

Mr. Speaker, as I close, it is very clear that we live in a culture of violence. The culture of violence has ravaged our communities, taking the lives of innocent Americans, ripping apart American families, and destroying families along the way. We must act now because our Nation is depending on us. Anyone who believes that it is okay to use a gun in an open theater is not really thinking very rationally. Someone who believes that you can put a police officer at every single entrance into a school is really not thinking very rationally.

We have to do something. No matter what our personal beliefs are, we are all here to work for the American public, not ourselves. We may have a personal opinion as to what should be done about guns, but the people of America are speaking, and we need to listen to them.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my serious concerns about the recent acts of violence throughout the United States. The tragedy that struck the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, last month was a devastating loss for the families and friends of the students and educators who were killed. As the second deadliest school shooting in U.S. history, the Newtown tragedy has underscored the fundamental need to reevaluate our approach to gun violence and mental illness.

Any strategy to reduce gun violence must be inclusive in its approach to finding a solution. Every viable consideration must be on the table as we look to enact comprehensive legislation at the federal level. With the total number of privately owned firearms in circulation estimated to be more than 270 million, we must take reasonable steps to ensure that these firearms do not fall into the wrong hands, while also protecting the Second Amendment rights of responsible gun owners.

The topic of mental illness is one that is neglected, particularly in regard to its connection to gun violence. In 2009, approximately 11 million adults in the United States had a serious mental illness. Forty percent of those adults did not receive any type of treatment for that illness. We now know that each of the shooters in the most recent incidents suffered from mental illness. Addressing mental illness can be a critical component of a comprehensive approach to reducing violence in our schools and other public places.

Mr. Speaker, we must take deliberate steps going forward to prevent another tragedy from occurring. There is absolutely no place for violence in our schools, and we are compelled to do everything within our power to avert future catastrophe. There is a large mental health component to this debate that needs greater consideration, and I hope that my colleagues will continue to take a holistic approach during this process.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BENTIVOLIO). The Chair announces the

Speaker's appointment, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 113th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:

Mr. BOEHNER, Ohio;
Mr. CANTOR, Virginia;
Ms. PELOSI, California.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOODALL) at 9 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 152, DISASTER RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

Mr. COLE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-1) on the resolution (H. Res. 23) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 152) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the word "General" in section 3(j)(1) is changed to "Government." There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON LEE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 6:45 p.m. and January 15.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and January 15 and 16 on account of a death in the family.

Mr. CRENSHAW (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of illness.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

H.R. 41. An act to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on January 4, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 41. To temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 10 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE—MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God." has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Members of the 113th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

EARL BLUMENAUER, Third District of Oregon; JOHN LEWIS, Fifth District of Georgia; LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Fortieth District of California.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6. A letter from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final

rule — Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Funding and Fiscal Affairs; Farmer Mac Capital Planning (RIN: 3052-AC80) received January 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations; Middlesex County, CT, et al [Docket ID: FEMA-2012-0003] received January 9, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations; Cobb County, Georgia, and Incorporated Areas [Docket ID: FEMA-2012-0003] received January 4, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

9. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; Texas; Tarrant; [Docket ID: FEMA-2012-0003] received January 4, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

10. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations; Shelby County, Alabama, and Incorporated Areas [Docket ID: FEMA-2012-0003] received January 4, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

11. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Certification of Commercial and Industrial HVAC, Refrigeration and Water Heating Equipment [Docket Number: EEERE-2012-BT-CE-0048] (RIN: 1904-AC90) received January 4, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

12. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Nevada; Redesignation of Clark County to Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0792; FRL-9766-9] received January 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

13. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(1), Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Asbestos Management and Control; State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services [EPA-R01-OAR-2012-0430; FRL-9697-2] received January 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

14. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment for the San Francisco Bay Area Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; California; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements [EPA-R09-OAR-2010-0782; FRL-9766-7] received January 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

15. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Determination of Attainment

for the Yuba City-Marysville Nonattainment Area for the 2006 Fine Particle Standard; California; Determination Regarding Applicability of Clean Air Act Requirements [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0781; FRL-9768-2] received January 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

16. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Finding of Substantial Inadequacy of Implementation Plan; Call for California State Implementation Plan Revision; South Coast [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0721; FRL-9767-3] received January 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

17. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Interim Final Determination to Stay Sanctions, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0960; FRL-9766-4] received January 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

18. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Diego APCD, Northern Sierra AQMD, and Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0587; FRL-9732-9] received January 3, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

19. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Connect America Fund, High-Cost Universal Service Support [WC Docket No.: 10-90] [WC Docket No.: 05-337] received January 4, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

20. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notice of the United States involvement in a rescue operation conducted by France in Somalia; (H. Doc. No. 113-5); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

21. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-515, "Reckless Driving Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

22. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-486, "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Protection Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

23. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-487, "Driver Privacy Protection Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

24. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-489, "Comprehensive Impaired Driving and Alcohol Testing Program Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

25. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-490, "District Department of Transportation Accessible Vehicles Fund Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

26. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-491, "Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to

the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

27. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-513, "Technology Sector Enhancement Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

28. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-514, "District Department of Transportation Parking Meter Fund Establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

29. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-516, "Allen Chapel A.M.E. Senior Residential Rental Project Property Tax Exemption Clarification Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

30. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-517, "Extension of Time to Dispose of the Eastern Avenue Property Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

31. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-518, "Extension of Time to Dispose of the Strand Theater Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

32. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-524, "Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

33. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-523, "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Time Delay Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

34. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-522, "Clarification of Personal Property Tax Revenue Reporting Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

35. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-521, "Income Tax Withholding Statements Electronic Submission Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

36. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-520, "Processing Sales Tax Clarifying Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

37. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-519, "General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Years 2013-2018 Authorization Temporary Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

38. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-534, "Employee Transportation Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

39. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-512, "District of Columbia Official Code Title 29 Technical and Harmonizing Amendments Act of 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

40. A letter from the Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Resumption of the Population Estimates Challenge Program [Docket Number: 111215758-2650-04] (RIN: 0607-AA51) received January 9, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

41. A letter from the U.S. House of Representatives, Clerk, transmitting List of reports created by the Clerk, pursuant to Rule II, clause 2(b), of the Rules of the House; (H. Doc. No. 113—4); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

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:

[Pursuant to the order of the House on December 24, 2012, the following report was filed on January 3, 2013]

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources (Rept. 112-752). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted January 14, 2013]

Mr. COLE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 23. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 152) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-1). 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. DENHAM (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. SIRE, Mr. RICHMOND, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 219. A bill to improve and streamline disaster assistance for Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; considered and passed.

By Mr. WALDEN (for himself, Mr. LANCE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. JONES, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. YODER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. MILLER of Florida):

H.R. 220. A bill to amend section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, to limit the face value of coins that the Secretary of the Treasury may issue, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan):

H.R. 221. A bill to require reports on the acquisitions by certain foreign persons of companies that have received American taxpayer research and development funding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently deter-

mined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 222. A bill to amend the World War I Centennial Commission Act to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARROW:

H.R. 223. A bill to prohibit States from carrying out more than one Congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment, to require States to conduct such redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 224. A bill to terminate the authority of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide assistance under the Tenant Resource Network Program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. HARPER, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. KING of New York):

H.R. 225. A bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 226. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for surrendering to authorities certain assault weapons; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DEUTCH (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. QUIGLEY):

H.R. 227. A bill to establish a gun buyback grant program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 228. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to prevent the payment of cash to recipients of supplemental nutrition assistance for the return of empty bottles and cans used to contain food purchased with benefits provided under such Act; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MOORE, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 229. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to provide for the calculation of the minimum wage based on the Federal poverty threshold for a family of 2, as determined by the Bureau of the Census; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. OLSON):

H.R. 230. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Commerce to create a job training program and an economic stability program to stabilize the workforce and promote economic growth in the Johnson Space Center region; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial Services, 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. HANABUSA:

H.R. 231. A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HARPER:

H.R. 232. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment to pharmacies for certain compounded drugs that are prepared by the pharmacies for a specific beneficiary for use through an implanted infusion pump; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. HONDA:

H.R. 233. A bill to amend chapter 31 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for an orderly process by which the debt ceiling is increased; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. KAPTUR:

H.R. 234. A bill to establish the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Investigative Commission to investigate the policies and practices engaged in by officers and directors at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac responsible for making the decisions that led to the enterprises' financial instability and the subsequent Federal conservatorship of such enterprises; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois (for himself and Mrs. CAPPS):

H.R. 235. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 236. A bill to ensure greater accountability by licensed firearms dealers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARINO:

H.R. 237. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to reduce the number of civil service positions within the executive branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 238. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to restrict the ability of a person whose Federal license to import, manufacture, or deal in firearms has been revoked, whose application to renew such a license has been denied, or who has received a license revocation or renewal denial notice, to transfer business inventory firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROSS:

H.R. 239. A bill to require zero-based budgeting for departments and agencies of the Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. ROSS:

H.R. 240. A bill to establish a program to provide reinsurance for State natural catastrophe insurance programs to help the United States better prepare for and protect its citizens against the ravages of natural catastrophes, to encourage and promote mitigation and prevention for, and recovery and rebuilding from such catastrophes, and to better assist in the financial recovery from such catastrophes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ROSS:

H.R. 241. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care