

In talking to forestry people just today, you can see illustrated in photographs private land that has been recovered right after a forest fire and, indeed, Federal land, because we have to do yet another NEPA on something we should already know and understand—delayed 1, 2, 3 years. And then you don't have the value left anymore of those trees that were left behind after a fire; therefore, there is never enough money to do the job.

Mr. Speaker, we must reform NEPA so it works for the people.

HONORING BERTEL VAN EEK

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, at the end of this month, something rather extraordinary will happen: Bertel Van Eek will turn 108 years old. She has been the embodiment of the American Dream and, in some respects, of the importance of the things that happen here.

In the midst of debates here about immigration, she reminds us that we are a nation of immigrants. She came to this country as an immigrant after World War II. She was welcomed by the Statue of Liberty and by a country where she built an amazing life.

In the midst of debates about retirement security, she reminds us that it is important to have the backs of our seniors. Her husband died in 1981, and her ability to live with dignity for the last 37 years has been closely tied to two of the most successful public policies in the history of this country: Medicare and Social Security.

She was born on March 31, 1910—1910. America has had 19 Presidents over that timeframe. As someone who lived in Holland during World War II, she saw the capability and bravery of our military and its members.

Imagine all that she has seen over the years. She is going to watch this speech over the internet on a mobile phone. Imagine that. She was born 17 years before movies had sound.

But beyond that, her life has been filled with people who love her: a loving daughter who married a guy who calls her “Mom,” four great-grandchildren who adore her and who are adorable, and three grandkids who consider her a hero.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be one of those grandsons, and I am proud to stand here on the floor of the U.S. House and wish my Oma a happy 108th birthday.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NORMAN). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOODALL) at 1 o'clock and 20 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1625, TARGETED REWARDS FOR THE GLOBAL ERADICATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 23, 2018, THROUGH APRIL 9, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-614) on the resolution (H. Res. 796) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1625) to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from March 23, 2018, through April 9, 2018, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 899. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; 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.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2030. An act to deem the compliance date for amended energy conservation standards for ceiling fan light kits to be January 21, 2020, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 21 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4323. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Modification of Revenue Procedure 2018-4 (Rev. Proc. 2018-19) received March 20, 2018, 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.

4324. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Issuance of Opinion and Advisory Letters for Pre-approved Defined Benefit Plans for the Second Six-Year Cycle, Deadline for Employer Adoption of the Pre-approved Plans, and Opening of Determination Letter Program for the Pre-approved Plan Adopters [Announcement 2018-05] received March 20, 2018, 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.

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:

[March 22 (legislative day, March 21), 2018]

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 796. Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1625) to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from March 23, 2018, through April 9, 2018 (Rept. 115-614). 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 Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. KEATING):

H.R. 5357. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require congressional approval of agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation with foreign countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. HOLINGSWORTH, Mr. JONES, Mr. GROTHMAN, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER):

H.R. 5358. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. MENG, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SOTO, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 5359. A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to require the Secretary of

Commerce to provide advance notice to Congress before changing any questions on the decennial census, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. MEADOWS:

H.R. 5360. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a credit against tax for qualified special law enforcement officers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PAULSEN:

H.R. 5361. A bill to require that the Secretary of the Treasury establish a program for the issuance of identity protection personal identification numbers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. WALORSKI:

H.R. 5362. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the management of Internal Revenue Service information technology; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. POE of Texas (for himself and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 5363. A bill to safeguard the Crime Victims Fund; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Judiciary, 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. POE of Texas (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Texas):

H.R. 5364. A bill to improve security at State and local courthouses; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. STIVERS):

H.R. 5365. A bill to amend the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and modernize the Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. HARTZLER (for herself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Ms. HANABUSA):

H.R. 5366. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for certain authorized actions regarding interdiction of unmanned aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and 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. BIGGS:

H.R. 5367. A bill to amend Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to protect the "gig economy" and small businesses that operate in large part through contractor services from the threat of costly class action litigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BISHOP of Michigan (for himself, Mrs. WALORSKI, and Mr. RENACCI):

H.R. 5368. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that certain tax refunds be made by electronic funds transfer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BUDD, and Miss RICE of New York):

H.R. 5369. A bill to prohibit the consideration in the House of Representatives of any legislation containing an earmark; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 5370. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the IRS Oversight Board; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico:

H.R. 5371. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide student loan eligibility for mid-career, part-time students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MITCHELL:

H.R. 5372. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain provisions of Public Law 115-97, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. BIGGS):

H.R. 5373. A bill to provide support for the production of algae, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. POLIS (for himself, Ms. ROS-

LEHTINEN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. POCAN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. EVANS, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. CRIST, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. HIMES, Mr. KIHUEN, Ms. TITUS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. BASS, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. VELA, Mr. YARMUTH, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. MOORE, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. CARDENAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. COHEN, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. LEE, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. COSTA, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. TONKO, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. COOPER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. BERA, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. RUIZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. O'Rourke, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, and Mrs. TORRES):

H.R. 5374. A bill to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. BISHOP of Michigan):

H.R. 5375. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit to Congress a comprehensive customer service strategy for the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RENACCI:

H.R. 5376. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that contractors to whom return information is disclosed comply with confidentiality safeguards; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RENACCI (for himself, Mrs. BLACK, and Mr. BISHOP of Michigan):

H.R. 5377. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to make available an internet platform to prepare and file Forms 1099, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCALISE:

H.R. 5378. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a proceeding to determine whether certain activities by licensees of the Commission are undertakings under division A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code, or major Federal actions under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. FASO:

H. Res. 793. A resolution recognizing the importance of the Upper Delaware River in New York State; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROSS (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI):

H. Res. 794. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the national parks, national forests, and public lands and waters of the United States contribute greatly to the economic and physical well-being of Americans and can be further improved by public-private partnerships; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. NORCROSS):

H. Res. 795. A resolution recognizing the United States role in the evolving energy landscape of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries; to the Committee on Foreign 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 Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 5357.

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

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. HUNTER:

H.R. 5358.