

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

from Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROSS:

H.R. 242. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for a temporary agricultural worker program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Foreign 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. ROSS:

H.R. 243. A bill to adopt the seven immediate reforms recommended by the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform to reduce spending and make the Federal Government more efficient; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, Rules, and the Budget, 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. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 244. A bill to assure that the services of a nonemergency department physician are available to hospital patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week in all non-Federal hospitals with at least 100 licensed beds; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 245. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to allow certain loans that are not fully amortizing to be used in seller carryback financing on residential mortgage loans; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 246. A bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to collect, publish, and keep current an objective index of dollar-denominated loan interest rates of various maturities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 247. A bill to require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public, Social Security benefits, and military pay in the event that the debt limit is reached, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONAWAY:

H. Res. 21. A resolution providing for the attendance of the House at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BECERRA:

H. Res. 22. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BACHMANN (for herself, Ms. BASS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MARINO, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, and Mr. PALAZZO):

H. Res. 24. A resolution expressing the deep disappointment of the House of Representatives in the enactment by the Russia Government of a law ending inter-country adoptions of Russian children by United States citizens and urging the Russia Government to reconsider the law and prioritize the processing of inter-country adoptions involving parentless Russian children who were already matched with United States families before the enactment of the law; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GINGREY of Georgia:

H. Res. 25. A resolution recognizing Linemen, the profession of Linemen, and the contributions of these brave men and women to protect public safety, and expressing support of designation of April 18, 2013, as National Lineman Appreciation Day; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. KAPTUR:

H. Res. 26. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the States should enact a temporary moratorium on residential mortgage foreclosures; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. KAPTUR:

H. Res. 27. A resolution supporting the establishment and full funding of a staff exchange program between the House of Representatives and the Parliament of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada, as soon as possible; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. KAPTUR:

H. Res. 28. A resolution condemning the persecution of political opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko as well as other political prisoners, among them former internal affairs minister Yuri Lutsenko; 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. DENHAM:

H.R. 219.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the common defense and general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress) and Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 (relating to interstate compacts).

By Mr. WALDEN:

H.R. 220.

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

Article 1 (The Legislative Branch), Section 8 (Powers of Congress), Clause 5 "To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;."

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 221.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 222.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1, 12, 16, and 18

By Mr. BARROW:

H.R. 223.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 4, of the Constitution which expressly provides Congress with the power to enact laws governing the time, place, and manner of elections for Members of the House of Representatives.

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 224.

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

Under 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 Mrs. CAPPS:

H.R. 225.

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.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 226.

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

This bill is pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, which states that Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 227.

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

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 228.

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

Article 1; Section 8; Necessary and Proper Clause

Congress created the SNAP program, formerly known as food stamps, to provide a social safety net for the least fortunate in our society. However, that social safety net and the tax payers who support it are being defrauded to the tune of millions of dollars a year. Therefore, it is both necessary and proper to protect the taxpayers' money through policies which aim to prevent fraud within the SNAP program.

By Mr. AL GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 229.

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

The Constitutional authority to enact this legislation can be found in:

Commerce Clause (Art. 1 sec. 8 cl. 3)
Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 sec. 8 cl. 18)

By Mr. AL GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 230.

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

The Constitutional authority to enact this legislation can be found in:

General Welfare Clause (Art. 1 sec. 8 cl. 1)
Commerce Clause (Art. 1 sec. 8 cl. 3)
Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 sec. 8 cl. 18)

Constitutional analysis is a rigorous discipline which goes far beyond the text of the Constitution, and requires knowledge of case law, history, and the tools of constitutional interpretation. While the scope of Congress' powers is an appropriate matter for House debate, the listing of specific textual authorities for routine Congressional legislation about which there is no legitimate constitutional concern is a diminishment of the majesty of our Founding Fathers' vision for our national legislature.

By Ms. HANABUSA:

H.R. 231.

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. HARPER:

H.R. 232.