

the majority and minority. A single round shall not exceed 60 minutes per side, unless the members or staff attorneys conducting the deposition agree to a different length of questioning. In each round, a member or committee staff attorney designated by the chairman shall ask questions first, and the member or committee staff attorney designated by the ranking minority member shall ask questions second.

(h) Any objection made during a deposition must be stated concisely and in a non-argumentative and non-suggestive manner. The witness may refuse to answer a question only to preserve a privilege. When the witness has objected and refused to answer a question to preserve a privilege, the full committee chairman may rule on any such objection after the deposition has adjourned. If the chairman overrules any such objection and thereby orders a witness to answer any question to which a privilege objection was lodged, such ruling shall be filed with the clerk of the committee and shall be provided to the members and the witness no less than three days before the reconvened deposition. If a member of the committee appeals in writing the ruling of the chairman, the appeal shall be preserved for committee consideration. A deponent who refuses to answer a question after being directed to answer by the chairman in writing may be subject to sanction, except that no sanctions may be imposed if the ruling of the chairman is reversed on appeal.

(i) Committee staff shall ensure that the testimony is either transcribed or electronically recorded or both. If a witness's testimony is transcribed, the witness or the witness's counsel shall be afforded an opportunity to review a copy. No later than five days thereafter, the witness may submit suggested changes to the chairman. Committee staff may make any typographical and technical changes. Substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments to the deposition transcript submitted by the witness must be accompanied by a letter signed by the witness requesting the changes and a statement of the witness's reasons for each proposed change. Any substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments shall be included as an appendix to the transcript conditioned upon the witness signing the transcript.

(j) The individual administering the oath, if other than a member, shall certify on the transcript that the witness was duly sworn. The transcriber shall certify that the transcript is a true record of the testimony, and the transcript shall be filed, together with any electronic recording, with the clerk of the Committee in Washington, DC. Depositions shall be considered to have been taken in Washington, DC, as well as the location actually taken once filed there with the clerk of the Committee for the Committee's use. The chairman and the ranking minority member of the full committee shall be provided with a copy of the transcripts of the deposition at the same time.

(k) The chairman and ranking minority member of the full committee shall consult regarding the release of depositions. If either objects in writing to a proposed release of a deposition or a portion thereof, the matter shall be promptly referred to the full committee for resolution.

(l) A witness shall not be required to testify unless the witness has been provided with a copy of the committee's rules.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at noon.

RULES AND REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(d), executive communications [final rules] submitted to the House pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1) during the period of July 23, 2012, through January 3, 2013, shall be treated as though received on February 8, 2013. Original dates of transmittal, numberings, and referrals to committee of those executive communications remain as indicated in the Executive Communication section of the relevant CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

237. A letter from the Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Escrow Requirements Under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) [Docket No.: CFPB-2013-0001] (RIN: 3170-AA16) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

238. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Big Skate in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 111207737-2141-02] (RIN: 0648-XC405) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

239. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of New Jersey [Docket No.: 111220786-1781-01] (RIN: 0648-XC404) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

240. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 120306154-2241-02] (RIN: 0648-XC382) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

241. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Extension of Emergency Fishery Closure Due to the Presence of the Toxin That Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) [Docket No.: 050613158-5262-03] (RIN: 0648-BB59) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

242. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2012 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Atlantic Wahoo [Docket No.: 100812345-2142-03] (RIN: 0648-XC381) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

243. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Recreational Accountability Measures [Docket No.: 111128700-2405-02] (RIN: 0648-BB66) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

244. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Available for the State of New York To Reopen Fishery [Docket No.: 111220786-1781-01] (RIN: 0648-XC391) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

245. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2013 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing [Docket No.: 120706221-2705-02] (RIN: 0648-XC106) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

246. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2012 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Specifications; Correction [Docket No.: 111220786-2728-03] (RIN: 0648-XA795) received January 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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, Ms. MENG, and Mr. KING of New York):

H.R. 592. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that houses of worship are eligible for certain disaster relief and emergency assistance on terms equal to other eligible private nonprofit facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. McKEON (for himself, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. JONES, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. TURNER, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PALAZZO, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HECK of Nevada, Mr. RUNYAN, Mr. SALMON, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mr. KLINE):

H.R. 593. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to modify the discretionary spending limits to take into account savings resulting from the reduction in the number of Federal employees; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, House Administration, and 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. BURGESS (for himself and Mr. ENGEL):

H.R. 594. A bill to reauthorize and extend the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. WATT, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. BASS, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. JONES, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. RUSH, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 595. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are pursuing programs of education at institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. HECK of Nevada, Mr. POLIS, Mr. TIPTON, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, and Mrs. KIRKPATRICK):

H.R. 596. A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public lands, 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 Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Mr. HONDA):

H.R. 597. A bill to establish a commission to study how Federal laws and policies affect United States citizens living in foreign countries; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, House Administration, Energy and Commerce, and 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. CAPUANO:

H.R. 598. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to give members of the United States Capitol Police the option to delay mandatory retirement until age 60; to the Committee on House Administration, 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. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. FARR, and Mr. ELLISON):

H.R. 599. A bill to prohibit the transfer of defense articles and defense services to the governments of foreign countries that are engaging in gross violations of internationally-recognized human rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HIGGINS (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio):

H.R. 600. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for nutrient removal technologies to States in the Great Lakes System; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 601. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore lands that are subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. MILLER of Florida:

H.R. 602. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 603. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to establish the Office of the District Attorney for the District of Columbia, headed by a locally elected and independent District Attorney, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. PINGREE of Maine:

H.R. 604. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of certain individuals with service-connected disabilities who transfer to reserve components before discharge from the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 605. A bill to exclude insurance companies from the Federal Depositary Insurance Corporation's "orderly liquidation authority"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. MENG, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. HANNA, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. TONKO, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. HIGGINS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York):

H.R. 606. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. THORNBERRY:

H.R. 607. A bill to delay until 2016 provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act scheduled to take effect in 2014 or 2015 and to delay the application of sequestration until 2014; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Rules, Appropriations, House Administration, 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.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD introduced a bill (H.R. 608) for the relief of Maria Eva Duran, Jessica Duran Cortes, Daniel Ivan Duran Cortes, and Jose Antonio Duran Cortes; 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. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 592.

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

article 1, section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. MCKEON:

H.R. 593.

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. BURGESS:

H.R. 594.

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

The Constitutional authority in which this bill rests is the power of the Congress to regulate Commerce, as enumerated by Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution. In addition, clause 7 of Section 9 of Article I of the Constitution, provides Congress the authority to control the expenditures of the federal government via appropriations.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD:

H.R. 595.

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

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution, Congress has the power to collect taxes and expend funds to provide for the general welfare of the United States. Congress may also make laws that are necessary and proper for carrying into execution their powers enumerated under Article I.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 596.

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

This bill addresses management of federal land. Accordingly, we turn to the following constitutional authority: