

the answers where they lie, not across the street in call suites, not at fundraisers. We can do so much better, and we are fooling ourselves if we don't realize that.

If we take anything from the political landscape this year, it is that the American people are calling the bluff of folks who continue to mislead and misrepresent. It is misleading and it is misrepresenting when we promise that we are working on critical issues of the country when, in fact, we are not even in the office but we are across the street raising money.

I would love to take on broader campaign finance reform. We all have strong opinions. Mine start first with protecting the First Amendment rights of anyone to participate in an election.

We will never get to the bigger reforms if we ignore this very basic truth that many in this body, as a result of the pressure of campaigns, spend more time asking you for money than asking you for solutions, more time fundraising than legislating.

I didn't run to become a professional fundraiser. I ran to hopefully contribute to solutions that are desperately wanted by the American people, solutions that require consensus across the aisle, but solutions that first and foremost require a commitment to serve, a commitment to tackle the hardest issues among us.

I started by saying I believe deeply in this institution, and I do. This is the greatest legislative body the world has ever seen, but let's honor that history. Just as when we took the oath of office to well and faithfully execute the duties of this office, let's honor that, because we are not faithfully executing the duties of this office when the Chamber is empty at 4:45 but the call suites across the street are full.

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

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

MARCH 1, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: Pursuant to section 4703(b) of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Act (20 U.S.C. 4703), I am pleased to appoint the following Member to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Rep. John B. Larson of Connecticut.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Democratic Leader.*

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 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:

4507. A letter from the Director, Transparency and Accountability Reporting Division, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (RIN: 0505-AA15) received February 26, 2016, 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 Agriculture.

4508. A letter from the Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Water and Environmental Programs, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Environmental Policies and Procedures (RIN: 0575-AC56) received February 26, 2016, 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 Agriculture.

4509. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Prevailing Rate Systems; Definition of Hancock County, Mississippi, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area (RIN: 3206-AN20) received February 26, 2016, 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 Oversight and Government Reform.

4510. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final and temporary regulations — PATH Act Changes to Section 1445 [TD 9751] (RIN: 1545-BN22) received February 26, 2016, 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 Ways and Means.

4511. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Applicable Federal Rates — March 2016 (Rev. Rul. 2016-07) received February 26, 2016, 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 Ways and Means.

4512. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates [Notice 2016-18] received February 26, 2016, 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 Ways and Means.

4513. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Mid-Year Changes to Safe Harbor Plans and Safe Harbor Notices [Notice 2016-16] received February 26, 2016, 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 Ways and Means.

4514. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final reg-

ulations — Reporting of Specified Foreign Financial Assets [TD 9752] (RIN: 1545-BM54) received February 26, 2016, 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 Ways and Means.

4515. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final and temporary regulations — Amendments to the Low-Income Housing Credit Compliance-Monitoring Regulations [TD 9753] (RIN: 1545-BL84) received February 26, 2016, 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 Ways and Means.

4516. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations for 2015 and 2016 [Notice 2016-20] received February 26, 2016, 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 Ways and Means.

4517. A letter from the Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations and Security Standards, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Passenger Screening Using Advanced Imaging Technology [Docket No.: TSA-2013-0004] (RIN: 1652-AA67) received February 26, 2016, 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 Homeland Security.

#### 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 632. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3716) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide to the Secretary of Health and Human Services certain information with respect to provider terminations, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-440). 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. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself and Mr. HANNA):

H.R. 4654. A bill to direct the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program to provide grants to eligible entities for diversion programs to divert individuals with low-level drug offenses to drug treatment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PALAZZO (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BOST, Mr. OLSON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. COLE, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. KIND, Mr. BARR, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. MACARTHUR):

H.R. 4655. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a minimum automatic extension of certain Federal tax deadlines in the case of Federally declared disasters; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia):

H.R. 4656. A bill to place a moratorium on the United States Postal Service's mail processing facility closure and consolidation and to maintain Postal Service delivery standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. KUSTER (for herself, Ms. STEFANK, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. COLLINS of New York, and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 4657. A bill to ensure United States jurisdiction over offenses committed by United States personnel stationed in Canada in furtherance of border security initiatives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POLIQUIN:

H.R. 4658. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to decrease the distance away from home required for a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces to be eligible for the above-the-line deduction for travel expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. PITTS, and Mr. ENGEL):

H. Con. Res. 121. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress condemning the gross violations of international law amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity by the Government of Syria, its allies, and other parties to the conflict in Syria, and asking the President to direct his Ambassador at the United Nations to promote the establishment of a war crimes tribunal where these crimes could be addressed; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. LANCE, and Mr. DENT):

H. Res. 630. A resolution supporting the designation of March 2016, as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. KILMER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. SMITH of Washington):

H. Res. 631. A resolution calling upon the United States Senate to give its advice and consent to the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LOEBSACK (for himself, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. ESTY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. TAKAI, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. BOST, and Mr. DEUTCH):

H. Res. 633. A resolution recognizing the important work of Meals on Wheels America and senior nutrition programs throughout the Nation in addressing hunger and isolation and improving the health and quality of life for millions of our Nation's seniors each year; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

## PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Ms. BORDALLO introduced A bill (H.R. 4659) for the relief of Myung Mok Bae and Kei Za Ryu Bae; 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 Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 4654.

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

Art. 1, Section 8

By Mr. PALAZZO:

H.R. 4655.

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

U.S. Const. Art. 1, Section 8:

"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 . . ."

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 4656.

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

Clause 7, of Section 8, Article I of the U.S. Constitution:

"To establish Post Offices and post Roads;"

By Ms. KUSTER:

H.R. 4657.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, the Taxing and Spending Clause: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . . To regulate Commerce within foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes. . ."

By Mr. POLIQUIN:

H.R. 4658.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution which grants Congress the "power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises . . ."

By Ms. BORDALLO:

H.R. 4659.

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

Article I, Section 8

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 295: Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 379: Mr. HUDSON and Mr. RUIZ.

H.R. 381: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 465: Mr. RENACCI.

H.R. 542: Mr. ROHRBACHER.

H.R. 563: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD and Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 590: Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 664: Mr. GARAMENDI and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 676: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 729: Mr. GRAYSON and Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 748: Mr. GALLEG0.

H.R. 815: Mr. WOODALL, Mr. ASHFORD, and Mr. LUETKEMEYER.

H.R. 915: Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 939: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 953: Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 969: Mr. WALDEN.

H.R. 997: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi.

H.R. 1148: Mr. JONES.

H.R. 1151: Mr. PAULSEN and Mr. TAKAI.

H.R. 1170: Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 1523: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas.

H.R. 1550: Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 1586: Mr. GRAYSON.

H.R. 1660: Mr. LATTA.

H.R. 1706: Mr. GRAYSON.

H.R. 1733: Mr. ROONEY of Florida.

H.R. 2053: Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 2087: Mr. COHEN and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 2096: Mr. NOLAN.

H.R. 2121: Mr. POSEY and Mr. BARR.

H.R. 2144: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H.R. 2257: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 2404: Mr. ZINKE.

H.R. 2460: Mr. ENGEL and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 2641: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 2766: Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.

H.R. 2802: Mr. RENACCI.

H.R. 2827: Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H.R. 2896: Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BOST, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. LATTA.

H.R. 2901: Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. HULTGREN.

H.R. 2939: Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 2972: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 2992: Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 3048: Mr. EMMER of Minnesota, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. CRAWFORD, and Mr. OLSON.

H.R. 3099: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 3117: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 3180: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 3226: Mr. ELLISON.

H.R. 3308: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 3326: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa and Mr. HUNTER.

H.R. 3365: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 3366: Ms. ADAMS and Mr. GRAYSON.

H.R. 3381: Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. KATKO, and Mr. TAKAI.

H.R. 3406: Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 3484: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 3515: Mr. HILL, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 3516: Mr. HUELSKAMP.

H.R. 3684: Mr. POE of Texas.

H.R. 3713: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 3742: Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. WHITFIELD, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.

H.R. 3834: Mr. HONDA and Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 3841: Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 3870: Mr. NOLAN.

H.R. 3880: Mr. GUTHRIE and Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan.

H.R. 3988: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 4019: Ms. TSONGAS and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 4057: Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois.

H.R. 4073: Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. BENISHEK, and Mr. FORTENBERRY.

H.R. 4076: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 4087: Mr. YOH0.

H.R. 4160: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 4184: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H.R. 4229: Mr. EMMER of Minnesota.

H.R. 4230: Mr. TED LIEU of California.

H.R. 4262: Mr. RIBBLE and Mr. FARENTHOLD.