

strengthen the Profession of Arms and reinvigorated education, training, and leader development. He managed historic decisions, including reforms to General and Flag Officer ethics, and Department-wide improvements in Sexual Assault Prevention and Response. His stewardship set conditions to preserve the strength of the all-volunteer force and to ensure service members departing the military successfully transition back into their communities.

As he retires, General Dempsey should take great pride in his role in ensuring our military remains the best supported, best trained, best equipped, and best led force on the planet.

With over four decades of dedicated service to our Nation, General Dempsey and his family deserve our most heartfelt gratitude and admiration. He and Deanie have our very best wishes for the next phase and the challenges and opportunities it will inevitably bring. Our Nation, our Joint Force, and our Army are all better for his leadership and distinguished service.

I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BARLETTA (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of attending a funeral.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 26 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 28, 2015, at noon 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:

2949. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's affirmation of interim rule as final rule — Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2014-2015 Marketing Year [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-13-0087; FV14-985-1C FIR] received September 24, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Agriculture.

2950. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Streamlining Administrative Regulations for Public Housing: Revisions to Public Housing Flat Rents [Docket No.: FR 5743-I-02] (RIN: 2577-AC94) received September 22, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2951. A letter from the Acting PRAO Branch Chief, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting

the Department's final rule — Clarification of Eligibility of Fleeing Felons (RIN: 0584-AE01) received September 24, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2952. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical, Physical Readiness, Training, and Access Authorization Standards for Protective Force Personnel (RIN: 1992-AA40) received September 24, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2953. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Acute Uranium Exposure Standards for Workers (FSCE Interim Staff Guidance ISG-14, Revision 0) received September 22, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2954. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-095; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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2956. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Secs. 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-022; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2957. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Secs. 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-091; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2958. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Secs. 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-051; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2959. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Self Plus One Enrollment Type (RIN: 3206-AN08) received September 22, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2960. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a letter and relevant documentation concerning the implementation of commitments in the Joint Plan of Action, pursuant to the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act of 2012, the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, and Sec. 1245 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, 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. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 702. A bill to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions; with an amendment (Rept. 114-267 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged from further consideration. H.R. 702 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

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 Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, and Mr. SERRANO):

H.R. 3610. A bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to terminate the exemption of companies located in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and any other possession of the United States; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FINCHER (for himself, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. MICA, and Mr. CRAWFORD):

H.R. 3611. A bill to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CUELLAR (for himself, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. SMITH of Texas):

H.R. 3612. A bill making emergency appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, to address needs of the Federal judiciary serving the border region between the United States and Mexico, 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. CARTWRIGHT (for himself and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 3613. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide certain purchasing authority for recipients or subrecipients of grants under chapter 53 of title 49 of such Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself and Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin):

H.R. 3614. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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. GUINTA:

H.R. 3615. A bill to delay enforcement and establishment of certain water quality standards within the Great Bay Estuary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 3616. A bill to appropriate such funds as may be necessary to ensure that members

of the Armed Forces, including reserve components thereof, and supporting civilian and contractor personnel continue to receive pay and allowances for active service performed when a funding gap caused by the failure to enact interim or full-year appropriations for the Armed Forces occurs, which results in the furlough of non-emergency personnel and the curtailment of Government activities and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 3617. A bill to improve efficiency by consolidating some duplicative and overlapping Government programs; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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. LANCE (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. HOLDING):

H.R. 3618. A bill to clarify the exclusion of orphan drug sales from the calculation of the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers, and for other purposes; 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 Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3619. A bill to redesignate Rock Creek Park in the District of Columbia as Rock Creek National Park; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PETERS:

H. Res. 441. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require Members to post on their official public websites information on official travel taken by the Member for which reimbursement was provided by a private source; to the Committee on Rules.

By Ms. FOXX:

H. Res. 442. A resolution electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. ESTY (for herself, Mr. GIBSON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California):

H. Res. 443. A resolution commending the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs for their joint campaign to raise awareness during September, Suicide Prevention Month, to reduce suicide among members of the United States Armed Forces and veterans; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' 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.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

139. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 1001, requesting the Congress of the United States call a convention of the States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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 Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 3610.

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. FINCHER:

H.R. 3611.

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

Article I, Section VIII

By Mr. CUELLAR:

H.R. 3612.

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 Defense 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. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 3613.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. SHUSTER:

H.R. 3614.

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

Article I, Section 8, of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1, Clause 3, and Clause 18.

By Mr. GUINTA:

H.R. 3615.

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

Article I Section VIII Clause XVIII, The Necessary and Proper Clause: The Congress shall have power . . . to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all powers vested by this constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 3616.

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

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7, and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 3617.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution gives Congress the authority to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States.

By Mr. LANCE:

H.R. 3618.

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

Article I, Sec. 8, Clause 1, of the United States Constitution

This 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."

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3619.

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

clause 2 of section 3 of article IV of the Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 213: Mr. COOPER.

H.R. 304: Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 379: Mr. TIBERI and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 556: Mrs. BLACKBURN.

H.R. 600: Mr. SCHRADER and Mr. TIBERI.

H.R. 616: Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 619: Mr. LANCE.

H.R. 676: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 756: Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 771: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. DOLD.

H.R. 816: Mr. YOHIO, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. BUCSHON.

H.R. 836: Mr. WALBERG, Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina, and Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 850: Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 879: Mr. BOUSTANY.

H.R. 915: Mr. O'ROURKE.

H.R. 1019: Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 1057: Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 1186: Mr. CUELLAR.

H.R. 1220: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 1258: Mr. VARGAS.

H.R. 1388: Mr. COFFMAN and Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 1537: Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 1550: Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan and Mr. HURT of Virginia.

H.R. 1559: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 1567: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mr. LONG.

H.R. 1652: Mr. HINOJOSA.

H.R. 1670: Mr. PALLONE and Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 1706: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 1737: Ms. GRANGER.

H.R. 1752: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 1769: Mr. RIGELL and Mr. DENT.

H.R. 1786: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. BERA.

H.R. 1902: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 1941: Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 2026: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 2061: Mr. WEBER of Texas and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California.

H.R. 2114: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 2142: Mr. THOMPSON of California and Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2173: Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 2197: Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. LEE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. RUSH, Ms. EDWARDS, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 2217: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 2293: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. PAULSEN, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. CAPPS, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. WITTMAN.

H.R. 2314: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 2400: Mr. RIBBLE.

H.R. 2405: Mrs. WAGNER.

H.R. 2411: Mr. GARAMENDI.