

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

18. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility, Caroline County, MD, et al. [Docket ID: FEMA-2014-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8363] received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

19. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Assessments (RIN: 3064-AE16) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

20. A letter from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Title IV Treatment of Rollovers From Defined Contribution Plans to Defined Benefit Plans (RIN: 1212-AB23) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

21. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Clarification to Scope of Certain "600 Series" ECCNs [Docket No.: 141119982-4982-01] (RIN: 0694-AG40) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

22. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision to the Export Administration Regulations: Controls on Electronic Commodities; Exports and Reexports to Hong Kong [Docket No.: 141107937-4937-01] (RIN: 0694-AG33) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

23. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Executive Order 13637, Transmittal No. 13-14, informing the Congress of the Department's intent to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Communications and Information Organisation (NCIO), as represented by the NATO Communications and Information Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

24. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties, entered into by the United States, to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

25. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2014 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

26. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's semiannual report from the Office of Inspector General for the period April, 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

27. A letter from the Director, Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final

rule — Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Miscellaneous Changes: Medically Underserved Areas (RIN: 3206-AN03) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

28. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones within the Captain of the Port New Orleans Zone, Louisiana [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0993] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

29. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulated Navigation Area; Arthur Kill, NY and NJ [Docket No.: USCG-2013-1063] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

30. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone, Christina River; Wilmington, DE [Docket No.: USCG-2014-1033] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

31. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Additional Requirements for Charitable Hospitals; Community Health Needs Assessments for Charitable Hospitals; Requirement of a Section 4959 Excise Tax Return and Time for Filing the Return [TD 9708] (RIN: 1545-BK57; RIN: 1545-BL30; RIN: 1545-BL58) received January 5, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

32. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Safe harbor methods of accounting for cable system operators (Rev. Proc. 2015-12) received January 5, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

33. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, OLCA, OLD0, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Extension of Expiration Dates for Several Body System Listings [Docket No.: SSA-2014-0068] (RIN: 0960-AH72) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

34. A letter from the Administrator, TSA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Administration's certification that the level of screening services and protection provided at Portsmouth International Airport (PSM) at Pease will be equal to or greater than the level that would be provided at the airport by TSA Transportation Security Officers, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44920(d); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

35. A letter from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting a report to the Congress entitled "Impact of Home Health Payment Rebased on Beneficiary Access to and Quality of Care", pursuant to Public Law 111-148, section 3301; 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. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 27. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 37) to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, to reduce regulatory burdens, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 185) to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-2). 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 Mrs. ELLMERS (for herself, Mr. KIND, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 270. A bill to continue the use of a 3-month quarter EHR reporting period for health care providers to demonstrate meaningful use for 2015 under the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive payment programs, 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. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 271. A bill to establish a commission to examine the evidence-based therapy treatment model used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for treating mental illnesses of veterans and the potential benefits of incorporating complementary alternative treatments available in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities within the community; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 272. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the priority for enrollment of medal of honor recipients in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 273. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to enhance services to small business concerns that are disadvantaged, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 274. A bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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. RUSH (for himself, Mr. BARTON, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. DENT):
H.R. 275. A bill to establish a commission to identify and examine issues of national concern related to the conduct of intercollegiate athletics, to make recommendations for the resolution of the issues, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 276. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from using Federal funds for the position of Public Advocate, or the position of Deputy Assistant Director of Custody Programs and Community Outreach, within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HASTINGS:

H.R. 277. A bill to prohibit assistance to the Palestinian Authority until it withdraws its request to join the International Criminal Court; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 278. A bill making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for the TIGER discretionary grant program, 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. LATTA (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. RANGEL):

H.R. 279. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to limit the authority of the Federal Communications Commission over providers of broadband Internet access service; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MILLER of Florida:

H.R. 280. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to 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.

By Mr. PALAZZO (for himself, Mr. HARPER, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. OLSON, Mr. JONES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. MARINO, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. PITTS, and Mr. ROTHFUS):

H.R. 281. A bill to prohibit recovery of damages in certain wrongful birth and wrongful life civil actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RIBBLE (for himself, Mr. POCAN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 282. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require that the Congressional Budget Office prepare long-term scoring estimates for reported bills and joint resolutions that could have significant economic and fiscal effects outside of the normal scoring periods; to the Committee on the Budget, 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 Mr. SALMON (for himself and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 283. A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TIBERI (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. HANNA, Mr. HARPER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. BARLETTA, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

H.R. 284. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, 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. WAGNER (for herself, Mrs. BLACK, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. BARR, Mr. LANCE, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. COOK, Mr. PEARCE, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. ESTY, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. MENG, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. PAULSEN, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. CLAY, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. GIBSON, and Mr. KLINE):

H.R. 285. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ZINKE:

H.R. 286. A bill to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BRIDENSTINE:

H.J. Res. 15. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States granting Congress the authority to enact laws limiting the number of terms that Representatives and Senators may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself and Mr. WOODALL):

H.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to repeal the sixteenth article of amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself and Mr. LONG):

H.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCLINTOCK:

H.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the United States Government from increasing its debt except for a specific purpose by law adopted by three-fourths of the membership of each House of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PALAZZO:

H.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the

United States to limit the number of consecutive terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PALAZZO (for himself, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit Congress' power to impose a tax on a failure to purchase goods or services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. COMSTOCK:

H. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself and Mr. CAPUANO):

H. Res. 26. A resolution strongly supporting the quality and value of diversity and innovation in the Nation's higher education institutions, and strongly disagreeing with the President's proposal to create and administer a Postsecondary Institution Ratings System; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. JOYCE, and Mr. KING of New York):

H. Res. 28. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential customers; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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 Mrs. ELLMERS:

H.R. 270.

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

The Commerce Clause: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution gives Congress the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 271.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution of the United States.

Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, which grants Congress the power to raise and support an Army; to provide and maintain a Navy; to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces; and provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia.

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 272.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 12, 14 and 18 of the Constitution of the United States; the authority to raise and support an army, to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces and to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper carrying into execution the foregoing powers.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 273.