

barriers for modernization while maintaining U.S. airspace as the safest and most accessible in the world.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to commend everyone who has worked on this bill. There have been, I am sure, countless hours. There are some good things in this bill that we need to do. I have addressed the modernization issue. But again, it is the privatization of our air traffic control that gives me pause and that gives me great concern on some of the issues that I have mentioned here in this short period of time.

So I want to take a step back from this AIRR Act. I want to work with my colleagues, see what we can do to get it right and keep our skies safe. Once again I will say: I am the guy that wants less government. This is one of the few areas where government has done a good job, will continue to do a good job, and of those 87,000 flights a day, keep them safe.

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 on account of travel delays.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of attending to husband's health situation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 10 a.m. 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:

1997. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a review of the Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG) program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433a(b); Public Law 111-23, Sec. 206(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 111-383, Sec. 1075(b)(35)); (124 Stat. 4371); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1998. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 16-123, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1999. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 16-129, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2000. A letter from the Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmit-

ting a report entitled, "Metropolitan Police Monitor Nearly 2,500 Demonstrations in 2014-2016 and Report No First Amendment Inquires"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2001. A letter from the Acting Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting the Agency's Semi-annual Report for the period ending March 31, 2017, pursuant to Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2002. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [SATS No.:PA-164-FOR; Docket No.: OSM-2016-0013; S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 178S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 17XS501520] received July 12, 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.

2003. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Recovery and State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Population of Grizzly Bears From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-R6-ES-2016-0042; FXES11130900000C6-178-FF09E42000] (RIN: 1018-BA41) received July 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.

2004. A letter from the Director, National Legislative Division, American Legion, transmitting statements describing the financial condition of The American Legion as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 along with supplemental data; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2005. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 115th Congress; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs.

2006. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities [CMS-3260-F2] (RIN: 0938-AR61) received July 11, 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 Ways and Means 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. WALDEN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2910. A bill to provide for Federal and State agency coordination in the approval of certain authorizations under the Natural Gas Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-223). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALDEN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3050. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State energy security plans, and for other purposes; with an

amendment (Rept. 115-224). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALDEN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2883. A bill to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity; with an amendment (Rept. 115-225, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 1351. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to make certain improvements in managing TSA's employee misconduct, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-226). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 76. A resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metro-rail Safety Commission; with an amendment (Rept. 115-227). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 92. A resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Area Transit Regulation Compact (Rept. 115-228). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BURGESS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 451. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 806) to facilitate efficient State implementation of ground-level ozone standards, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-229). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SIMPSON: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 3266. A bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-230). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CULBERSON: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 3267. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-231). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ADERHOLT: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 3268. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-232). 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 Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2883 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 Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself and Mr. BERGMAN):

H.R. 3262. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ROSKAM, and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 3263. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program; 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 Mrs. BLACK (for herself, Mr. KIND, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 3264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify certain tax incentives for biodiesel, renewable diesel, and alternative fuels; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire):

H.R. 3265. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit certain E-2 nonimmigrant investors to adjust status to lawful permanent resident status; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. LEE, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. VEASEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 3269. A bill to repeal the revised annuity employee and further revised annuity employee categories within the Federal Employees Retirement System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. COOK (for himself and Mr. O'HALLERAN):

H.R. 3270. A bill to establish a procedure for resolving claims to certain rights-of-way, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, and Mr. REED):

H.R. 3271. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to strengthen rules in case of competition for diabetic testing strips, 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 Ms. FRANKEL of Florida (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. RUTHERFORD):

H.R. 3272. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a grant program to provide Veteran Student Centers at institutions of higher education to assist veterans in the pursuit of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HECK, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. LEE, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mr. KEATING, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. COHEN, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. DELAULO, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. SLAUGHTER, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. EVANS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. MENG, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NADLER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. BEYER, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. CRIST, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DEFazio, and Ms. ESTY of Connecticut):

H.R. 3273. A bill to improve Federal population surveys by requiring the collection of voluntary, self-disclosed information on sexual orientation and gender identity in certain surveys, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. MCCARTHY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

H.R. 3274. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of President John F. Kennedy; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCNERNEY:

H.R. 3275. A bill to provide drought relief through innovation, increased water supply, and regional adaptation and self-sufficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Science, Space, and Technology, Ways and Means, and 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. DESAULNIER (for himself and Ms. LEE):

H. Res. 452. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the necessity to publically exonerate the African-American sailors of the United States Navy who were tried and convicted of mutiny in connection with their service at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in Concord, California, during World War II in order to further aid in healing the racial divide that continues to exist in the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

tives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire:

H.R. 3262.

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

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the 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 any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 3263.

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

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 3264.

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

a) Article I, section 1, to exercise all legislative powers vested in Congress as granted in the Constitution;

b) Article I, section 8, clause 1, which states that, "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States";

c) Article I, section 8, clause 18, which gives Congress the authority "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"; and

d) Amendment XVI, providing that "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

By Mr. RUTHERFORD:

H.R. 3265.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SIMPSON:

H.R. 3266.

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

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law. . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States. . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mr. CULBERSON:

H.R. 3267.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-