CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — HOUSE

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H.R. 3600. A bill to restore the Free Speech and First Amendment rights of churches and exempt organizations by repealing the 1994 Johnson Amendment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KINGSTON (for himself and Mr. PARENTHOLD):

H.R. 3582. A joint resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Social Security Act to require a substance abuse risk assessment and targeted drug testing as a condition for the receipt of unemployment benefits, 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. PAUL:

H.R. 3562. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that an employee or Member who dies within the 2-year notification period with respect to a survivor annuity shall be presumed to have elected to provide a former spouse with such an annuity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. ROTHMAN of New Jersey:

H.R. 3593. A bill to authorize 150,000 incremental vouchers for tenant-based rental assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 to help meet the housing needs of low-income families; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 3578. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of lands to Alaska Native veterans; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. WHITFIELD):

H.R. 3579. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the declassification of information related to missing and unaccounted-for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BERCERRA:

H. Res. 486. A resolution electing a Member to a 3-year term on standing committee of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself and Mr. HANNA):

H. Res. 488. A resolution honoring Americans who served as volunteers for the United States Office of Civilian Defense during World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LAMNOR:

H. Res. 489. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be protected for use by those who celebrate Christmas; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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 on the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 3575.

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

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

H.R. 3576.

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

Article I, section 9, clause 7.

By Mr. RIBBLE:

H.R. 3577.

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

Article I, section 9, clause 7.

By Mr. WOODALL:

H.R. 3578.

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

Article I, section 9, clause 7.

By Mr. CHAPPEZ:

H.R. 3579.

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

Article I, section 9, clause 7.

By Mr. MULVANEY:

H.R. 3580.

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

Article I, section 9, clause 7.

By Mr. GARRETT:

H.R. 3581.

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

Article I, section 9, clause 7.

By Mr. PRICE of Georgia:

H.R. 3582.

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

Article I, section 9, clause 7.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

H.R. 3583.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, section 8, of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 3584.

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

The General Welfare Clause, Art. I, Sec. 8, of the Constitution.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 3586.

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

Under Article I, section 8 of the U.S. Constitution The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. BILBRAY:

H.R. 3587.

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

By Mr. WELCH:

H.R. 3588.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 18: The Congress shall have Power 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 Officer thereof.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 3589.

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

By Mrs. MALONEY:

H.R. 3590.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 4, which reads: To establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States.

By Mr. DeFazio:

H.R. 3591.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 7: “To establish Post Offices & Post Roads”.

By Mr. DeFazio:

H.R. 3592.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 7: “To establish Post Offices & Post Roads”.

By Ms. HAYWORTH:

H.R. 3593.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to establish Post Offices and post roads, as enumerated in Article I, section 8, clause 7 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. Walsh of Illinois:

H.R. 3594.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution.

The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. Bishop of New York:

H.R. 3595.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, section 8, clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. Clarke of New York:

H.R. 3596.

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

This bill to prohibit fees with respect to electronic benefit transfer debit cards used in connection with unemployment compensation is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, section 8, clause 1 of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. Heinrich:

H.R. 3599.

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

This bill to prohibit fees with respect to electronic benefit transfer debit cards used in connection with unemployment compensation is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, section 8, clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 3600.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by the first Amendment of the United States Constitution, which states Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;