

the Rules Committee allowed it to be offered. They didn't allow mine. They allowed that one to be offered. This is what we get? This kind of answer?

Every Democrat says: oh, this is okay. We want to do this. It is important to us.

And 24 Republicans agreed with them? Where is our country going? Can't we focus on the things that are important? Can't we focus on these constitutional principles?

Vote down this DACA thing that rewards lawbreakers, and support the Hartzler amendment and end this idea that we are going to do great medical and social experiments in the United States military and somehow out of that we are going to—there is no way in the world that makes us stronger.

So somehow do we even maintain our power when we become the laughing-stock of the world?

There was also an initiative that I had to fight here a while back about meatless Mondays in our military. I recall a picture of the Norwegian military. They are vegans on Monday. Meatless military in the Norwegian military, and they are sitting there eating their vegan sandwiches and on their shoulder patch is a reindeer. I suppose that is their national animal, and that is good over there.

For us, we want a strong military. We want to maintain a noble military. We want to focus these resources on those things that matter. They are all going to take an oath to support and defend the Constitution when they sign up and commit themselves to the military.

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God bless them for doing that. I take it, too. There are 435 of us here who did, and 100 down the Rotunda in the Senate did.

How many of us mean it? How many of us will take that stand and say: I will not vote for a piece of legislation that is unconstitutional because it violates my oath of office; and I am not going to commit the resources of the taxpayers of the United States of America to do social, medical, and pharmaceutical experiments on people who now would be attracted to come into the military for that purpose and then be discharged out onto the streets of America, having been reconstructed into a different kind of human being with a different hair cut?

That can happen on their own. That can happen in civilian life. That is each person's cross to bear or each person's choice, but it is not the duty of the United States military.

It is a national security issue, according to former Secretary of Defense Bob Gates, because too many of our youth are too overweight to meet the standards to get into boot camp. My answer to that was: if it is a military national security issue, sign them up. Put them in there. They can just stay in basics until they make weight. Maybe you add another 2 weeks, 4

weeks, or 6 weeks to their training. You will get them down to weight, if you work them hard enough, if you watch their diet. It will be a good thing for them.

It is not a national security issue, in my opinion, for too many young people to be overweight and they can't qualify for the military. If you work them hard enough, feed them right, keep them long enough, they will make weight.

But it is far wiser to do that than it is to do sex reassignment surgery and take somebody out of operations for 200-some days out of a year in order to recover from this reconstructive surgery.

It is a ridiculous thing that has happened today in the United States Congress. It is disgraceful that a vote like that could take place and that a majority of the people voting on the Hartzler amendment would turn it down when we have a country to save, a country to protect.

So I suggest this, Mr. Speaker. If this NDAA bill fails tomorrow, it will come back again. It will come back again with the Hartzler language in it, under a rule that will allow it to pass here on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Democrats are not going to help us pass this bill. Only a handful of them will do that. So Republicans have to do the right thing. We should stop dividing ourselves. We should stop letting America be embarrassed in front of the world for a ridiculous decision that was made today.

So I urge a correction to the NDAA, and I urge English to be adopted as the official language of the United States of America, because it unifies us and helps us communicate with each other.

A common form of communications currency is the most powerful unifying force throughout the entire history of the world. We need to employ it here and protect it in law here in the United States of America.

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

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SANFORD (at the request of Mr. McCARTHY) for today on account of a personal matter.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, July 14, 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:

1948. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Karen E. Dyson, United States Army, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1949. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Availability of Funds and Collection of Checks [Regulation CC; Docket No.: R-1409] (RIN: 7100-AD68) received July 7, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1950. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (Carbon County, MT, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2017-0002; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8485] received July 11, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1951. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Cooler and Freezer Refrigeration Systems [Docket No.: EERE-2015-BT-STD-0016] (RIN: 1904-AD59) received July 10, 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.

1952. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Control of Communicable Diseases; Correction [Docket No.: CDC-2016-0068] (RIN: 0920-AA63) received July 7, 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.

1953. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Flora D. Darpino, United States Army, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1954. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 17-23, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1955. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 17-40, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1956. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting two (2) notifications of a federal vacancy, designation of acting officer, nomination, and action and nomination, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2462(f)(1); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 502 (as added by Public Law 104-188, Sec. 1952(a); (110 Stat. 1920); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1957. A letter from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and

Human Services, transmitting three (3) notifications of a federal vacancy, designation of acting officer, nomination, action on nomination, 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.

1958. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting two (2) notifications of a federal vacancy, designation of acting officer, and nomination, 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.

1959. A letter from the White House Liaison, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education, transmitting two (2) notifications of a federal nomination, 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.

1960. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Potomac River, Newburg, MD [Docket No.: USCG-2017-0357] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 11, 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.

1961. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone, Delaware River; Dredging [Docket No.: USCG-2017-0279] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 11, 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.

1962. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Cleveland Construction Super Boat Grand Prix, Lake Erie, Fairport, OH [Docket No.: USCG-2017-0201] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 11, 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.

1963. A letter from the Deputy Chief Counsel, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership — Amendments to the Terms and Schedule of Financial Assistance [Docket No.: 170526519-7519-01] (RIN: 0693-AB64) received July 11, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

1964. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological Objects and Ecclesiastical and Ritual Ethnological Materials From Cyprus [CBP Dec. 17-07] (RIN: 1515-AE31) received July 11, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1965. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Update of Pre-approved Plan Revenue Procedure (Revenue Procedure 2017-41) re-

ceived July 10, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1966. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies; Delay of Effective Date [CMS-3819-F2] (RIN: 0938-AG81) received July 7, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

#### 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. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 218. A bill to provide for the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Alaska for the construction of a road between King Cove and Cold Bay (Rept. 115-218). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. GRANGER: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 3219. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-219). 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. MCNERNEY:

H.R. 3216. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the disclosure of the total number of a company's domestic and foreign employees; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCNERNEY:

H.R. 3217. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the identification of corporate tax haven countries and increased penalties for tax evasion practices in haven countries that ship United States jobs overseas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. ROE of Tennessee (for himself,

Mr. WALZ, Mr. McCARTHY, Mr. MESSEY, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. COOK, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. BOST, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. DUNN, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. PETERS, Ms. SHEAPORTER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON

of California, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. O'ROURKE, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CORREA, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. RICHMOND, and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 3218. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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 Ms. GRANGER:

H.R. 3219. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri (for himself, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, and Mr. HOLDING):

H.R. 3220. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve taxpayers' rights to administrative appeal of deficiency determinations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. LUETKEMEYER):

H.R. 3221. A bill to provide exemptions under the Truth in Lending Act and the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 to encourage access to affordable mortgages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. EVANS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BLUMNAUER, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. POCAN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. HANABUSA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. WELCH, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. AGUILAR, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. POLIS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. PETERS, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. HASTINGS, and Ms. TSONGAS):

H.R. 3222. A bill to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 to protect civil rights and otherwise prevent meaningful harm to third parties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DUNN (for himself, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. FASO, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. ROSS):

H.R. 3223. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the statute of limitations on making a claim for credit or