

H.R. 1162. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans.

H.R. 1329. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1370. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1545. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1725. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit certain reports relating to medical evidence submitted in support of claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary.

H.R. 1808. An act to amend and improve the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1809. An act to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2288. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2473. An act to direct the Attorney General to study issues relating to human trafficking, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 366) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department's vehicle fleet, and for other purposes.

#### Enrolled Bill Signed

At 5:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 366. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department's vehicle fleet, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1005. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1162. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1329. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1370. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1545. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1725. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit certain reports relating to medical evidence submitted in support of claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1808. An act to amend and improve the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2288. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2473. An act to direct the Attorney General to study issues relating to human trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1641. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule; Delay of Effective Date" (FRL No. 9962-94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1642. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of four (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1643. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Daniel B. Allyn, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1644. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Production Act Annual Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1645. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on

the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1646. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1647. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Designations for the 2012 Primary Annual Fine Particle Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Areas in Tennessee" ((RIN2060-AT44) (FRL No. 9962-89-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1648. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Volatile Organic Compounds Rule Revision and Stage II Vapor Recovery" (FRL No. 9962-21-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1649. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; El Paso Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9962-20-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1650. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compliance Date Extension; Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products" ((RIN2070-AK35) (FRL No. 9962-86)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1651. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List 6 Foreign Species of Elasmobranchs Under the Endangered Species Act (RIN0648-XE184) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1652. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to negotiations with Canada and Mexico regarding modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1653. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment Models (EPMs); Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model; and Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model (CJR); Delay of Effective Date" ((RIN0938-AS90) (CMS-5519-F3)) received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1654. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment Models (EPMs); Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model; and Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model (CJR)" ((RIN0938-AS90) (CMS-5519-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1655. A communication from the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0516); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1656. A communication from the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0517); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1657. A communication from the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0515); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1658. A communication from the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0514); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1659. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "340B Drug Pricing Program Ceiling Price and Manufacturer Civil Monetary Penalties Regulation" (RIN0906-AA89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1660. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of When Products Made or Derived From Tobacco Are Regulated as Drugs, Devices, or Combination Products; Amendments to Regulations Regarding 'Intended Uses'; Further Delayed Effective Date; Request for Comments; Extension of Comment Period" ((RIN0910-AH19) (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-2002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1661. A communication from the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2016 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1662. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report enti-

tled "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Met Many Requirements of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 but Did Not Fully Comply for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1663. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XF210) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1664. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XF259) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1665. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2016 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures" (RIN0648-XF587) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-29. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho memorializing the importance of agriculture in the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

##### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 6

Whereas, since the beginning of time, the ability of man to provide food, fiber and fuel for himself and others has determined his independence, freedom and security; and

Whereas, the strength of a nation is based on its ability to sufficiently provide safe and reliable food, fiber and fuel for its people; and

Whereas, the family farm unit is the foundation of agriculture and one of the basic strengths of the United States; and

Whereas, a strong and viable agricultural industry is a very important part of our national security and overall well-being; and

Whereas, federal, state and local laws and regulations require farmers, ranchers and food processors in the United States to meet the highest standards in the world when it comes to environmental protection, worker safety, wage rates and food safety concerns; and

Whereas, United States farmers, ranchers and food processors pay for record audits on farm inspections and USDA product inspections to confirm that necessary criteria are met to adhere to the laws and regulations that apply; and

Whereas, the Food Safety Modernization Act requires that all food products, foreign and domestic, must adhere to the same food safety standards, and yet only 2% of all imported food products are actually inspected. Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we urge that United States farmers, ranchers and food

processors be enabled to compete freely and trade fairly in foreign and domestic markets on a strictly level playing field. Be it further

*Resolved*, That food safety standards in the United States should be enforced fully on food from foreign countries wishing to participate in markets that lie within the boundaries of the United States and funded in a way that does not burden the United States taxpayer. And be it further

*Resolved*, When determining the economic value of international trade agreements, we urge that the cost of environmental protection, worker safety, wage rates and food safety standards be quantified and considered in such determinations. And be it further

*Resolved*, That we encourage the education of the general public regarding the importance of the role agriculture plays in the development of a society, recognizing that such public education, primarily at the middle and secondary school levels, is critical in the preservation and strengthening of the family farm unit and the overall preservation and strengthening of the agricultural industry itself. And be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-30. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho urging the United States Air Force, President of the United States, and the United States Congress to thoroughly and conscientiously evaluate the utility and efficacy of basing a squadron of F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter aircraft at Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho, to facilitate a continued flying mission for the Idaho Air National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

##### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 9

Whereas, the State and the citizens of Idaho have a proud tradition of support for the armed forces of the United States of America; and

Whereas, the Idaho Air National Guard has distinguished itself in service to the State of Idaho and to the citizens of our state and the United States of America; and

Whereas, Gowen Field, located in the City of Boise, Idaho, has served admirably for decades as an effective, world-class military installation, both in federal and state service, as a base of operations for the Idaho Army National Guard and the Idaho Air National Guard; and

Whereas, the U.S. Air Force has chosen Gowen Field among five finalists for two sites to locate squadrons of F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter aircraft; and

Whereas, Gowen Field is the only finalist for the basing of F-35 aircraft in the western United States; and

Whereas, Gowen Field, Boise, and southwestern Idaho possess the facilities, infrastructure, airspace, climate, landscape, skilled personnel, relevant private-sector industry and strong public support for military operations required to effectively support the siting of F-35 aircraft; and

Whereas, the Idaho Air National Guard's existing A-10 aircraft flying mission faces the distinct possibility of elimination in the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, the economies of Boise, southwestern Idaho and the entire state would be materially damaged by the loss of an Idaho Air National Guard flying mission at Gowen Field, which now provides jobs and career opportunities for thousands of Idaho citizens, both military and civilian; and