

going to fund the Border Patrol? In other words, you're going to leave the border wide open, so that anybody wants to come in, can. And that's your threat. You are going to leave the border wide open for anybody to come in unless I back off of my amnesty."

Well, good luck. That is not going to do the trick. We need a short-term CR to get us into the first of the year. For example, the House has defunded ourselves over a 4-year period by over 20 percent. We cut our own budgets over 20 percent. Nobody noticed, nobody cared, except those of us in the House. We had to make real adjustments.

If we can make those adjustments, I think the White House ought to be able to make those adjustments. Maybe they could do with a few less czars—maybe we defund all the czars—but there are smart ways to defund the waste, fraud, and abuse in the executive branch, and I don't think it is a good idea to start with Homeland Security.

At the same time, what happens when those employers that hire the 5 million people that have just been given amnesty are able to save millions of dollars? What happens to them? They are going to make more money than ever, and that is during a President's administration who has presided for the first time in our history over a Nation where 95 percent of all the income has gone to the top 1 percent. It has got to stop.

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

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 19 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. BURGESS) at 9 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3979, PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT OF 2014; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5759, EXECUTIVE AMNESTY PREVENTION ACT OF 2014; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5781, CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF ACT OF 2014

Mr. NUGENT, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-646) on the resolution (H. Res. 770) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R.

3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5759) to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5781) to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ADERHOLT (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY of California) for today on account of a family illness.

Mr. DOYLE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of family medical issues.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

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

S. 1237. An act to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources; in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 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.

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. 2203. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 4, 2014, 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:

8134. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Regulation Systems Compliance and Integrity [Release No.: 34-73639; File No.: S7-01-13] (RIN: 3235-AL43) received December 1, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8135. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments [Docket No.: FDA-2011-F-0172] (RIN: 0910-AG57) received December 1, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8136. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Food Labeling; Calorie Labeling of Articles of Food in Vending Machines [Docket No.: FDA-2011-F-0171] (RIN: 0910-AG56) received December 1, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8137. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Periodic Report on the National Emergency Caused by the Lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979 for February 26, 2014, to August 25, 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8138. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8139. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Agency Financial Report for FY 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8140. A letter from the Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); Public Law 95-452, section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8141. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Revisions to Framework Adjustment 51 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and Sector Annual Catch Entitlements; Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and the Common Pool for Fishing Year 2014 [Docket No.: 140624530-4848-01] (RIN: 0648-XD354) received November 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8142. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; U.S. Territorial Catch and Fishing Effort Limits [Docket No.: 130708597-4380-01] (RIN: 0648-BD46) received November 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 4971. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct annual surveys of veterans on experiences obtaining hospital care and medical services from medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113-645). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NUGENT: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 770. Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5759) to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5781) to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (Rept. 113-646). 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. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TSONGAS, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida):

H.R. 5783. A bill to amend the Social Security Act, the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to require that the value of child's savings accounts be disregarded for the purpose of determining eligibility to receive benefits under such Acts; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, 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. MCKINLEY (for himself and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 5784. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide additional educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain eligible individuals; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRAYSON:

H.R. 5785. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the exclusion from gross income of discharges of qualified principal residence indebtedness; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 5786. A bill to amend certain banking statutes to exempt community banks from certain regulatory requirements, to include a community bank representative in the membership of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to create a process for a county to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas):

H.R. 5787. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude payments received under the Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUELSKAMP:

H.R. 5788. A bill to designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H.R. 5789. A bill to establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. YOUNG of Indiana:

H.R. 5790. A bill to authorize the Director of the National Institutes of Health to design and enter into agreements for the implementation of prize competitions with the goal of improving health outcomes and thereby reducing Federal expenditures; 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. MCCAUL:

H. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol; to the Committee on House Administration. Considered and agreed to.

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. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 5783.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 2: The 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;

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes;

By Mr. MCKINLEY:

H.R. 5784.

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

The bill is authorized by Congress' power to "provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States" pursuant to Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GRAYSON:

H.R. 5785.

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

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

By Mr. LANKFORD:

H.R. 5786.

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

Congress has the explicit constitutional authority to regulate commerce "with foreign Nations, and among the several States,

and with Indian tribes;" as enumerated in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 5787.

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

Article I, Section 8, which states "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes. . ." and Article I, Section 7, which states "All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives."

By Mr. HUELSKAMP:

H.R. 5788.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 "The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof"

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H.R. 5789.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. YOUNG of Indiana:

H.R. 5790.

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 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 352: Mr. PITTENGER.

H.R. 597: Ms. DELAUNO.

H.R. 942: Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HIMES, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 1015: Mr. CUMMINGS and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 1094: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 1229: Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. ELLISON.

H.R. 1998: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 2288: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 2591: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 2907: Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 2994: Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. ROSS, Ms. MENG, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. ESTY, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. FLEMING.

H.R. 3116: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. CAPUANO, and Mrs. WALORSKI.

H.R. 3172: Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 3836: Mr. POSTER, Mr. COSTA, and Mrs. LUMMIS.

H.R. 4122: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 4188: Mr. RUIZ.

H.R. 4341: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. KAPTUR, Mr. MATHESSON, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 4395: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 4752: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 4842: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 4851: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 4930: Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. COFFMAN, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. NEAL.

H.R. 4951: Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 4969: Mr. DEFazio.

H.R. 5082: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 5197: Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 5226: Mr. COOPER.

H.R. 5227: Mr. HOLDING.