

RULE XVII. TRAVEL OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

(a) **APPROVAL.**—Consistent with the primary expense resolution and such additional expense resolutions as may have been approved, the provisions of this rule shall govern travel of Committee members and staff. Travel to be reimbursed from funds set aside for the Committee for any member or any staff member shall be paid only upon the prior authorization of the Chairman. Travel shall be authorized by the Chairman for any member and any staff member in connection with the attendance of hearings conducted by the Committee or any subcommittee and meetings, conferences, and investigations which involve activities or subject matter under the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman in writing the following:

- (1) The purpose of the travel.
- (2) The dates during which the travel is to be made and the date or dates of the event for which the travel is being made.
- (3) The location of the event for which the travel is to be made.
- (4) The names of members and staff seeking authorization.

(b) **SUBCOMMITTEE TRAVEL.**—In the case of travel of members and staff of a subcommittee to hearings, meetings, conferences, and investigations involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of such subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Such prior authorization shall be given by the Chairman only upon the representation by the chairman of such subcommittee in writing setting forth those items enumerated in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of paragraph (a) and that there has been a compliance where applicable with Committee Rule VI.

(c) **TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of travel outside the United States of members and staff of the Committee or of a subcommittee for the purpose of conducting hearings, investigations, studies, or attending meetings and conferences involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of the Committee or pertinent subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from the Chairman, or, in the case of a subcommittee from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman, in writing, a request for such authorization. Each request, which shall be filed in a manner that allows for a reasonable period of time for review before such travel is scheduled to begin, shall include the following:

- (A) The purpose of the travel.
- (B) The dates during which the travel will occur.
- (C) The names of the countries to be visited and the length of time to be spent in each.
- (D) An agenda of anticipated activities for each country for which travel is authorized together with a description of the purpose to be served and the areas of Committee jurisdiction involved.
- (E) The names of members and staff for whom authorization is sought.

(2) **INITIATION OF REQUESTS.**—Requests for travel outside the United States may be initiated by the Chairman or the chairman of a subcommittee (except that individuals may submit a request to the Chairman for the purpose of attending a conference or meeting) and shall be limited to members and permanent employees of the Committee.

(d) **REPORTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF.**—Within 15 legislative days from the conclu-

sion of any hearing, investigation, study, meeting, or conference for which travel has been authorized pursuant to this rule, each member and staff member involved in such travel shall submit a written report to the Chairman covering the activities and other pertinent observations or information gained as a result of such travel.

(e) **APPLICABILITY OF LAWS, RULES, POLICIES.**—Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws, resolutions, or regulations of the House and of the Committees on House Administration and Ethics pertaining to such travel, and by the travel policy of the Committee.

RULE XVIII. COMMITTEE PANELS

(a) **DESIGNATION.**—In accordance with clause 5(b)(2)(C) of Rule X of the Rules of the House, the Chairman of the Committee, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, may designate a panel of the Committee consisting of members of the Committee to inquire into and take testimony on a matter or matters that fall within the jurisdiction of more than one subcommittee and to report to the Committee.

(b) **DURATION.**—No panel designated under paragraph (a) shall continue in existence for more than six months after the date of the designation.

(c) **PARTY RATIOS AND APPOINTMENT.**—The ratio of majority members to minority members on a panel designated under paragraph (a) shall be as close as practicable to the ratio of the Full Committee. All majority members of the panels shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee, and all minority members shall be appointed by the ranking minority member of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee shall choose one of the majority members so appointed to serve as Chairman of the panel. The ranking minority member of the Committee shall similarly choose the ranking minority member of the panel.

(d) **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.**—The Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee may serve as ex-officio members of a panel designated under paragraph (a). The Chairman and ranking minority member are authorized to vote on matters that arise before the panel and shall be counted to satisfy the quorum requirement for any purpose.

(e) **JURISDICTION.**—No panel designated under paragraph (a) shall have legislative jurisdiction.

(f) **APPLICABILITY OF COMMITTEE RULES.**—A panel designated under paragraph (a) shall be subject to all Committee Rules herein.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS
SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled joint resolutions of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 38. Joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule.

H.J. Res. 41. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers".

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 36 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 6, 2017, at noon 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:

476. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final regulations — Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act- Accountability and State Plans; Open Licensing Requirement for Competitive Grant Programs; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act [Docket ID: ED-2016-OESE-0032; Docket ID: ED-2015-OS-0105] (RIN: 1810-AB27; 1894-AA07; 2017-00958) received February 1, 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.

477. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final regulations — Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act- Accountability and State Plans; Open Licensing Requirement for Competitive Grant Programs; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act [Docket ID: ED-2016-OESE-0032; ED-2015-OS-0105] (RIN: 1810-AB27; 1894-AA07; 2017-00958) received February 1, 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.

478. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final regulations — Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act received February 2, 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.

479. 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 final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Walk-in Coolers and Walk-in Freezers [Docket No.: EERE-2016-BT-TP-0030] (RIN: 1904-AD72) received February 1, 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.

480. 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 final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fans [Docket No.: EERE-2012-BT-STD-0045] (RIN: 1904-AD28) received February 1, 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.

481. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Enterprise Assessments, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Procedural Rules for DOE Nuclear Activities [Docket No.: EA-RM-16-PRDNA] (RIN: 1992-AA52) received February 1, 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.

482. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional

Relations, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2016 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

483. A letter from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting a notification of a federal vacancy and 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.

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487. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting two notifications of a federal vacancy and 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.

488. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's annual report on the activities of the Community Relations Service for Fiscal Year 2016, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2000g-3; Public Law 88-352, Sec. 1004; (78 Stat. 267); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

489. A letter from the Program Specialist, LRAD, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rules of Practice and Procedure; Rules of Practice and Procedure in Adjudicatory Proceedings; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustments [Docket ID: OCC-2017-0002] (RIN: 1557-AE14) received February 1, 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.

490. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Natchez, MS [Docket No.: USCG-2016-1017] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 1, 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.

491. A letter from the Attorney, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Pipeline Canal, Orange, TX [Docket No.: USCG-2016-1051] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 1, 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.

492. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland

Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Pleasure Beach Bridge, Bridgeport, CT [Docket No.: USCG-2015-1088] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 1, 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.

493. A letter from the Attorney, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; James River, Newport News, VA [Docket No.: USCG-2016-0987] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received February 1, 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.

494. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 150121066-5717-02] (RIN: 0648-XE930) received February 1, 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.

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. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. PETERSON, and Mr. CHABOT):

H.R. 843. A bill to provide for a safe harbor for reports to potential employers by current or former employers of violent behavior or threats thereof by employees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BRAT, and Mr. LUETKEMEYER):

H.R. 844. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to facilitate the removal of aliens identified in the terrorist screening database, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. KEATING, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. HECK, and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 845. A bill to provide for ocean acidification collaborative research grant opportunities; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 846. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 847. A bill to preserve the name of the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LONG, Mrs. McMORRIS, Mr. RODGERS, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. PETERSON, Mr.

ROUZER, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. VELA, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. NUNES, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. KIND, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. LUETKEMEYER):

H.R. 848. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to incentivize efficient nutrient management practices and to clarify the citizen suit provisions of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ROE of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HURD, Mr. BOST, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. HENSARLING, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. ALLEN):

H.R. 849. A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Rules, 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. PALMER (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUM, Mr. BRAT, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. BUCK, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. DUNN, Mr. EMMER, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. FOX, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. PERRY, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WALKER, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. ARRINGTON, and Mr. BUDD):

H.R. 850. A bill to require the appropriation of funds to use a fee, fine, penalty, or proceeds from a settlement received by a Federal agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, the Budget, and Rules, 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. BEATTY (for herself, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. HECK, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. MEEKS):

H.R. 851. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to discount FHA single-family mortgage insurance premium payments for first-time homebuyers who complete a financial literacy housing counseling program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HECK, Mr. WELCH, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. SOTO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. SARBANES, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BRADY