

fiscal outlook, specifically the repeal of the .9 percent payroll tax on higher income workers. According to their analysis, this provision would hasten the insolvency of Medicare by up to 4 years and diminish Medicare's ability to pay for services in the future.

Think about it, Mr. Speaker, we are dramatically increasing the number of uninsured Americans. We are going to give them more expensive insurance of a lower quality. They will have higher deductibles and copays. At the same time, we are jeopardizing the future of Medicare, which so many American seniors rely upon.

They pointed out that about 6.1 million Americans age 50 to 64 purchase their insurance in the nongroup market, and that over half of them were eligible to receive subsidies for health insurance coverage. They note the significant reduction in the number of uninsured since passage of the ACA, with the number of people in that age bracket dropping by half.

Yet, according to CBO, what is going to happen if the Republican plan is enacted, that that number is going to go back up again, it is going to be unaffordable for a number of seniors, and they are going to be paying a much higher cost.

Mr. Speaker, it is troubling that we are having a debate where we really have tried to discredit independent sources, where we have had no hearing dealing with the legislation that is rushing toward the House floor.

It is ironic that there was debate and discussion criticizing Democrats for the 3 years we spent developing the framework for moving the legislation forward. And after 6 years of my Republican friends being in power in the House, chipping away, undermining the Affordable Care Act, trying to make it worse, discrediting it, and voting over 60 times to repeal it, they do not have a plan in place to replace it.

Now, this is the best we can come up with. It is a program that is widely discredited.

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

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MARINO (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and March 17 on account of inclement weather.

Mr. PAYNE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and March 17 on account of medical condition.

#### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a Joint Resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 42. Joint Resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants.

#### SENATE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled Joint Resolution of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 1. Joint resolution approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 17, 2017, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

777. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the preliminary budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2018, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1105(a); Public Law 97-258 (as amended by Public Law 101-508, Sec. 13112(c)(1)); (104 Stat. 1288-608) (H. Doc. No. 115—18); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

778. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for additional appropriations to the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2017 (H. Doc. No. 115—19); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

779. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Sec. 72.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Red Lake, Minnesota) [MB Docket No.: 16-371] (RM-11777) received March 6, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

780. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final NUREG — Postulated Rupture Locations in Fluid System Piping Inside and Outside Containment [Branch Technical Position 3-4] received March 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 Energy and Commerce.

781. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final NUREG — Seismic and Dynamic Qualification of Mechanical and Electrical Equipment [SRP 3.10] received March 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 Energy and Commerce.

782. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final NUREG — Applicable Code Cases [SRP 5.2.1.2] received March 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 Energy and Commerce.

783. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final NUREG — Determination of Rupture

Locations and Dynamic Effects Associated with the Postulated Rupture of Piping [SRP 3.6.2] received March 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 Energy and Commerce.

784. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of New Reactors, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final NUREG — Special Topics for Mechanical Components [SRP 3.9.1] received March 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 Energy and Commerce.

785. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's direct final rule — Safety Standard Mandating ASTM F963 for Toys [Docket No.: CPSC-2017-0010] received March 9, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

786. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report certifying that the export of the listed items to the People's Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2778 note; Public Law 105-261, Sec. 1512 (as amended by Public Law 105-277, Sec. 146); (112 Stat. 2174); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

787. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

788. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

789. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting the Army's proposed Letter of Offer and Acceptance to Singapore, Transmittal No. 16-81, pursuant to Sec. 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

790. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting two notifications of designation of acting officer and discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

791. A letter from the Chief Human Resources Office and Executive Vice President, United States Postal Service, transmitting the Service's FY 2016 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

792. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 150916863-6211-02] (RIN: 0648-XE867) received March 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.

793. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office for International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — International Affairs; High Seas Fishing Compliance Act; Permitting and Monitoring of U.S. High Seas Fishing Vessels [Docket No.: 070516126-5907-04] (RIN: 0648-AV12) received March 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 Natural Resources.

794. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office for International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; Seafood Import Monitoring Program [Docket No.: 150507434-6638-02] (RIN: 0648-BF09) received March 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 Natural Resources.

795. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Species; Removal of the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Distinct Population Segment of Canary Rockfish From the Federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species and Removal of Designated Critical Habitat, and Update and Amendment to the Listing Descriptions for the Yelloweye Rockfish DPS and Bocaccio DPS [Docket No.: 160524463-7001-02] (RIN: 0648-XE657) received March 9, 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.

796. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the annual report entitled, "PRO IP Act FY 2016", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3713d(a); Public Law 110-403, Sec. 404(a); (122 Stat. 4274); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

797. A letter from the Secretary, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's notice — Revised Jurisdictional Thresholds for Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 18a, received March 9, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

798. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Adjustment of Civil Penalties (RIN: 1212-AB33) received March 9, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

799. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Operational Equipment Test; Bellingham Bay; Bellingham, WA [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0084] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received March 9, 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.

800. A letter from the Acting Administrator, TSA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Administration's certification that the level of screening services

and protection provided at Joe Foss Field Sioux Falls Regional Airport (FSD) will be equal to or greater than the level that would be provided at the airport by TSA Transportation Security Officers, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44920(d)(1); Public Law 107-71, Sec. 108(a); (115 Stat. 613); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

801. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of the memorandum entitled "Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline"; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, and Energy and Commerce.

## 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. 1302. A bill to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-40). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 1297. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make technical corrections to the requirement that the Secretary of Homeland Security submit quadrennial homeland security reviews, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-41). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. 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 (Rept. 115-42, 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 Committees on Energy and Commerce and Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1238 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. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. EVANS, Ms. MOORE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. AMASH, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts):

H.R. 1556. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to make certain limitations on the transfer of personal property to Federal and State agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KNIGHT (for himself, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 1557. A bill to withdraw certain lands in Los Angeles County, California, from

entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROYCE of California (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 1558. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to ensure community accountability for areas repetitively damaged by floods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 1559. A bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to establish a United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BEYER, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. MCSALLY, and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H.R. 1560. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration, 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. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SOTO, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 1561. A bill to prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H.R. 1562. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to improve the security of the information technology used to administer voter registration procedures and elections for Federal office, to promote the accuracy and integrity of the results of such elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on 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. KATKO (for himself, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. WALZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. UPTON, Mr. DENT, Mr. REED, Mr. POCAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. KILMER):

H.R. 1563. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a mesothelioma patient registry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BERGMAN:

H.R. 1564. A bill to amend section 504 of the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1996 to specify the funding source for travel related to examinations by physicians not employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding medical disabilities of applicants for benefits under title 38, United States Code, to codify section 504 of the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARR (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr.