

There was no objection.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 13, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 4111. To amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the number of small business investment companies in underlicensed States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1872. To promote access for United States diplomats and other officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3996. To amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court.

H.R. 5759. To improve executive agency digital services, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2454. To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a data framework to provide access for appropriate personnel to law enforcement and other information of the Department, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1918. To oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3342. To impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons that are responsible for using civilians as human shields, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4407. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the "Corporal Jeffrey Allen Williams Post Office Building".

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday December 19, 2018, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2018, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CANADA, EXPENDED BETWEEN NOV. 16 AND NOV. 19, 2018

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Mike Turner	11/16	11/18	Canada		620.00	(3)	856.00				1,476.00
Hon. Gerry Connolly	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Hon. Tom Marino	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Hon. Rob Bishop	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Hon. Susan Davis	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Hon. Rick Larsen	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Hon. Jim Costa	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Hon. Brett Guthrie	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Adam Howard	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Janice Robinson	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Ed Rice	11/16	11/19	Canada		930.00	(3)					930.00
Committee total					9,920.00	(3)	856.00				10,776.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER, Nov. 28, 2018.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO SPAIN, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 29 AND NOV. 1, 2018

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Cindy Herrle	10/29	11/1	Spain		753.00		9,242.00				9,995.00
Katie Pointer	10/29	11/1	Spain		753.00		13,844.00				14,597.00
Committee total					1,506.00		23,086.00				24,592.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

MS. CINDY HERRLE, Nov. 27, 2018.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7170. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs Under the Clean Air Act [EPA-HQ-OEM-2015-0725; FRL-9987-23-OLEM] received December 3, 2018, 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.

7171. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-

cy's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Texas; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R06-OAR-2008-0408; FRL-9986-64-Region 6] received December 6, 2018, 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.

7172. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Texas; Emission Statements [EPA-R06-OAR-2018-0676; FRL-9986-66-Region 6] received December 1, 2018, 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.

7173. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-

cy's final rule — Air Plan and Operating Permit Program Approval: AL, GA and SC; Revisions to Public Notice Provisions in Permitting Programs [EPA-R04-OAR-2018-0296; FRL-9987-13-Region 4] received December 3, 2018, 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.

7174. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 1-Propanesulfonic acid, 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl)amino]—, homopolymer, sodium salt and 1-Propanesulfonic acid, 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl)amino]—, sodium salt (1:1), homopolymer; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0290; FRL-9985-99] received December 3, 2018, 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.

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. CHABOT: Committee on Small Business. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Small Business 115th Congress (Rept. 115-1079). 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. SHUSTER:

H.R. 7316. A bill to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SHUSTER:

H.R. 7317. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary shall enter into agreements for the construction, renovation, improvement, and lease of facilities in order to address the deferred capital backlog of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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. BARLETTA (for himself and Mr. DENHAM):

H.R. 7318. A bill to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to ensure that the Public Buildings Reform Board has adequate time to carry out the responsibilities of the Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BARLETTA (for himself and Mr. DENHAM):

H.R. 7319. A bill to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to provide flexibility with respect to the leaseback of certain Federal real property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 7320. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide criteria for use of Federal funds to support trauma-informed practices in schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BACON, and Mr. BANKS of Indiana):

H.R. 7321. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to Iranian financial institutions and the development and use of Iranian digital currency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and 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. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Ms. PLASKETT):

H.R. 7322. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that unmet needs after a major disaster are met; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. JENKINS of Kansas:

H.R. 7323. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to shareholder claims arising from the appointment of a conservator or receiver for certain depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 7324. A bill to clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers, 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. PALAZZO:

H.R. 7325. A bill to provide for the issuance of revenue bonds to fund construction of a physical border barrier and related technology, roads, and lighting along the United States border with Mexico; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. RATCLIFFE (for himself and Miss RICE of New York):

H.R. 7326. A bill to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. SHUSTER:

H.R. 7316.

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. SHUSTER:

H.R. 7317.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress) and clause 17 (relating to authority over the district as the seat of government), and Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (relating to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States).

By Mr. BARLETTA:

H.R. 7318.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (relating to the

power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress) and clause 17 (relating to authority over the district as the seat of government), and Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (relating to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States).

By Mr. BARLETTA:

H.R. 7319.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress) and clause 17 (relating to authority over the district as the seat of government), and Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (relating to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States).

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 7320.

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

Article I, Section 8, United States Constitution

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 7321.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution, specifically, the power to "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes."

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana:

H.R. 7322.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the common defense and general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Ms. JENKINS of Kansas:

H.R. 7323.

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 Office thereof.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 7324.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. PALAZZO:

H.R. 7325.

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

Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. RATCLIFFE:

H.R. 7326.

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

Article I, Section 8 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. 356: Ms. WILD and Ms. SCANLON.