

3562. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Annual Financial Report for the U.S. Office of Government Ethics for FY 2015, as submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3115(a); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a); (104 Stat. 2849); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3563. A letter from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2015 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 8G(h)(2); Public Law 100-504, Sec. 104(a); (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3564. A letter from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Semiannual report for the period April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 5(b); Public Law 95-452, Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3565. A letter from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting the Agency's Performance and Accountability Reports including audited financial statements for FY 2015, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3115(a); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a); (104 Stat. 2849); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3566. A letter from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2015, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a); (104 Stat. 2849); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3567. A letter from the Executive Director, World War One Centennial Commission, transmitting the Commission's periodic report for the period ended September 30, 2015, pursuant to Public Law 112-272, Sec. 5(b)(1); (126 Stat. 2450); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3568. A letter from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Federal Election Commission Fiscal Year 2015 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. Sec. 8G(h)(2); Public Law 95-452, Sec. 8G(h)(2) (as added by Public Law 100-504, Sec. 104(a)); (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on House Administration.

3569. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, Solid Waste Disposal [NPS-LACH-19666; PPPWNOCAM3 PPMOMFOI.Z.F00000] (RIN: 1024-AE09) received November 24, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3570. A letter from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9105; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3571. A letter from the Chief Impact Analyst, Office of Regulation Policy, Office of the General Counsel (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Exempting Mental Health Peer Support Services from Copayments (RIN: 2900-AP11) received November 20, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3572. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the

President, transmitting notification to Congress under Sec. 103(a) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 of the President's intent to agree under that section at the 2015 APEC Leaders' meeting to reduce tariffs on the 54 environmental products, included in Annex C to the 2012 APEC Leaders' Declaration, to five percent or less by the end of 2015, under the authority delegated by Executive Order 13701 of July 17, 2015; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3573. A letter from the Deputy Director, ODRM, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Contract Year 2016 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs [CMS-4159-F2] (RIN: 0938-AS20) received November 24, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3574. A letter from the Deputy Director, ODRM, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Short Inpatient Hospital Stays; Transition for Certain Medicare-Dependent, Small Rural Hospitals under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System; Provider Administrative Appeals and Judicial Review [CMS-1633-FC; CMS-1607-F2] (RIN: 0938-AS42; RIN: 0938-AS11) received November 24, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3575. A letter from the Deputy Director, ODRM, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2016 [CMS-1631-FC] (RIN: 0938-AS40) received November 24, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); 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. McCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 3490. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-345, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1755. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans (Rept. 114-350). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3279. A bill to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require annual reports to Congress on, and the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-351). Referred to

the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 526. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos; and for other purposes (Rept. 114-352). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BURGESS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 539. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 23) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units"; and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 24) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units". (Rept. 114-353). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. KLINE: Committee of Conference. Conference report on S. 1177. An act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves (Rept. 114-354). 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 Mr. NUNES (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF):

H.R. 4127. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. BECERRA:

H.R. 4128. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayer protection and assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. MCNERNEY:

H.R. 4129. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program under which the Secretary enters into partnership agreements with non-Federal entities for the construction of major construction projects authorized by law, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NOLAN:

H.R. 4130. A bill to temporarily prohibit the importation of certain iron and steel articles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HECK of Washington (for himself, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. COLE, and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 4131. A bill to direct the Chief of Engineers to transfer an archaeological collection, commonly referred to as the Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, to the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. POLIQUIN:

H.R. 4132. A bill to amend section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, to require approval of affected States before national monuments may be designated under that section, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BYRNE:

H.R. 4133. A bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to ensure accountability in the provision of public housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself and Ms. KUSTER):

H.R. 4134. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to increase efficiency in the recruitment and hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of health care workers that are undergoing separation from the Armed Forces, to create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. COHEN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. GRAYSON, Ms. ESTY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 4135. A bill to clarify the definition of nonimmigrant for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mrs. CAPPS):

H.R. 4136. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio:

H.R. 4137. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Simeon Booker in recognition of his achievements in the field of journalism, including reporting during the Civil Rights movement, as well as social and political commentary; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. HONDA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SCHKOWSKY, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. NAPOLI-

TANO, Mr. FARR, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. COHEN):

H. Res. 540. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the policies of the United States should support a transition to near zero greenhouse gas emissions, 100 percent clean renewable energy, infrastructure modernization, green jobs, full employment, a sustainable economy, fair wages, affordable energy, expanding the middle class, and ending poverty to promote national economic competitiveness and national security and for the purpose of avoiding adverse impacts of a changing climate; 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. RANGEL (for himself and Mr. JEFFRIES):

H. Res. 541. A resolution expressing support for designation of June 2016 as "National Gun Violence Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

156. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio, relative to House Resolution No.: 107, requesting Congress to renew funding for Save the Dream Ohio through the United States Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund, to continue to provide assistance to homeowners in the state of Ohio at risk of foreclosure; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

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. NUNES:

H.R. 4127.

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

The intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States government, including those under Title 50 of the United States Code, are carried out to support the national security interests of the United States, to support and assist the armed forces of the United States, and to support the President in the execution of the foreign policy of the United States.

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States provides, in pertinent part, that "Congress shall have power . . . to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States"; ". . . to raise and support armies. . ."; and "To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers and all other Powers vested in this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. BECERRA:

H.R. 4128.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. MCNERNEY:

H.R. 4129.

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

Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. NOLAN:

H.R. 4130.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. HECK of Washington:

H.R. 4131.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. POLIQUIN:

H.R. 4132.

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

Article IV, Section 3 states "Congress shall have the Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States."

By Mr. BYRNE:

H.R. 4133.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the explicit power of Congress to regulate commerce in and among the states, as enumerate in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, the Commerce Clause, of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DEFAZIO:

H.R. 4134.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress), and Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (relating to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States).

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

H.R. 4135.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution which gives Congress the authority 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 Office thereof."

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 4136.

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. RYAN of Ohio:

H.R. 4137.

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

"The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I 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. 20: Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California.