

3257. A letter from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of the Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, transmitting a notification of a 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.

3258. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2017; Recreational Management Measures [Docket No.: 161220999-7682-02] (RIN: 0648-BG52) received November 29, 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.

3259. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2017-2018 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Amendment 27 [Docket No.: 160808696-7010-02] (RIN: 0648-BG17) received November 29, 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.

3260. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the 2016 annual report to Congress describing the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, within the Department's Criminal Division, and the report on the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 529(a); Public Law 95-521, Sec. 603(a); (92 Stat. 187); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3261. A letter from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the Secretary (OOREG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Nomenclature Change for Position Title — Revision (RIN: 2900-AQ11) received November 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 Veterans' Affairs.

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. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 477. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies (Rept. 115-341). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HENSARLING: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3971. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify the requirements for community financial institutions with respect to certain rules relating to mortgage loans, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-432). 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. PEARCE:

H.R. 4488. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide conditional protected status for certain individuals who came to the United States as children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 4489. A bill to provide for the preservation of America's outdoor heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, the Judiciary, Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. POCAN, Mr. TONKO, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. WALZ, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. POLIS, Ms. LEE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. HANABUSA):

H.R. 4490. A bill to establish an integrated national approach to respond to ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, managing, and conserving the fish, wildlife, and plants of the United States, and to maximize Government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and Tribal Governments and other entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia):

H.R. 4491. A bill to reauthorize title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MAST (for himself, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. GIBBS, and Ms. BROWNLEY of California):

H.R. 4492. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. MARINO (for himself and Mr. BARLETTA):

H.R. 4493. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require the impaneling of a new jury if a jury fails to recommend by unanimous vote a sentence for conviction of a crime punishable by death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DESANTIS (for himself, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. BRAT, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. GALLEGO, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MESSER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. COOPER, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BACON, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. PALMER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. PITTEGER, Mr. POLIS, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. ROKITA, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. FLEISCHMANN,

Mr. JONES, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PEARCE, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. MARINO, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. POSEY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. LANCE, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BLUM, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. WALKER, Mr. BUCK, and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 4494. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to prohibit the use of public funds to pay awards and settlements in connection with claims under such Act which arise from sexual harassment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BUCK (for himself, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. BRAT, Mr. MEADOWS, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 4495. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny as a trade or business expense deduction amounts paid or incurred in connection with the settlement of a sexual harassment or sexual assault claim; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FRANKS of Arizona (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, and Ms. MCSALLY):

H.R. 4496. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to nonattainment plan provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida (for herself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 4497. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to prohibit the use of public funds to pay settlements and awards for workplace harassment and discrimination claims under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 which arise from acts committed personally by Members of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. CRIST (for himself and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 4498. A bill to prohibit military assistance to countries that engage in arms transfers and activities with respect to Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 4499. A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to set the rate of pay for employees of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection in accordance with the General Schedule; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. POCAN, Ms. FUDGE, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 4500. A bill to restore protections for Social Security, Railroad retirement, and Black Lung benefits from administrative offset; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. LOEBSACK (for himself, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire):

H.R. 4501. A bill to increase funding for the State response to the opioid misuse crisis and to provide funding for research on addiction and pain related to the substance misuse crisis; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCCAUL (for himself, Mr. SIRE, and Mr. YOHIO):

H.R. 4502. A bill to establish a review of United States multilateral aid; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MESSER:

H.R. 4503. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to prohibit the imposition of nondisclosure agreements as a condition of the payment of an award or settlement in connection with a violation of such Act, to require Members of Congress to reimburse the Treasury for amounts paid as awards and settlements under such Act in cases of sexual harassment and sexual assault, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and 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. QUIGLEY:

H.R. 4504. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, the Financial Stability Act of 2010, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to improve access to information in the legislative and executive branches of the Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, House Administration, the Judiciary, Ethics, Ways and Means, 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. TAKANO (for himself, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. POCAN, Mr. POLIS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TONKO, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. SABLÁN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. HANABUSA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 4505. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to establish a minimum salary threshold for bona fide executive, administrative, and professional employees exempt from Federal overtime compensation requirements, and automatically update such threshold every 3 years; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. TORRES (for herself, Mr. COLE, Mrs. RADEVAGEN, Mr. KIND, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 4506. A bill to provide incentives to encourage tribal job creation and economic activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and 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. WITTMAN (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. PEARCE, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. ROUZER, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona):

H.R. 4507. A bill to require assurances that certain family planning service projects and programs will provide pamphlets containing the contact information of adoption centers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CROWLEY:

H. Res. 636. A resolution relating to the exercise of the authority of the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. COLE, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BOST, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. STEWART, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BARR, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. FLORES, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. ESTES of Kansas, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. WALKER, and Mrs. HARTZLER):

H. Res. 637. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be protected for use by those who celebrate Christmas; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. WOMACK (for himself, Mr. HILL, Mr. WESTERMAN, and Mr. CRAWFORD):

H. Res. 638. A resolution recognizing the Aviation Cadet Museum in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, as the national aviation cadet museum of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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. PEARCE:

H.R. 4488.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 18 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 4489.

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

Article I, Section 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 4490.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes)

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina:

H. R. 4491.

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

As described in Article I, Section 1, "all legislative powers herein granted shall be

vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to "provide for the common Defense and general Welfare" of Americans.

In the Department of Education Organization Act (P.L. 96-88), Congress declared that "the establishment of a Department of Education is in the public interest, will promote the general welfare of the United States, will help ensure that education issues receive proper treatment at the Federal level, and will enable the Federal Government to coordinate its education activities more effectively." The Department of Education's mission is to "promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access."

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 4492.

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

The Necessary and Proper Clause in Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. MARINO:

H.R. 4493.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution in that the legislation exercises legislative powers granted to Congress by that clause "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 Office thereof."

By Mr. DESANTIS:

H.R. 4494.

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

Article I, Section 5, Clause 2 ("Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.").

By Mr. BUCK:

H.R. 4495.

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 Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. FRANKS of Arizona:

H.R. 4496.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 4497.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CRIST:

H.R. 4498.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 4499.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 1 (relating to the general welfare of the United States);