

invite our Republicans friends to discuss this with us.

There is no Democratic or Republican solution. This takes us working together for an American solution. We know that, Madam Speaker. H.R. 15 is not a Democratic bill or Republican bill. It is a bipartisan bill, with principals from both parties. More than two-thirds of the Senate support its commonsense approach.

We can improve upon the pieces and have a meal, or we can pass comprehensive immigration reform to reflect our values as Americans and create jobs for Americans and protect our borders.

The longer that we fail to act, the more men and women will have to be in these galleries here, Madam Speaker—perhaps against your wishes—will have to be fasting; will have to quit their jobs working in Congress, like Erika, because her mother is facing deportation.

Is that the America we want when we look at ourselves in the mirror?

Madam Speaker, is that what we are proud of as Americans? Is that our values? Are we proud that a young, talented staff person like Erika, working on behalf of her country for her Congresswoman here in the United States Capitol has to quit her own job because our own government is deporting her own mother, who hasn't committed any criminal or violent crime? It might have cost the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars for deportation and at the cost of tearing a family apart and preventing Erika from offering all that she had to give to our great country.

We can do better, Madam Speaker. We can do better by the handful of people in this gallery and the millions of families across this country that are demanding action now, and the hundreds of million—yes, every American man, woman, and child who stands to benefit by immediate action here in the House of Representatives.

I yield back the balance of my time.

TPP TRADE AGREEMENT

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to associate myself with the Special Order opposing any fast track deal for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or the TPP trade agreement as it is called.

It is simply the same old trade model since 1975 that has caused this country to rack up over \$9 trillion of trade deficit—more imports coming in here than exports going out. An incredible debt.

We talk about the budget deficit. The reason we have a budget deficit is because we have a trade deficit and the outsourcing of jobs from coast to coast.

There is simply no reason to bring up a deal under the fast track procedure which will not permit amendment on this floor—a deal negotiated in secret by yet another Presidential administration.

Americans know how the middle class has been shrinking, how incomes have been shrinking, how production from coast to coast has been outsourced.

I associate myself with the remarks with the Special Order this evening that calls on the administration to rebalance our trade accounts. They could take up a bill that I have authored to rebalance America's trade accounts and take a look at all of these nations with which we have amassed these huge, huge deficits while our production is being outsourced.

Madam Speaker, let's table the Trans-Pacific Partnership deal. Let's table fast track and develop a brand-new trade model that benefits the United States of America and its people again so their incomes can rise.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for December 2 through December 5 on account of attending to family acute medical care and hospitalization.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3981. A letter from the Director — Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Deposit Insurance Regulations; Definition of Insured Deposit (RIN: 3064-AE00) received December 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3982. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Etofenprox; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0905; FRL-9902-39] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3983. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan [EPA-R04-OAR-2013-0455; FRL-9903-17-Region-4] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3984. 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; New York; Determination of Clean Data for the 1987 PM10 Standard for the New York County Area [Docket No.: EPA-R02-OAR-2013-0618; FRL-9903-24-Region-2] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3985. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida: General Requirements and Gasoline Vapor Control; Correcting Amendment [EPA-R04-OAR-2012-0385; FRL-9903-23-Region 4] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3986. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Metaldehyde; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0706; FRL-9399-8] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3987. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Electronic Reporting Under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2011-0519; FRL-9394-6] (RIN: 2070-AJ75) received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3988. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Octadecanoic Acid, 12-Hydroxy-, Homopolymer, Ester with 2-Methyloxirane Polymer with Oxirane Monobutyl Ether; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0526; FRL-9903-18] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3989. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Quinclorac; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0429; FRL-9902-15] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3990. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Area [EPA-R09-OAR-2013-0194; FRL-9838-6] received November 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3991. A letter from the Chief Legal Officer, Privacy and Civil Liberties Board, Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Freedom of Information, Privacy Act, and Government in the Sunshine Act Procedures [PCLOB; Docket No. 2013-0003; Sequence 1] (RIN: 0311-AA01) received November 18, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3992. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Notice of 12-Month Finding on a Petition To List the Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) as an Endangered of Threatened Distinct Population Segment (DPS) in the Gulf of Mexico [Docket No.: 1206013325-3912-03] (RIN: 0648-XA983) received December 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3993. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Health Insurance Providers Fee [TD 9643] (RIN: 1545-BL20) received December 2, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. JEFFRIES (for himself and Mr. KING of New York):

H.R. 3646. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to give priority to projects and studies for hurricane and storm damage risk reduction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. AMODEI:

H.R. 3647. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of guide dogs to veterans blinded by a service-connected injury; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:

H.R. 3648. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire individuals who are members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BUSTOS:

H.R. 3649. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit for hiring individuals who are veterans or members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard, to make permanent the work opportunity credit, and to expand and make permanent the employer wage credit for employees who are active duty members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Ms. MENG, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. HIMES, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. SIREs):

H.R. 3650. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the operation of certain aircraft not complying with stage 4 noise levels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Ms. LEE of California):

H.R. 3651. A bill to establish a commission to study employment and economic insecurity in the United States workforce; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HOLDING:

H.R. 3652. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for penalties for aggravated identity theft facilitated by employment at an agency implementing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. OLSON):

H.R. 3653. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an increased work opportunity credit with respect to recent veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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. POLIS (for himself, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, and Ms. KUSTER):

H.R. 3654. A bill to establish a renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. JOYCE):

H.R. 3655. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Simeon Booker in recognition of his achievements in the field of journalism, including reporting during the Civil Rights movement, as well as social and political commentary; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GERLACH (for himself and Mr. FATTAH):

H. Con. Res. 68. Concurrent resolution providing official recognition of the massacre of 11 African-American soldiers of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion of the United States Army who had been captured in Wereth, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge on December 17, 1944; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MORAN, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. LOWENTHAL):

H. Con. Res. 69. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that efforts by mental health practitioners to change an individual's sexual orientation is dangerous and harmful and should be prohibited from being practiced on minors; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JONES (for himself and Ms. SPEIER):

H. Res. 430. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should ensure that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is making significant progress in fulfilling its deliverable requirements under the Tokyo Conference Agreement in order to receive United States financial assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. JEFFRIES:

H.R. 3646.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution (related to general welfare of the United States).

By Mr. AMODEI:

H.R. 3647.

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 make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:

H.R. 3648.

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, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BUSTOS:

H.R. 3649.

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, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CROWLEY:

H.R. 3650.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida:

H.R. 3651.

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

U.S. Const., Art. I, § 8, cl. 3: Congress shall have the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the various states.

By Mr. HOLDING:

H.R. 3652.

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

The authority to enact this bill is derived from, but may not be limited to, Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 3653.

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

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.

By Mr. POLIS:

H.R. 3654.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power of Congress to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes).

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio:

H.R. 3655.

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

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces.

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 15: Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

H.R. 107: Mrs. ELLMERS.

H.R. 129: Mr. YOHO.

H.R. 183: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 184: Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 207: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee.

H.R. 490: Mr. NEAL.

H.R. 503: Mr. PEARCE, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. MCALLISTER, and Mr. CARTER.

H.R. 517: Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 543: Mr. FARR.

H.R. 647: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. WESTMORELAND.

H.R. 715: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.