

Group, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Conservation Compliance (RIN: 0560-AI26) received May 4, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1380. A letter from the Chairman, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, transmitting an addendum to the final Report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1381. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Weapons Council, Department of Defense, transmitting a certification, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 179(f), that the amounts requested for the National Nuclear Security Administration in the President's budget for FY 2016, meets nuclear stockpile and stockpile stewardship program requirements for such fiscal year and over such four fiscal years.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1382. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on U.S. support for Taiwan's participation as an Observer at the 68th World Health Assembly and in the work of the World Health Organization, pursuant to Public Law 108-235, 1(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1383. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report to Congress on the Millennium Challenge Corporation's FY 2014 obligations and expenditures for assistance provided to each eligible country as required under the Millennium Challenge Act, Pub. L. 108-199, Sec. 613; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1384. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report to Congress on the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and the treatment by the Government of Cuba of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement", together known as the Migration Accords, pursuant to Sec. 2245 of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1999, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1385. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's FY 2014 annual report, pursuant to Sec. 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1386. A letter from the Director, Office of Information Policy, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Department's Freedom of Information Act Regulations [Docket No.: OAG 140; AG Order No.: 3517-2015] (RIN: 1105-AB27) received May 4, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1387. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Bryce Canyon National Park, Bicycling [NPS-BRCA-17884; PA.PD191235A.00.3] (RIN: 1024-AE23) received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1388. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition filed on behalf of workers employed at the St. Louis Airport Storage Site in St. Louis, Missouri to be added to the Spe-

cial Exposure Cohort, pursuant to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 and 42 C.F.R. pt. 83; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1389. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report required by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended, 50 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., and Sec. 118 of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-177 (2006), providing information regarding all applications made by the Government during calendar year 2014 for authority to conduct electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes under the Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1390. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Wage Methodology for the Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment H-2B Program [Docket No.: ETA-2013-0003] (RIN: 1205-AB69) received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1391. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft bill to authorize \$997,600,000 for major medical facility construction projects for FY 2015, as well as to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs' Enhanced-Use Lease authority; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1392. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "Finalizing Medicare Rules under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 for Calendar Year 2014", detailing the instances in which the Department of Health and Human Services failed to publish a final Medicare rule within the timeline established for the final rule; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

1393. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "Open Payments Program Report to Congress", describing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' program integrity Open Payments Program; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and 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. THORNBERRY: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 1735. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-102). 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. POE of Texas (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. MASSIE):  
H.R. 2233. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to clarify

the prohibition on warrantless searching of collections of communications for United States persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. CARSON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 2234. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for contracting preferences and other benefits for emerging business enterprises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. COLLINS of Georgia):

H.R. 2235. A bill to ensure the continuation of successful fisheries mitigation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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 Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. DEFAZIO):

H.R. 2236. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, to submit to Congress, and make available to the public on the Internet, a report on the animals killed under the Wildlife Services program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. ESTY (for herself and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 2237. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a center of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to burn pits; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 2238. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove bond requirements and extend filing periods for certain taxpayers with limited excise tax liability; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, and Ms. MOORE):

H.R. 2239. A bill to amend the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 to increase the target financing of exports by small business concerns; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. RICHMOND (for himself, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, and Mr. LABRADOR):

H.R. 2240. A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SIRES (for himself and Mr. DIAZ-BALART):

H.R. 2241. A bill to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs,

projects, and activities of the Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. PITTS):

H.R. 2242. A bill to protect the internationally recognized right of free expression, ensure the free flow of information, and protect journalists and media personnel globally; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, 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. DESANTIS (for himself, Mr. SALMON, Mr. BLUM, and Mr. RIBBLE):

H.J. Res. 49. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BASS (for herself, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. HANNA, Mr. STIVERS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DELAUNO, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. ASHFORD, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. HAHN, Mr. COOK, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. COOPER, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PETERS, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Mr. POCAN, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. TITUS, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. LEE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. KEATING, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. TAKAI, Mr. AGUILAR, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. BLUM, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. HILL, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. POLIS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. COHEN, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. BABIN, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. HARDY, Ms. STEFANK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H. Res. 251. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster-care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster-care system; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GIBSON (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia):

H. Res. 252. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the national Job Corps program as it celebrates 50 years of educating and training the Nation's economically disadvantaged youth; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

#### 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. POE of Texas:

H.R. 2233.

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

4th Amendment to the Constitution

By Mr. CARSON of Indiana:

H.R. 2234.

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

Clause 1 and clause 18 of Article I of section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CRAWFORD:

H.R. 2235.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the enumerated powers listed in Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California:

H.R. 2236.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. ESTY:

H.R. 2237.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: clause 18 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2238.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 2239.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

To regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes

By Mr. RICHMOND:

H.R. 2240.

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

This bill is introduced pursuant to the powers granted to Congress under the General Welfare Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 1), the Commerce Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 3), and the Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 18).

Further, this statement of constitutional authority is made for the sole purpose of compliance with clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and

shall have no bearing on judicial review of the accompanying bill.

By Mr. SIRES:

H.R. 2241.

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

Pursuant to clause 3(d) (1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds the authority for this legislation in article I, section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2242.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. DESANTIS:

H.J. Res. 49.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following, Article I, Section 8

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 27: Mr. PALAZZO.  
 H.R. 306: Mr. SERRANO.  
 H.R. 317: Ms. GABBARD.  
 H.R. 423: Mr. POLIQUIN.  
 H.R. 452: Mr. MCNERNEY.  
 H.R. 600: Mr. MOOLENAAR and Mr. TONKO.  
 H.R. 602: Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mr. SIMPSON.  
 H.R. 706: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
 H.R. 711: Mr. MCGOVERN.  
 H.R. 721: Mr. FORBES.  
 H.R. 745: Mr. JOLLY and Mr. NOLAN.  
 H.R. 766: Mr. ROSS and Mr. STUTZMAN.  
 H.R. 863: Mr. OLSON and Mr. POE of Texas.  
 H.R. 864: Mr. RUSH.  
 H.R. 880: Mr. DOLD and Mrs. WAGNER.  
 H.R. 909: Mr. PETERS.  
 H.R. 969: Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. DENT, and Mr. THOMPSON of California.  
 H.R. 970: Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. LATTA, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.  
 H.R. 1062: Mr. GIBBS.  
 H.R. 1150: Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. LATTA, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. POLIS, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SCHIFF.  
 H.R. 1174: Mr. NEWHOUSE and Mr. FLORES.  
 H.R. 1185: Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BARR, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. JONES, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. COMSTOCK, and Mr. AMODEI.  
 H.R. 1221: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. KIND, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.  
 H.R. 1233: Mr. PEARCE, Mr. DOLD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. STUTZMAN, and Mr. BYRNE.  
 H.R. 1247: Mr. CICILLINE.  
 H.R. 1258: Ms. LEE.  
 H.R. 1269: Mr. COHEN.  
 H.R. 1270: Mr. SALMON.  
 H.R. 1283: Mr. CRAMER.  
 H.R. 1309: Mr. PEARCE and Mr. CRAWFORD.  
 H.R. 1342: Mr. RENACCI, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.  
 H.R. 1343: Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.  
 H.R. 1462: Mr. DOLD, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. AMODEI.  
 H.R. 1475: Mr. MCCAUL.  
 H.R. 1552: Mr. TONKO.  
 H.R. 1568: Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. HONDA, Mr.