

Care Act which has already significantly improved health care for Americans. The six month enrollment period for Americans to sign up for affordable health care coverage in the state-based Health Insurance Marketplaces has begun. Important decisions on government finding and the debt ceiling await votes while politics take center stage and the soundness of our economy remains in question.

House Republicans have caused a government shutdown in order to advance a delusional political agenda spearheaded by disdain for the Affordable Care Act. In a demonstration of hollow leadership, politics are being placed before people. Instead of approving the Senate-passed funding bill, House Republicans have cast yet another vote to undermine the Affordable Care Act for the forty-third time since its passage.

However, the Affordable Care Act is the law of the land and many have already benefited from its implementation. In Texas, families have saved \$46.3 million in insurance company refunds. Medicare beneficiaries in the "donut hole" have saved \$420.7 million in prescription drugs. More than 40,000 Americans and 17 million American children with pre-existing conditions gained insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act. The Congressional Budget Office released a study showing that the Affordable Care Act will provide coverage for an additional 32 million people while reducing overall health care costs.

The new health care law will only grow stronger and expand access to quality coverage with the state-based Health Insurance Marketplaces for those who cannot receive coverage through an employer. The Affordable Care Act not only provides increased access to quality care but it marks the beginning of fewer health disparities across the nation and more investment in preventative health care. I am proud to stand with the President and my colleagues in support of the Affordable Care Act.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LUCAS (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today and October 8 on account of a family illness.

Mr. POE of Texas (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of attending to family acute medical care and hospitalization.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 8, 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:

3241. A letter from the Director, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulations Implementing the Byrd Amendments to the Black Lung Benefits Act: Determining Coal Miners' and Survivors' Entitlement to Benefits (RIN: 1240-AA04) received September 25, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3242. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R01-OAR-2013-0028; A-1-FRL-9797-3] received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3243. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Second 10-Year Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Fort Collins [EPA-R08-OAR-2011-0708; FRL-9900-86-Region 8] received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3244. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; West Virginia's Redesignation for the Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Associated Maintenance Plan [EPA-R03-OAR-2012-0386; FRL-9900-71-Region 3] received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3245. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Procedures for Stringency Determinations and Minor Permit Revisions for Federal Operating Permits [EPA-R06-OAR-2010-0355; FRL-9900-82-Region 6] received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3246. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment for the Chico Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; California; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0800; FRL-9900-69-Region 9] received September 5, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3247. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Interim Rule to List the Southern White Rhino as Threatened [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-ES-2013-0055] (RIN: 1018-AY76) received September 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3248. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Estab-

lishment of Class E Airspace; Wagner, SD [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0004; Airspace Docket No. 13-AGL-11] received September 9, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3249. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Walker, MN [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0266; Airspace Docket No. 13-AGL-11] received September 9, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3250. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Brigham City, UT [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0414; Airspace Docket No. 13-ANM-14] received September 9, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Supplemental report on H.R. 1804. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress semi-annual reports on the cost of foreign travel made by employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs (Rept. 113-227, Pt. 2). 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. LAMBORN:

H.R. 3271. A bill making continuing appropriations for the compensation of Federal employee and certain military personnel in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, 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 Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3272. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain tax incentives for investment in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. LAMBORN:

H.R. 3271.

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

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United

States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States. . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3272.

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

clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 7: Mr. ROKITA.

H.R. 15: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. SARBANES.

H.R. 233: Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 350: Mr. MCCLINTOCK.

H.R. 565: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 685: Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 688: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 721: Mr. GINGREY of Georgia and Mr.

COLLINS of Georgia.

H.R. 830: Mr. ROYCE.

H.R. 855: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 940: Mr. MULVANEY.

H.R. 997: Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 1070: Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 1094: Mr. VARGAS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. O'ROURKE, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1250: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 1318: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 1339: Mr. CONYERS and Mr. GRIMM.

H.R. 1462: Mr. WOODALL.

H.R. 1507: Mr. MCDERMOTT.

H.R. 1518: Ms. SPEIER, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Ms. MOORE.

H.R. 1633: Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 1666: Mr. CONYERS and Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 1726: Mr. RADEL.

H.R. 1731: Mr. CLAY.

H.R. 1796: Ms. TSONGAS.

H.R. 1915: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 2029: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 2064: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 2459: Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 2663: Mr. WITTMAN.

H.R. 2760: Mr. FARR.

H.R. 2766: Ms. MCCOLLUM and Mr. CHAFFETZ.

H.R. 2797: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 2887: Mr. HOLT.

H.R. 3005: Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 3040: Mr. KIND.

H.R. 3061: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 3111: Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. MARINO, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. MICA, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. JORDAN, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. DENT, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. LABRADOR, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. CRAWFORD, and Mr. HECK of Nevada.

H.R. 3121: Mrs. WAGNER.

H.R. 3143: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 3179: Mr. COOK.

H.R. 3232: Mrs. MILLER of Michigan and Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.

H.R. 3236: Mr. KIND.

H.J. Res. 43: Mr. HONDA.

H. Con. Res. 52: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mr. MCKINLEY.

H. Res. 61: Ms. LEE of California and Mr. SIRES.

H. Res. 131: Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas.

H. Res. 153: Mr. YOHIO, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. GIBBS, and Mr. TERRY.

H. Res. 254: Mr. HOLT.