

That's just one of the examples of how sequestration will impact folks in my congressional district and all across the country, which is why we've been arguing for a balanced response.

The other thing that I'd note: I was in Brooklyn a few days ago and had a meeting with public housing leaders. The New York City Public Housing Authority, which presides over public housing units in New York City—the largest such public authority related to public housing in the country—will experience a \$190 million cut as a result of sequestration. There are already residents of public housing in my district and all across the city of New York dealing with inhumane conditions right now—mold infestation, broken elevators, rat infestation, the inability to get repairs done on a timely basis, violence at levels that should not be tolerated. And instead of cutting almost \$200 million from the Public Housing Authority in New York, we should be investing more.

Madam Speaker, we're hopeful that we can arrive at a place where common sense will prevail and we can move forward to keep America moving forward in a reasonable way.

I yield to my colleague from Nevada to close.

Mr. HORSFORD. I just want to add that this debate begins and ends with the American people. We want to hear and listen to their views. We want you to know that you can go to # Be Careful What You Cut and tell us the impacts that you are seeing with this sequester and how it is affecting you. That way we can share those opinions and views with our colleagues to hopefully convince them that a balanced approach, working across party lines, both Chambers, the Senate and the House, coming together for the good of the American people is what we desperately need at this time.

Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing us to speak this evening and for the American people allowing us to be their voice in this representative government.

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

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, when the Congress adjourned last week, it did so without addressing the drastic spending cuts known as sequester. Now the March 1st deadline has passed, still with no action. Without the attention of Congress, these cuts will wreak havoc on our fragile economy and jeopardize the safety and security of families in this country. House and Senate Democrats have both offered reasonable, balanced plans to avert these damaging cuts, but the GOP has refused to work towards a bipartisan plan to reduce the deficit. We have had more than a year to reach a bipartisan agreement, and without an agreement these cuts will be balanced on the backs on our most vulnerable citizens.

I am specifically concerned about the effects of sequestration on the 30th District, and the state of Texas as a whole. Texas will lose approximately \$67.8 million for primary and secondary education, putting educators at risk

and compromising our children's education. In Texas alone, approximately 52,000 civilian Department of Defense employees would be furloughed, reducing gross pay by around \$274.8 million in total. These are not just numbers. Madam Speaker. These are mothers and fathers trying to provide for their families.

Under sequestration, 9,730 fewer children in Texas will receive vaccines, and our state will lose approximately \$3,557,000 to help provide meals for seniors. Texas will also lose approximately \$2,402,000 to help respond to public health threats including infectious diseases and natural disasters.

Madam Speaker, we must confront our federal debt and deficit, but we must do so in a balanced approach that does not further harm our weakened economy. Deficit reduction must be comprised by both decreased spending and enhanced revenue measures. I implore the House leadership and the Republican Members of Congress to come back to the table and get back to work.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for February 25 through March 7 on account of medical reasons.

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

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 47. An act to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 5, 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:

566. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Standards Related to Essential Health Benefits, Actuarial Value, and Accreditation [CMS-9980-F] (RIN: 0938-AR03) received February 25, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

567. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Seismic Evaluation Guidance: Screening, Prioritization and Implementation Details (SPID) for the Resolu-

tion of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.1: Seismic received February 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

568. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-020, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

569. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-010, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

570. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-001, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

571. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-021, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

572. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Engineering Documentation Report for the Flood Damage Reduction Project for the Roseau River; (H. Doc. No. 113—13); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

573. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Changes in accounting periods and methods of accounting (Rev. Proc. 2013-20) received February 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

574. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Applicable Federal Rates — March 2013 (Rev. Rul. 2013-7) received February 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

575. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update of List of Plants, Grown in Commercial Quantities in the United States, Having a Preproductive Period in Excess of Two Years Based on the Nationwide Weighted Average Preproductive Period for Such Plant [Notice 2013-8] received February 20, 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. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.R. 933. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. MCCLINTOCK (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. NUNES, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 934. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GIBBS (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. MCINTYRE):

H.R. 935. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. MATHESON (for himself and Mr. DENT):

H.R. 936. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to eliminate straight-party voting from any voting system used for Federal elections; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. COBLE):

H.R. 937. A bill to support innovation and research in the United States textile and fiber products industry; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself and Mr. DEUTCH):

H.R. 938. A bill to strengthen the strategic alliance between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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. BENTIVOLIO (for himself, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. ROSS, and Mr. YOHIO):

H.R. 939. A bill to suspend the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer, or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M1 tanks, and certain other defense articles or defense services to the Government of Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACK (for herself, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. JONES, Mr. CASIDY, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. BONNER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. KELLY, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. FLORES, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BENTIVOLIO, Ms. FOX, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. JORDAN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. BENISHEK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs.

HARTZLER, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. PEARCE, and Mrs. WALORSKI):

H.R. 940. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes; 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. CAPUANO:

H.R. 941. A bill to ensure that any authority of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund to borrow amounts from the Treasury is used only to pay mortgage insurance claims; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CROWLEY (for himself and Mr. SENSENBRENNER):

H.R. 942. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program; 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. DUNCAN of Tennessee:

H.R. 943. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to immediately reduce crop insurance premium subsidy rates from the higher subsidies provided since the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. GARCIA:

H.R. 944. A bill to provide for eligibility for relief from removal for certain Venezuelans; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SOUTHERLAND:

H.R. 945. A bill to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System the areas included in Indian Peninsula Unit FL-92 and Cape San Blas Unit P-30 in Florida; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOLT:

H. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Professor Muhamad Yunus; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

H. Res. 95. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MOORE:

H. Res. 96. A resolution expressing support for designation of the week of March 3 through 9, 2013, as "School Social Work Week"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.R. 933.

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 Defence 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 Mr. MCCLINTOCK:

H.R. 934.

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

Article IV, Section 3, N. Clause 2, which confers on Congress the power to make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States.

By Mr. GIBBS:

H.R. 935.

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

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds the Constitutional authority for this legislation in Article I, section 8, clause 18, that grants Congress the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested by Congress in the Constitution of the United States or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. MATHESON:

H.R. 936.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to Article I, Section 4, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina:

H.R. 937.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the United States Constitution, "to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." This authority is consistent with the bill's goal of promoting growth, innovation and research in the United States textile and fiber products industry.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 938.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. BENTIVOLIO:

H.R. 939.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 940.

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

Fourteenth Amendment, Section 5: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any