

here, than we need to continue to be a powerful economy in the world, so this is a discussion that we have to have. It is a discussion that is required if we're going to be, in 20, 30, 40, 50 years, the most powerful country in the world.

I don't have kids yet, but I sure hope when I do that my grandkids can live in a world where America is unchecked, the power in the world. They never have to worry about some of the problems that previous generations have had to worry about.

This reminds me, and as I've heard folks on, frankly, the other side of the aisle that have said many times, you know, they use very emotional statements to talk about what the Republican Party believes. I've heard us called the Party of No. I've heard us called, you know, taking food from the mouths of children, not caring about anybody but the rich. I've heard it all.

Look, I'll admit this in some cases, in many cases, the Republican Party has not done a good job of messaging. I remember seeing an ad on television where a pizza company talked about how they used to do it wrong and now they want to do it right.

Well, here's what we need do and here's what my passion is: to let the people know that, frankly, the Republican Party is the party of opportunity. We're the party that, as I mentioned earlier, believes that a kid born in the worst of circumstances should be able to pull himself out of those circumstances and be one of the most successful people in the world, including President of the United States if he or she wants to be. That's what we believe.

That's, when we go forward in this debate and any other debates, that's the message that I think is important to get out. Let's quit calling each other names. Let's quit trying to use cheap shots. Let's just have a grown-up discussion and say we both, all sides of the aisle, want a successful America; we just see how to get there differently. And let's have a discussion as adults, as Members of Congress, and, frankly, as Americans should have a discussion.

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I think it's important for all of us to stand strong, stand tall and lead, listen, communicate on this very important issue. And I know that's what we want to do here tonight is throw out ideas, but also prepare ourselves to listen to what our constituents want, what America wants and what's right for the country.

I hear some folks on my side of the aisle talk about if you pass a border security bill, you're going to go to conference with the Senate and you're going to adopt the Senate bill. We don't go to conference unless we agree to it. That's not going to happen. Let me be very clear. We're going to do a step-by-step approach and get a solution to immigration and then we'll talk about going to conference, if that's the pathway forward. But it's

not one phase of the bill, then to Congress.

I've got others that say just enforce the current laws, and to those I would ask: How is that working for us? It's not working. We have to engage in this conversation and do what's right.

I've got one more story for you. There's a family that came from Mexico over to Arizona, and they had an opportunity to work in the mines in Superior, Arizona, hard work, tough work. They were Catholic. They raised a lot of kids on not a lot of money. But one of their kids, as he grew up, he learned how to make pinatas and sell those pinatas. He learned how to get fruit of the desert, chop it up, slice it, dice it, and sell it as a delicacy within his community, a little entrepreneur.

When he got older he had a shot to go work in the mines like his brothers, but instead he said, You know what? I want to serve my country. And he went into the military. He had a chance to serve under Ronald Reagan.

And he came from a party that's not mine, but he had a chance to serve under Ronald Reagan, and he had to see what a party of opportunity had to offer him and his community and his family. He changed his vote. He said, This is who's looking out for me. This is who's looking out for my opportunity, and this is who's going to look out for my children and my grandchildren.

He went on, got married to a woman in Spain who immigrated here legally, and they had four kids. And I was honored enough to meet their daughter and marry her and move her to northern Wisconsin from warm Arizona, where we now have six children together.

That's my wife's immigrant story, whose father came here as a first-generation American, who worked his heart out and has his shot at the American Dream. After the military, he became a schoolteacher, and now he works for a university. He's living the dream. His daughter is living the dream. All of us have those stories. My parents, my great-grandparents came from Ireland. We all have the story of an immigrant.

I'm here to say, let's open our hearts. Let's open our minds. Let's have a real discussion that works. But let's also first say secure the border so we don't deal with this again, and then do what's right by way of folks who have come here and want their shot at the American Dream.

Mr. GARDNER. That, Mr. Speaker, is the story of America. And I thank our colleagues for joining us tonight and look forward to this debate and look forward to hearing from you, the people of this country, as we enter this important conversation.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HORSFORD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a medical-mandated recovery.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

H.R. 2289. An act to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Spousal IRA.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on July 12, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 251. To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

H.R. 254. To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

H.R. 588. To provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 17, 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:

2251. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Additional Qualifying Renewable Fuel Pathways under the Renewable Fuel Standard Program; Final Rule Approving Renewable Fuel Pathways for Giant Reed (*Arundo Donax*) and Napier Grass (*Pennisetum Purpureum*) [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0542; FRL-9822-7] (RIN: 2060-AR85) received July 9, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2252. A letter from the Secretary, Department of 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 Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2253. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's fiscal year

2012 annual report prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2254. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, transmitting the 2012 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2255. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras, Lake Erie, Fairport, OH [Docket Number: USCG-2013-0417] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2256. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Coronado Fourth of July Fireworks, Glorietta Bay, Coronado, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2013-0301] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2257. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Ad Club's 100th Anniversary Gala Fireworks Display, Boston Inner Harbor, Boston, MA [Docket Number: USCG-2013-0256] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2258. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones; Fourth of July Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port Charleston Zone, SC [Docket Number: USCG-2013-0415] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2259. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a letter reporting the FY 2012 expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund for projects, activities, and facilities that support the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2260. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary, Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, transmitting Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Council Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8111(f); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs.

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:

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1848. A bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113-151). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2576. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability

of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-152 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2611. A bill to designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the "Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building", and for other purposes (Rept. 113-153). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 568. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees; with an amendment (Rept. 113-154). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 1211. A bill to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), to provide for greater public access to information, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113-155). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 2067. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a separate compensation and performance management system with respect to persons holding critical scientific, technical, or professional positions within the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury (Rept. 113-156). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BURGESS: House Committee on Rules. House Resolution 300. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2668) to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2667) to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-157). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2576 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. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. COFFMAN, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. PETERS of California, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. BERA of California, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. LOEBACK, Mr. COOPER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 2689. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 2690. A bill to enhance the long-term profitability of the United States Postal Service through enhanced innovation, operational flexibility, workforce realignment, and regulatory relief; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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 Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. GRIMM): H.R. 2691. A bill to amend certain appropriation Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER): H.R. 2692. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take certain actions related to pesticides that may affect pollinators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. COOK (for himself, Mr. RUNYAN, and Mr. O'ROURKE): H.R. 2693. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report to Congress on security screening by the Transportation Security Administration of veterans and other passengers with amputations; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas: H.R. 2694. A bill to promote strategic sourcing principles within the Federal Government; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Ms. BASS, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CLAY, Ms. HAHN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RUSH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. LEWIS):

H.R. 2695. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to exempt from sequestration the public and Indian housing programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. KIND (for himself and Mr. PAULSEN): H.R. 2696. A bill to increase transparency of agencies by requiring a report describing any proposed conference; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. LANCE, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. HOLT, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. YARMUTH):

H.R. 2697. A bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.