

dedicated her life to service and community activism.

Dawn, we honor you.

RECOGNIZING WANDA FAYE HOWARD

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Wanda Faye Howard.

Wanda Howard is a Lake Wales native. She became the first African-American female president of the Lake Wales branch of the NAACP. Prior to that, she was the former youth adviser of many years for the Lake Wales NAACP Youth Council.

Wanda has been a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Lakeland Alumnae Chapter since spring of 1998. At the regional level, she served on the regional committee in Tennessee and program planning and development at various regional and national conventions.

Wanda has been a school volunteer at two schools in Lake Wales, Florida. She was once a member of the League of Women Voters of Polk County and spent time volunteering at the Lake Wales Boys and Girls Club. She enjoys giving her time, talent, and resources to the Lake Wales NAACP ACT-SO and Back to School/Stay in School programs. Wanda is also a very active member of her church, the Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lake Wales, Florida.

Ms. Howard continues to visit with the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Wales, Florida, to talk with them about civil rights and Black history.

Wanda, we honor you.

RECOGNIZING DR. J.A. WILTSHIRE

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Dr. J.A. Wiltshire.

Dr. J.A. Wiltshire is the first African-American physician in Lake Wales. He was born in New Jersey and served in the Army Specialized Training Program from 1943 until 1946, reaching the rank of second lieutenant.

While serving in the Army, he earned his bachelor's degree from Fisk University in Tennessee and entered Meharry Medical College, graduating with honors in 1946. Dr. Wiltshire moved to Tallahassee to become the chief of staff at Florida A&M University's hospital in 1947. He moved to Lake Wales in 1948 and opened up his practice on B Street, later moving to another office on 1st Avenue.

Dr. Wiltshire delivered an amazing 2,500 babies in almost 50 years of practicing medicine in Lake Wales before retiring in 1995. His wife, Laura, said that he never turned away a patient and always stayed past office hours and made a lot of night house calls.

Dr. Wiltshire was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Post Number 213 of the American Legion; and the Imperial Twenty-Five Club, a Bartow social club; and many other organizations, as well as helping the community with housing and medical care.

In 1984, he received the Annual Medical Award from the Polk County Chapter of the United Negro College Fund.

Dr. Wiltshire was chosen as Lake Wales Citizen of the Year in 1988. In 2004, a street in Lake Wales was named after him: Dr. J.A. Wiltshire Avenue.

Dr. Wiltshire, we honor you.

NATIONAL DEBT

Mr. SOTO. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk a little bit about the national debt and what we see going into 2018.

It was reported this week that the U.S. Government is set to borrow over \$1 trillion in 2018—approximately \$955 billion—which is an 84 percent increase from 2017.

The Congressional Budget Office reports quite clearly: Tax receipts are going to be lower because of the new tax law.

This is increasing bond yields, which is directly related to the recent stockmarket decline of nearly 1,800 points that we have seen over the last 2 days of trading, because we see higher interest rates, the highest for bonds since 2014. As a result, we have been watching a precipitous decline—the largest in American history—by actual number of points.

President Trump's Department of the Treasury forecasts borrowing over \$1 trillion in 2019 and over \$1.1 trillion in 2020.

President Trump has described himself as the "King of Debt," despite campaigning on reducing the national debt. What we worry about is that the tax plan will be mortgaging our future for today.

And guess who pays the bill?

Our children, who will have to repay a massive debt; our seniors, who could face cuts to Medicare and Social Security; and every American, due to a declining economy.

We must take this seriously. And \$1 trillion being doubled the year before and going over \$1 trillion next year, and \$1.1 trillion the following year is not sustainable for our Nation. I encourage all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to come together to fix this growing crushing debt before it is too late.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. COHEN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of flight delay.

Ms. KAPTUR (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of flight delay.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 9 a.m. 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:

3888. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. ACT 22-232, "Historic Anacostia Vacant Properties Surplus Declaration and Disposition Authorization Temporary Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3889. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 22-231, "Paul Devroux Way Designation Act of 2018", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1778. A bill to provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-545). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BUCK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 725. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 772) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments, and to amend the authority to bring proceedings under section 403A; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1153) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4771) to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (Rept. 115-546). 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 Mr. MITCHELL (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 4921. A bill to require the Surface Board of Transportation to implement certain recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H.R. 4922. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to list fentanyl analogues as schedule I controlled substances; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. ISSA:

H.R. 4923. A bill to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate

or foreign commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HARPER (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. WALKER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. BYRNE, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. DEUTCH, and Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana):

H.R. 4924. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to reform the procedures provided under such Act for the initiation, investigation, and resolution of claims alleging that employing offices of the legislative branch have violated the rights and protections provided to their employees under such Act, including protections against sexual harassment, 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. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. MITCHELL):

H.R. 4925. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration to implement certain recommendations for management and collection of railroad safety data; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. CICILLINE):

H.R. 4926. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emission fees, reduce the rate of the corporate income tax, provide tax credits to workers, deliver additional benefits to retired and disabled Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, Energy and Commerce, 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. BRAT:

H.R. 4927. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit the authority of district courts to provide injunctive relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRAT:

H.R. 4928. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide that the United States district court for the District of Columbia shall have exclusive jurisdiction over actions arising under the immigration laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. GIANFORTE, Mr. COOPER, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 4929. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay Initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. CULBERSON:

H.R. 4930. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act with respect to Federal assist-

ance to individuals and households, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. HARPER, Mr. BEYER, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. FOSTER):

H.R. 4931. A bill to establish the Transition to Independence demonstration program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. KIHUEN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 4932. A bill to address the disparate impact of climate change on women and support the efforts of women globally to address climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. RUSH:

H.R. 4933. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to implement the policy changes in the notices terminating temporary status for natives of Nicaragua, Haiti, and El Salvador, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANFORD:

H.R. 4934. A bill to prohibit assistance to the Government of Pakistan, and to require the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development to transfer amounts to the Highway Trust Fund equivalent to historic levels of assistance to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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. SWALWELL of California (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CICILLINE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. SOTO, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RUSH, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, and Ms. MOORE):

H.R. 4935. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for assault against journalists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN:

H.J. Res. 128. A joint resolution making a further extension of continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. MCCARTHY:

H. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H. Con. Res. 103. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a

ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. SÁNCHEZ (for herself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. BASS, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. KILMER, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. TONKO, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. O'ROURKE, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H. Res. 723. A resolution expressing support for designation of the week of February 5, 2018, through February 9, 2018, as "National School Counseling Week"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HARPER (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. WALKER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. BYRNE, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. DEUTCH, and Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana):

H. Res. 724. A resolution requiring each employing office of the House of Representatives to adopt an anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policy for the office's workplace, establishing the Office of Employee Advocacy to provide legal assistance and consultation to employees of the House regarding procedures and proceedings under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ethics, 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.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 4936. A bill for the relief of Joel Perez Hernandez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 4937. A bill for the relief of Ravidath Lawrence Ragbir; 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. MITCHELL:

H.R. 4921.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H.R. 4922.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution