

Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — VA Veteran-Owned Small Business Verification Guidelines (RIN: 2900-AP93) received February 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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 156. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1004) to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of information relating to pending agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1009) to amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review regulations, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-21). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. TIBERI. Joint Economic Committee. Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 2017 Economic Report of the President (Rept. 115-22). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

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. YOUNG of Iowa (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. DONOVAN):

H.R. 1238. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Health Affairs responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security related to food, agriculture, and veterinary defense against terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, 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. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. LANCE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. COLE, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 1239. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to make grants to support the study of world languages in elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, and Mr. HUNTER):

H.R. 1240. A bill to require a certain percentage of liquefied natural gas and crude oil exports be transported on vessels documented under the laws of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign 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.

By Mr. LAMALFA (for himself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. JONES, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. PANETTA, and Ms. KAPTUR):

H.R. 1241. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require a school food authority to make publicly available any waiver of the Buy American requirement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. BEYER, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MOORE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. LEE, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. SOTO, Mr. DELANEY, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 1242. A bill to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MARINO, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. POLIS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HIMES, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LEE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. POCAN, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. Cárdenas, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mr. NOLAN):

H.R. 1243. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to use only human-based methods for training members of the Armed Forces in the treatment of severe combat injuries; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. POSEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 1244. A bill to clarify the National Credit Union Administration authority to improve credit union safety and soundness; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. MOORE, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. LEE, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 1245. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the importation of affordable and safe drugs by wholesale distributors, pharmacies, and individuals; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CURBELO of Florida (for himself and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H.R. 1246. A bill to exempt health insurance of residents of United States territories from the annual fee on health insurance providers; 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 Mr. DONOVAN (for himself and Mr. CLAY):

H.R. 1247. A bill to extend the period of availability of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. RASKIN):

H.R. 1248. A bill to amend the National Security Act of 1947 to prohibit individuals who threaten to destroy the Government from participating in or attending meetings of the National Security Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and 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. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 1249. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require a multiyear acquisition strategy of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. FLEISCHMANN:

H.R. 1250. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials of former violent extremists or their associates in order to counter terrorist recruitment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. HANABUSA):

H.R. 1251. A bill to provide for cost-of-living increases for certain Federal benefits programs based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for the elderly; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Government Reform, and 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. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 1252. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for certain acquisition authorities for the Under Secretary of Management of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Ms. HERERA BEUTLER, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 1253. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make loans

and loan guarantees for constructing or renovating, or planning construction or renovation of, qualified psychiatric and substance abuse treatment facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LoBIONDO:

H.R. 1254. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program under which eligible veterans may elect to receive hospital care and medical services at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico (for himself, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, and Mr. PEARCE):

H.R. 1255. A bill to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MACARTHUR:

H.R. 1256. A bill to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in New Jersey; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself and Mr. HULTGREN):

H.R. 1257. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Securities Exchange Commission to refund or credit excess payments made to the Commission; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself and Mr. McCAUL):

H.R. 1258. A bill to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. ROE of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. BOST, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico):

H.R. 1259. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes; 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. SERRANO:

H.R. 1260. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide assistance to eligible nonprofit organizations to provide specialized housing and supportive services for elderly persons who are the primary caregivers of children that are related to such persons; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. THORNBERRY:

H.R. 1261. A bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. TIBERI (for himself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 1262. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the tax treatment of certain life insurance contract transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WELCH:

H.R. 1263. A bill to exclude from the application of Executive Order 13796 certain Iraqi and Afghani special immigrants and refugees, to render certain Afghans eligible for Priority 2 processing under the refugee resettlement priority system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WILLIAMS:

H.R. 1264. A bill to provide an exemption from rules and regulations of the Bureau of

Consumer Financial protection for community financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the United States Navy Seabees and the Navy personnel who comprise the construction force for the Navy and the Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. BEATTY):

H. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that John Arthur "Jack" Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARSON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. LANCE, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. MARINO, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. PETERS):

H. Res. 157. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the last day of February each year, as "Rare Disease Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. LEVIN):

H. Res. 158. A resolution celebrating the history of the Detroit River with the 16-year commemoration of the International Underground Railroad Memorial Monument, comprised of the Gateway to Freedom Monument in Detroit, Michigan, and the Tower of Freedom Monument in Windsor, Ontario, Canada; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign 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.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. WALZ, and Ms. PLASKETT):

H. Res. 159. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that infrastructure spending bills should include development programs that recruit and train individuals from communities with high unemployment rates; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

5. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Resolution No. 12, urging the President of the United States and the Congress to express their support for a woman's fundamental right to control her own reproductive decisions, as well as their support for access to comprehensive reproductive health care; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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 Constitu-

tion to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. YOUNG of Iowa:

H.R. 1238.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina:

H.R. 1239.

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

As described in Article 1, Section 1, "all legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to "provide for the common Defense and general Welfare" of Americans.

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.

In the Department of Education Organization Act (P.L. 96-88), Congress declared that "the establishment of a Department of Education is in the public interest, will promote the general welfare of the United States, will help ensure that education issues receive proper treatment at the Federal level, and will enable the Federal Government to coordinate its education activities more effectively." The Department of Education's mission is to "promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access."

By Mr. GARAMENDI:

H.R. 1240.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 1241.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia:

H.R. 1242.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia:

H.R. 1243.

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

Article I, Section 8 (Clauses 1, 14, and 18), which grants Congress the power to provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; 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 for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers.

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 1244.

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. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 1245.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 . . . "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and