

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, President Donald Trump addressed the nation during his inaugural address by laying out his priorities for the new administration and his future vision for our country. Among his priorities is to incentivize private investments in infrastructure through tax incentives and public-private partnerships.

Tax incentives and public-private partnerships are simply two elements that I believe should be part of a larger, more comprehensive infrastructure plan. A truly comprehensive plan will include direct spending and invests real dollars in both rural and urban communities. So far, the only portions of President Trump's infrastructure plan that have been made public include \$100 billion in tax breaks to private investors. I believe that President Trump is deeply misguided in relying solely on tax breaks to miraculously spur investments in our decaying transportation network. We need to include a healthy mix of direct spending, tax incentives, public-private partnerships, and sensible public policies if we are to sufficiently address the infrastructure needs across the country.

Our highways, railways, and airways serve as the arteries that drive the U.S. economy. As our nation's population continues to grow and become more diverse, the growth of our transportation infrastructure needs to keep pace. Texas is projected to account for nearly fifteen percent of all the national population growth through 2030. Yet, it has become increasingly difficult to make the investments that we need to properly maintain and build up the state's infrastructure due to dwindling federal funding for transportation projects. President Trump's plan in its current form falls drastically short of the necessary steps that we must take in order to modernize our crumbling infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, it has been and continues to be my intention to give President Trump a fair chance at proving to the American people that he is serious about bringing real solutions to our nation's problems to the table. I strongly encourage this administration to present a well-rounded infrastructure plan that goes beyond merely hand-outs to corporations, and also includes the direct spending that is so desperately needed.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 23, 2017.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This letter is to inform you that I have sent a letter to Kansas Governor Sam Brownback informing him that I am resigning my position as the United States Representative for the 4th Congressional District of Kansas effective upon my confirmation as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

In November, I was nominated by then President-elect Donald Trump to serve as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and have now been confirmed to have the privilege to serve in that role. I am truly

honored that President Trump has given me the opportunity to lead an amazing organization filled with men and women who put their lives on the line for the safety and security of every American.

I want to thank you for all you have done to make the House of Representatives live up to its constitutional duty to represent all Americans. Thank you too for your personal assistance in working with me on the issues that impact all Americans, but, especially, those who I have had the privilege to represent from South Central Kansas. There is much work to do legislatively; I will miss working to be part of this historic opportunity now laid before us.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you as we strive to keep America safe. My commitment to keeping you and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence fully informed on important intelligence matters is sincere and continuing.

Sincerely,

MIKE POMPEO,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 23, 2017.

Hon. SAM BROWNBACK,
Governor, State of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

DEAR GOVERNOR BROWNBACK: I have now been confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. I am hereby resigning my position as the United States Representative for the 4th Congressional District of Kansas effective upon my confirmation as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I have genuinely been privileged to represent the people of South Central Kansas in Congress. Kansans are inspiring, compassionate, and hard-working. To serve them in this fashion has been a true honor I will always cherish.

The opportunity to lead the world's finest intelligence warriors was a call to service I could not ignore. I am truly honored that President Trump has given me this opportunity. The men and women of the CIA are the world's finest intelligence professionals the world has ever known. Their integrity, passion, and commitment to keeping our nation safe is unquestionable. I am excited to lead them during this dangerous time around the world.

Sincerely,

MIKE POMPEO,
Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. POMPEO), the whole number of the House is 434.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. HURD, Texas

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KAPTUR (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of bad weather affecting travel.

Mrs. LAWRENCE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of bad weather affecting travel.

Mr. PAYNE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of medical appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 24, 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:

303. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a letter reporting a violation of the Antideficiency Act, in the Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Chief Information Officer during Fiscal Year 2013, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1254(n)(3); June 30, 1948, ch. 758, title I, Sec. 104(n)(3) (as amended by Public Law 95-217, Sec. 6); (91 Stat. 1567); to the Committee on Appropriations.

304. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Food and Drug Administration's Fiscal Year 2016 Performance Report to Congress for the Animal Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

305. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Food and Drug Administration's Fiscal Year 2016 Performance Report to Congress for the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

306. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Biennial Review of the List of Select Agents and Toxins and Enhanced Biosafety Requirements [Docket No.: CDC-2015-0006] (RIN: 0920-AA59) received January 18, 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.

307. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Revisions to the Vaccine Injury Table (RIN: 0906-AB01) received January 18, 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.

308. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, DEA, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Import and Export Requirements for Controlled Substances, Listed Chemicals, and Tableting and Encapsulating Machines, Including Changes To Implement the International

Trade Data System (ITDS); Revision of Reporting Requirements for Domestic Transactions in Listed Chemicals and Tableting and Encapsulating Machines; and Technical Amendments [Docket No.: DEA-403] (RIN: 1117-AB41) received January 5, 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.

309. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Clarification of When Products Made or Derived From Tobacco Are Regulated as Drugs, Devices, or Combination Products; Amendments to Regulations Regarding "Intended Uses" [Docket No.: FDA-2015-N-2002] (RIN: 0910-AH19) received January 17, 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.

310. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Certain Entities to the Entity List [Docket No.: 161228999-6999-01] (RIN: 0694-AH27) received January 19, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

311. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR); Control of Spacecraft Systems and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control under the United States Munitions List (USML) [Docket No.: 150325297-6180-02] (RIN: 0694-AG59) received January 19, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

312. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Department of Labor Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Annual Adjustments for 2017 (RIN: 1290-AA31) received January 19, 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.

313. A letter from the Division Chief, Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, transmitting the Department's final rule — Onshore Oil and Gas Operations—Annual Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments [17X.LLWO310000.L13100000.PP0000] (RIN: 1004-AE49) received January 17, 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.

314. A letter from the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Eliminating Exception to Expedited Removal Authority for Cuban Nationals Arriving by Air [EOIR Docket No.: 401] (RIN: 1125-AA80) received January 17, 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.

315. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Eliminating Exception to Expedited Removal Authority for Cuban Nationals Arriving by Air [DHS Docket No.: DHS-2017-0003] (RIN: 1601-AA81) received January 17, 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.

316. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Entrepreneur Rule [CIS No.: 2572-15; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2015-0006] (RIN: 1615-AC04) received January 17, 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.

317. A letter from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rules — Dispute Resolution Procedures Under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 [Docket No.: EP 734] received January 19, 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.

318. A letter from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — United States Rail Service Issues—Performance Data Reporting [Docket No.: EP 724 (Sub-No. 4)] received January 19, 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.

319. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Economic Impact Analysis for RIN 2900-AP66, Diseases Associated with Exposure to Contaminants in the Water Supply at Camp Lejeune received January 19, 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.

320. A letter from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulation Regarding Non-discrimination on the Basis of Race, Color, or National Origin in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance From the Department of the Treasury (RIN: 1505-AC45) received January 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 Ways and Means.

321. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Annual Report of the Departments of Health and Human Services and Justice titled "Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program FY 2016", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395i(k)(5); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1817(k)(5) (as added by Public Law 104-191, Sec. 201(b)); (110 Stat. 1996); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

322. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Health Care Programs: Fraud and Abuse; Revisions to the Office of Inspector General's Exclusion Authorities received January 18, 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:

Ms. CHENEY: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 55. Resolution providing for con-

sideration of the bill (H.R. 7) to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions (Rept. 115-5). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. SCALISE (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. WALDEN):

H.R. 599. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Considered and passed. Considered and passed.

By Mr. ROYCE of California (for himself, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. ENGEL, and Ms. MENG):

H.R. 600. A bill to promote Internet access in developing countries and update foreign policy toward the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. LOWEY (for herself and Mr. REICHERT):

H.R. 601. A bill to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CALVERT:

H.R. 602. A bill to direct the United States Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP Code for Eastvale, California; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. ROYCE of California, and Mr. EMMER):

H.R. 603. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the maximum penalty for mail theft; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. OLSON):

H.R. 604. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the Governor of a State to reject the resettlement of a refugee in that State unless there is adequate assurance that the alien does not present a security risk and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 605. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of volunteer income tax assistance for low-income and underserved populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. BASS, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BERA, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. COOK, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DENHAM, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. LEE, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. ROHRABACHER,