

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, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, to improve the processing of claims by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 115-134). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2288. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-135). 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. BARLETTA (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mr. DEFAZIO):

H.R. 2548. A bill to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and 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. COFFMAN (for himself and Mr. O'ROURKE):

H.R. 2549. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. HARPER):

H.R. 2550. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an incremental expansion of telehealth coverage under the Medicare program; 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. STIVERS (for himself and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama):

H.R. 2551. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance and to expand the availability of the student loan interest deduction; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Mr. BLUM, Mr. BRAT, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. BIGGS):

H.R. 2552. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the inclusion in gross income of Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARR (for himself, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mrs. LOVE, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. DUFFY, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr.

EMMER, Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mr. DAVISON, Mr. TROTT, and Mr. WILLIAMS):

H.R. 2553. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to bring the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection into the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SOTO (for himself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CRIST, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 2554. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a program that automatically enrolls certain community college graduates into 4-year public institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. LOVE (for herself and Ms. SINEMA):

H.R. 2555. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure compliance of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs with requirements relating to the scheduling of appointments, to require appointment by the President and confirmation by the Senate of certain health care officials of the Department, 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 Mrs. BLACK (for herself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HARPER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 2556. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth services, and for other purposes; 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. BUCSHON (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. RUSH):

H.R. 2557. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain DNA Specimen Provenance Assay clinical diagnostic laboratory tests; 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. COLLINS of New York (for himself, Mr. LONG, and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 2558. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance with respect to three-dimensional human tissue models, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CROWLEY (for himself and Mr. PAULSEN):

H.R. 2559. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat bicycle sharing systems as mass transit facilities for purposes of the qualified transportation fringe; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GAETZ (for himself, Mr. SOTO, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. DUNN, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. MAST, and Mr. YOHO):

H.R. 2560. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-

ment Act to encourage elimination of lionfish from United States waters by allowing individuals to exchange lionfish for tags authorizing fishing for certain species in addition to the number of such species otherwise authorized to be taken by such individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH (for himself and Mr. REICHERT):

H.R. 2561. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to permit uniformed law enforcement officers to carry agency-issued firearms in certain Federal facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2562. A bill to improve access to prescription drugs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida):

H.R. 2563. A bill to codify the Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Education Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. JONES, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 2564. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an annual report on the personnel, training, and equipment needs of the non-federalized National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:

H.R. 2565. A bill to require the use of replacement cost value in determining the premium rates for flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 2566. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 2567. A bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio):

H.R. 2568. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing an ethane storage and distribution hub in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 2569. A bill to promote transparency in health care pricing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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. POSEY:

H.R. 2570. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to clarify that the points and fees in connection with a mortgage loan do not include certain compensation amounts

already taken into account in setting the interest rate on such loan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. POSEY (for himself and Mr. BRIDENSTINE):

H.R. 2571. A bill to amend title 51 of the United States Code to improve the safety of commercial space flight operations by authorizing the operation of aircraft with experimental certificates carrying persons or property to support research and training for space flight participants and crew, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (for herself, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. GALLEGÓ, Ms. MOORE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. TORRES, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SIRE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CORREA, and Ms. SÁNCHEZ):

H.R. 2572. A bill to establish humane practices for the repatriation of aliens at the border, establish effective standards for the treatment of certain aliens in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. RUIZ:

H.R. 2573. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize additional grant activities for Hispanic-serving institutions; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 2574. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help build a stronger health care workforce; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PASCRELL, and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 2575. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a system to educate individuals approaching Medicare eligibility, to simplify and modernize the eligibility enrollment process, and for other purposes; 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. SERRANO:

H.R. 2576. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of small business start-up savings accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. POLIS, Mrs. LOVE, and Mr. CRIST):

H.R. 2577. A bill to establish an employment-based immigrant visa for alien entrepreneurs who have received significant capital from investors to establish a business in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 2578. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the National Labor Relations Act to protect the health benefits of retirees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. TIBERI:

H.R. 2579. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ZELDIN:

H.R. 2580. A bill to simplify and improve the Federal student loan program through income-contingent repayment to provide stronger protections for borrowers, encourage responsible borrowing, and save money for taxpayers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. MARINO (for himself and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H. Con. Res. 58. Concurrent resolution expressing support for a month to be known as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. LEE, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. KIND, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. POCAN, Mr. NOLAN, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. NADLER, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CRIST, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. GABBARD, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. KEATING):

H. Res. 344. A resolution recognizing the contributions of senior volunteers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. NEAL, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. YARMUTH):

H. Res. 345. A resolution urging the President to faithfully carry out the Affordable Care Act; 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 Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHSTER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. WELCH, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mr. PANETTA):

H. Res. 346. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that specialty crops are a vital part of agriculture in the United States, and that Congress should fund programs that support specialty crops; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BOST, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. COHEN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mr. RUSH):

H. Res. 347. A resolution expressing support for designation of May 2017 as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month"; 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 Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BARLETTA:

H.R. 2548.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the common defense and general welfare of the United States) and Clause 3 (related to regulation of Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with Indian tribes) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 2549.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 2550.

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

Article 1 Sec 1

By Mr. STIVERS:

H.R. 2551.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. MASSIE:

H.R. 2552.

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

The constitutional authority for the Senior Citizens Tax Elimination Act is found in Article I, Section 8, which gives Congress the power to lay and collect taxes.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 2553.

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

(Article I, Section 9, Clause 7: No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time)

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 2554.

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

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

By Mrs. LOVE:

H.R. 2555.

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

Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 2556.

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

United States Constitution Article I Section 8

By Mr. BUCSHON:

H.R. 2557.

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. COLLINS of New York:

H.R. 2558.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.