

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

KEVIN BRADY,
DEVIN NUNES,
PETER J. ROSKAM,
DIANE BLACK,
KRISTI L. NOEM,

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sec. 20003 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

FRED UPTON,
JOHN SHIMKUS,

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 20001 and 20002 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

ROB BISHOP,
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Managers on the Part of the House.

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Managers on the Part of the Senate.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 14, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 14, 2017, at 5:58 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 654.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

October 6, 2017:

H.R. 2519. An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion.

October 18, 2017:

H.R. 1117. An Act to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster.

October 26, 2017:

H.R. 2266. An Act making additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

November 1, 2017:

H.J. Res. 111. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8

of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Arbitration Agreements".

November 2, 2017:

H.R. 1329. An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1616. An Act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2989. An Act to establish the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission.

November 17, 2017:

H.R. 304. An Act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services.

H.R. 3031. An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from a Thrift Savings Plan account, and for other purposes.

November 21, 2017:

H.R. 194. An Act to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1545. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1679. An Act to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3243. An Act to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the sunset of certain provisions relating to information technology, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to extend the sunset relating to the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3949. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

December 8, 2017:

H.J. Res 123. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

December 12, 2017:

H.R. 2810. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4374. An Act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize additional emergency uses for medical products to reduce deaths and severity of injuries caused by agents of war, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

October 6, 2017:

S. 327. An Act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports, and for other purposes.

S. 810. An Act to facilitate construction of a bridge on certain property in Christian County, Missouri, and for other purposes.

S. 1141. An Act to ensure that the United States promotes the meaningful participation of women in mediation and negotiation processes seeking to prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict.

October 18, 2017:

S. 178. An Act to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

S. 652. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.

October 26, 2017:

S. 585. An Act to provide greater whistleblower protections for Federal employees, increased awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, and increased accountability and required discipline for Federal supervisors who retaliate against whistle-blowers, and for other purposes.

November 2, 2017:

S. 190. An Act to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of nonapplication of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or surveillance systems, and for other purposes.

S. 504. An Act to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program.

S. 782. An Act to reauthorize the National Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, and for other purposes.

S. 920. An Act to establish a National Clinical Care Commission.

S. 1617. An Act to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 77 North in Sarita, Texas, as the "Javier Vega, Jr. Border Patrol Checkpoint".

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. 654. An act to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 18, 2017, 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:

3410. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oklahoma Regulatory Program [SATs No.: OK-037-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2015-0006; SID1S SS08011000 SX064A000 189S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 18XS501520] received December 13, 2017, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3411. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Wyoming Regulatory Program [SATS No.: WY-045-FOR; Docket ID.: OSM-2013-0002; S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 189S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 18XS501520] received December 13, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3412. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type Certificate Previously Held by Eurocopter France) [Docket No.: FAA-2015-4031; Product Identifier 2014-SW-072-AD; Amendment 39-19085; AD 2017-22-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3413. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0562; Product Identifier 2017-NM-027-AD; Amendment 39-19088; AD 2017-22-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3414. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0772; Product Identifier 2017-NM-075-AD; Amendment 39-19099; AD 2017-23-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3415. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0715; Product Identifier 2017-NM-073-AD; Amendment 39-19096; AD 2017-23-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3416. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0528; Product Identifier 2017-NM-028-AD; Amendment 39-19091; AD 2017-22-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3417. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0710; Product Identifier 2017-NM-019-AD; Amendment 39-19098; AD 2017-23-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3418. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of

Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics (Formerly Known as Saab AB, Saab Aerosystems) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-0777; Product Identifier 2017-NM-050-AD; Amendment 39-19089; AD 2017-22-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3419. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — System Safety Program [Docket No.: FRA-2011-0060, Notice No.: 7] (RIN: 2130-AC71) received December 14, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. BRADY of Texas: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 1. A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018 (Rept. 115-466). 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 Mrs. COMSTOCK:

H.R. 4661. A bill to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida:

H.R. 4662. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to exclude the income and assets of dependent students in the calculation of the expected family contribution for such students; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 4663. A bill to improve the ability of separating or retiring members of the Armed Forces to seek services provided by county veterans service officers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MEADOWS:

H.R. 4664. A bill to repeal the multi-State plan program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Ms. MOORE (for herself and Mr. COOK):

H.R. 4665. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to establish procedures for Federal credit unions to provide credit union services to underserved areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HIMES (for himself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN

GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. SERRANO):

H. Res. 665. A resolution recognizing the crew of the San Antonio Rose, B-17F, who sacrificed their lives during World War II, and honoring their memory during the week of the 75th anniversary of that tragic event; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. RASKIN:

H. Res. 666. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to observe a 60-second moment of silence in the House for those killed by gun violence in the United States on the next legislative day after any such individual dies; to the Committee on Rules.

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. COMSTOCK:

H.R. 4661.

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 this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida:

H.R. 4662.

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

Article I, Section 8: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 4663.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MEADOWS:

H.R. 4664.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 states "The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States . . ." And, Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 states "The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations . . ." And, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 states "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 this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Ms. MOORE:

H.R. 4665.

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

The Commerce Clause describes an enumerated power listed in the United States Constitution (Article I, Section 8, Clause 3).

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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