

note; Public Law 110-181, Sec. 1107(d); (122 Stat. 358); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2149. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral William A. Brown, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral 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.

2150. A letter from the Assistant Counsel for the Division of Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Definitions and Selection Criteria that Apply to Direct Grant Programs [Docket No.: ED-2017-OIL-0032] (RIN: 1855-AA13) received July 27, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2151. A letter from the Executive Director and Chair of the Board of Governors, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, transmitting the 2016 Annual Report, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320e(d)(10); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1181 (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 6301(a)); (124 Stat. 734); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2152. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments; Extension of Comment Period [Docket No.: FDA-2011-F-0172] (RIN: 0910-AG57) received July 25, 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.

2153. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report titled, "FY 2016 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress", pursuant to Sec. 121(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2154. A letter from the Division Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, 15 and 18 of the Commission's Rules regarding Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment [ET Docket No.: 15-170] received July 28, 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.

2155. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Energy Labeling Rule (RIN: 3084-AB15) received July 28, 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.

2156. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2157. A letter from the Chief, Legal, External Affairs and Performance Branch, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting a notification of a federal vacancy, 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.

2158. A letter from the Chief, Legal, External Affairs and Performance Branch, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting a notification of the designation of acting officer, 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.

2159. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting a report on compliance by the United States courts of appeals and district courts within the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2266(b)(5)(A); Added by Public Law 104-132, Sec. 107(a); (110 Stat. 1225) and 28 U.S.C. 2266(c)(5); Public Law 104-132, Sec. 107(a); (110 Stat. 1226); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2160. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2016-9502; Directorate Identifier 2016-NM-128-AD; Amendment 39-18929; AD 2017-12-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 28, 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.

2161. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the FY 2016 Annual Report, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 109-304, Sec. 4; (120 Stat. 1489); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2162. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting establishment of the Creating Options for Veterans Expedited Recovery Commission, pursuant to Public Law 114-198; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2163. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a semi-annual report to Congress concerning the compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the Act's freedom of emigration provisions, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 402(b); (88 Stat. 2056) and 19 U.S.C. 2439(b); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 409(b); (88 Stat. 2064); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2164. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Extension of Sunset Date for Attorney Advisor Program [Docket No.: SSA-2017-0021] (RIN: 0960-AI06) received July 27, 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.

2165. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled "FY 2016 Report to Congress: Review of Medicare's Program for Oversight of Accrediting Organizations and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 Validation Program", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 139511(b); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1875(b) (as amended by Public Law 110-275, Sec. 125(b)(4)); (122 Stat. 2519); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

2166. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General's Third Quarterly Report of FY 2017 on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 4332(b)(2); Public Law 103-353, Sec. 2(a) (as added by Public Law Public Law 110-389, Sec. 312(c)); (122

Stat. 4165); jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

2167. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Economic Development Administration's Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3213; Public Law 89-136, Sec. 603 (as added by Public Law 105-393, Sec. 102(a)); (112 Stat. 3614); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Financial Services.

## 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:

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana: Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Roger Williams (Rept. 115-271). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana: Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Ben Ray Lujan (Rept. 115-272). 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. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 3633. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the rate of income tax of a publicly traded corporation based on the ratio of compensation of the corporation's highest paid employee to the median compensation of all the corporation's employees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HIMES:

H.R. 3634. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that individuals may access documentation verifying the monthly housing stipend paid to the individual under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. JENKINS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 3635. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to improve the process whereby medicare administrative contractors issue local coverage determinations under the Medicare program, 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. KIHUEN (for himself, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. LEE, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 3636. A bill to improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire:

H.R. 3637. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to better assist producers who are voluntarily making the transition to organic production systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CRIST, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. DUNN, Mrs. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. ROSS, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of

Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. HASTINGS):

H.R. 3638. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Kings Road in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Rutledge Pearson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. LOFGREN (for herself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. COSTA, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TONKO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. CRIST, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 3639. A bill to establish a position of Science Laureate of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. RATCLIFFE:

H.R. 3640. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Office of the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs the position of Chief Information Officer of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### 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. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 3633.

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

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. HIMES:

H.R. 3634.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, as this legislation provides for the general welfare of the United States.

By Ms. JENKINS of Kansas:

H.R. 3635.

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

Article I, Section 8:

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.

Article I, Section 9:

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law.

By Mr. KIHUEN:

H.R. 3636.

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

section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire:

H.R. 3637.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18—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.

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida:

H.R. 3638.

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

Article I, Section 8: 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.

By Ms. LOFGREN:

H.R. 3639.

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

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

By Mr. RATCLIFFE:

H.R. 3640.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 392: Mr. SHUSTER and Mrs. DEMINGS.

H.R. 535: Ms. FRANKEL of Florida and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 592: Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, and Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 750: Ms. SEWELL of Alabama and Ms. MENG.

H.R. 785: Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 848: Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH.

H.R. 850: Mr. ZELDIN and Mr. GRAVES of Georgia.

H.R. 858: Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 947: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 995: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 1120: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 1136: Mr. DENHAM.

H.R. 1243: Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1267: Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. MARSHALL, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1284: Mr. CARTER of Georgia and Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 1421: Mr. CROWLEY.

H.R. 1452: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 1468: Mr. REED.

H.R. 1516: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1615: Mr. AGUILAR and Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 1796: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 1828: Mr. BACON and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 1865: Mr. ROTHFUS.

H.R. 2011: Ms. SINEMA.

H.R. 2066: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 2267: Mr. RUSH, Mr. DeFAZIO, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. DONOVAN, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. CARDENAS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SHEA-POR-TER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SOTO, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, and Mr. HURD.

H.R. 2315: Mr. ABRAHAM.

H.R. 2319: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2401: Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BEYER, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 2404: Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 2482: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 2519: Ms. ROSEN, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. GRANGER, and Mr. FASO.

H.R. 2525: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 2740: Mr. VEASEY, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. TSONGAS, and Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 2797: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 2840: Ms. HANABUSA.

H.R. 2851: Mr. ROTHFUS.

H.R. 2973: Mr. KIND.

H.R. 2996: Mr. HENSARLING.

H.R. 3030: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 3117: Mr. ADERHOLT.

H.R. 3169: Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 3186: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 3236: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 3239: Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 3246: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 3265: Mr. ROSS.

H.R. 3282: Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. GRAVES of Georgia.

H.R. 3316: Mr. TED LIEU of California and Mrs. COMSTOCK.

H.R. 3329: Mr. PALAZZO.

H.R. 3336: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 3445: Ms. SEWELL of Alabama.

H.R. 3512: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 3530: Mr. GARRETT.

H.R. 3559: Mr. ELLISON and Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 3564: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 3602: Mr. PETERS and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

H.J. Res. 116: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. PAYNE.

H. Res. 199: Mr. THORNBERRY.

H. Res. 236: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa.

H. Res. 319: Mr. WALBERG and Mr. ROUZER.

H. Res. 449: Mr. VEASEY.

H. Res. 464: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H. Res. 488: Mr. NADLER, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H. Res. 495: Mr. YOUNG of Iowa.