

grateful that we have so many cosponsors. I look forward to working with you to hopefully pass this and make this law in this country.

Mr. SARBANES. I want to thank my colleagues for joining me here this evening to talk about this critical issue of the influence Big Money and special interests on our politics and the way we govern here.

Professor Lessig has gotten a good shout out—and he deserves it—because he has really studied the effect of money on this institution.

There is a path to reform, and that is what the Government by the People Act is. I will close by sort of capturing this as a matter of voter empowerment.

In this country we view as sacrosanct the right to vote. We do everything we can—or we should do everything we can—and we even have legislation in front of us to make sure that we are preserving people's access to the ballot box, to the voting booth because the franchise is the most important thing in a democracy. It is the foundation of what American democracy is all about—protecting that franchise and making sure that people have that franchise.

If people go into the voting booth and they pull the lever and they exercise their franchise, and the day the person they send to Washington arrives and has to start representing Big Money

and special interests, then what happens to the franchise? What happens to the voice of the person who went in there and pulled that lever?

So the journey of empowerment, getting to the ballot box is just part of it. You have to protect that franchise so that when the candidate gets there, they can keep representing the interests of the people that voted to send them to Washington.

That is what the Government by the People Act is all about, because if you power your campaign with funds from small donors and a Freedom From Influence Matching Fund, when it comes time to cast your vote, the only people you are answering to are those citizens that you represent. That is the promise of the Government by the People Act—to create a government that is truly of, by, and for the people.

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

PUBLICATION OF BUDGETARY MATERIAL

REVISIONS TO THE AGGREGATES AND ALLOCATIONS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET RESOLUTION

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2014.

MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 404 of H. Con. Res. 25, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014, I hereby sub-

mit for printing revisions to the aggregates and allocations set forth pursuant to such Concurrent Resolution, as deemed in force by section 113 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, Public Law 113-67. The revision reflects the budgetary impact of H.R. 4015, the SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014. A corresponding table is attached.

This revision represents an adjustment for purposes of enforcing sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. For the purposes of the Congressional Budget Act, these revised aggregates and allocations are to be considered as aggregates and allocations included in the budget resolution, pursuant to section 101 of H. Con. Res. 25 and H. Rept. 113-17, as adjusted.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. RYAN,
Chairman.

BUDGET AGGREGATES (On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars)

| | Fiscal Year | |
|---|-------------|------------|
| | 2014 | 2014–2023 |
| Current Aggregates: | | |
| Budget Authority | 2,924,837 | 1 |
| Outlays | 2,937,044 | 1 |
| Revenues | 2,311,026 | 31,095,742 |
| SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment and Modernization Act of 2014 (H.R. 4015): | | |
| Budget Authority | 900 | 1 |
| Outlays | 900 | 1 |
| Revenues | 600 | –12,700 |
| Revised Aggregates: | | |
| Budget Authority | 2,925,737 | 1 |
| Outlays | 2,937,944 | 1 |
| Revenues | 2,311,626 | 31,083,042 |

¹ Not applicable because annual appropriations acts for fiscal years 2015 through 2023 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS FOR RESOLUTION CHANGES

(Fiscal years, in millions of dollars)

| House Committee on Energy & Commerce | 2014 | | 2014–2023 total | |
|--|------------------|---------|------------------|-----------|
| | Budget Authority | Outlays | Budget Authority | Outlays |
| Current Allocation | 358,134 | 358,717 | 4,927,478 | 4,926,519 |
| SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment and Modernization Act of 2014 (H.R. 4015) | 900 | 900 | –46,200 | –46,200 |
| Revised Allocation | 359,034 | 359,617 | 4,881,278 | 4,880,319 |

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A joint resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on House Administration.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 13, 2014, 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:

4960. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmit-

ting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California, and in All Counties in Oregon, Except Malheur County; Termination of Marketing Order No. 947 [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-13-0036; FV13-947-1 FR] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4961. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-13-0076; FV13-966-1 FR] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4962. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Decreased Assessment Rate for Area No. 2 [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-13-0072; FV13-948-2 FR] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4963. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington and Imported Potatoes; Modification of the Handling Regulations, Reporting Requirements, and Import Regulations for Red Types of Potatoes [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-13-0068; FV13-946-3 IR] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4964. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting annual report on the current and future military strategy of Iran; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4965. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting a report on The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4966. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting memorandum of justification; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4967. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4968. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4969. A letter from the Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the U.S. Government's Fiscal years 2013 and 2012 Consolidated Financial Statements; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4970. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting

the Administration's Strategic Plan for 2014 through 2017; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4971. A letter from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the FY 2013 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4972. A letter from the HR Specialist, Small Business Administration, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4973. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications [Docket No.: 130717633-4069-02] (RIN: 0648-XC772) received February 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4974. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No.: 121018563-3148-02] (RIN: 0648-XD093) received March 10, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4975. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Property Transferred in Connection with the Performance of Services Under Section 83 [TD 9659] (RIN: 1545-BJ15) received February 27, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4976. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2014 Calendar Year Resident Population Figures [Notice 2014-12] received February 27, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4977. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — United States and Area Median Gross Income Figures (Rev. Proc. 2014-23) received March 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4978. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Change of Address for Requests: Testimony by Employees and the Production of Records and Information in Legal Proceedings, Claims Against the Government under the Federal Tort Claims Act of 1948, and Claims under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees Claim Act of 1964 [Docket No.: SSA-2013-0064] (RIN: 0960-AH65) received February 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4979. A letter from the Secretary and Attorney General, Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice, transmitting the Annual Report on the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control (HCFA) Program for Fiscal Year 2013; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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. BURGESS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 515. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3189) to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4015) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from March 17, 2014, through March 21, 2014 (Rept. 113-379). 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. GARY G. MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Mr. KING of New York):

H.R. 4208. A bill to ensure stability in FHA maximum mortgage amount limitations for areas experiencing decreases in median home prices; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. TIERNEY:

H.R. 4209. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, 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 Mr. SCHRADER:

H.R. 4210. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to authorize the extension of the initial open enrollment period for up to 1 month, 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 Mrs. WALORSKI:

H.R. 4211. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct studies on enrollment by racial and ethnic minorities and by low-income seniors in the Medicare Advantage program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. NEAL, Mr. GERLACH, and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 4212. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, and Mr. WALBERG):

H.R. 4213. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to revise the regulations

regarding the definitions for funeral industry practices; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COLE:

H.R. 4214. A bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 4215. A bill to strengthen privacy and data security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself and Ms. DEGETTE):

H.R. 4216. A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to provide grants to States to establish State maternal mortality review committees on pregnancy-related deaths occurring within such States; to develop definitions of severe maternal morbidity and data collection protocols; and to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 4217. A bill to prohibit a reduction in funding for the defense commissary system in fiscal year 2015 pending the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself and Mr. PASTOR of Arizona):

H.R. 4218. A bill to reauthorize the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LATTI (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. MATHESON):

H.R. 4219. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for the recognition of voluntary certification programs for air conditioning, furnace, boiler, heat pump, and water heater products; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. NOLAN:

H.R. 4220. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SIRE:

H.R. 4221. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SOUTHERLAND:

H.R. 4222. A bill to correct the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WOLF:

H.R. 4223. A bill to restrict United States nationals from traveling to countries in which foreign governments or anti-government forces allow foreign terrorist organizations to engage in armed conflict for purposes of participating in such armed conflict or from providing material support to entities that are engaged in such armed conflict, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. TONKO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. MEERS):

H. Res. 514. A resolution honoring Thomas Jennings of New York City as the first African-American to be granted a patent by the