Virginia, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76 urging the Congress to update the Renewable Fuel Standard; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

68. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2007 demanding the Congress protest the proposed closing of Cherrybell Postal Processing and Distribution Center; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

69. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the Apology Resolution; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

70. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 7 urging the Congress to increase investment in the Drinking Water Revolving Fund; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

71. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 demanding that the federal government extinguish title to Idaho's public lands and transfer title to those lands to the State of Idaho; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources, Armed Services, and Energy and Commerce.

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. WALDEN:

H.R. 2504.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is pursuant to the following:

1) Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States."

2) Article I, Section 1- All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD:

H.R. 2505.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 8, "Congress Shall have the power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, among the several States, and with Indian Tribes."

and:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, "Congress shall have the Power To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department of Officer thereof."

By Mr. DENT:

H.R. 2506.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MASSIE:

H.R. 2507.

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

Article I Section 8 of the Constitution, which gives Congress the sole authority to declare war.

By Mr. CALVERT:

H.R. 2508.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution.

(Article I, section 8, clause 3: To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;)

By Mr. LEWIS:

H.R. 2509.

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 of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. BISHOP of New York:

H.R. 2510.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 2511.

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

Tenth Amendment stating that, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

and

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 providing that "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. . . ."

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 2512.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3