

given citizenship by mistake when they were supposed to have been deported. It doesn't seem like a very innocent mistake when it is that egregious.

Back in December, The Washington Times reported that the "Obama administration fails to check immigrants against FBI databases, approves citizenship" anyway.

The Afghan refugee program has not been totally successful. A report here, Afghan refugee in December was arrested for rape and murder of a top EU official's daughter. So, apparently, that was not working out so well. But that was in the country of Germany where you have a like-minded leader in Angela Merkel, who wants to defeat terrorism, as our President does, with love and compassion. Well, love is a stronger emotion than hate. Love can overcome evil.

But when people are religiously dedicated to wiping another group of people off the planet for what they deem to be their holy god, those are people that have to be defeated. They are at war with you. You defeat them militarily. That puts radical Islam back in a box until some other well-meaning fool like former President Carter—a fine man, just a foolish President—not demeaning his character, but he was just very foolish—in citing the Ayatollah Khomeini as a man of peace, as he was so welcoming in the Ayatollah Khomeini taking over Iran. That released radical Islam out of the box, gave them control of a major country, major country military, and thousands and thousands and thousands of people continue to die because of that mistake.

We know going back to the early days of the United States when so much of the Federal Treasury was used to pay ransom to get our sailors back who were being captured by radical Islamists in North Africa, and Jefferson couldn't understand why they kept attacking American boats.

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He asked the Islamist whom he was negotiating with why they kept attacking American ships. We are not a threat to you. We don't even have a Navy.

Reportedly, the response was, in essence: Look, if we die, in attacking someone like you, we go straight to paradise.

Jefferson was amazed. He couldn't believe there was a world religion—or even people's interpretation of a world religion—that advocated that you could go to paradise for killing innocent people. Of course, they maintained they are not innocent because they don't believe exactly like the radical Islamists believe.

President Obama basically did the same thing with Libya. Qadhafi was not a good man; but, since 2003, the reports were clear, as others in North Africa and the Middle East reported, that he was about the best friend that the United States had in helping to fight terrorism in that area; yet this admin-

istration took him out. There were times on this floor that I and others were begging the administration not to take out Qadhafi, not to keep helping the rebels, not to keep bombing Qadhafi's troops until we knew how extensive al Qaeda was. We knew that at least a part of the people fighting were radical Islamists, but the administration went on and turned the country into chaos.

Thank God America is going to have a new administration before we completely go to chaos ourselves.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. POE of Texas (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of personal reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3. A letter from the PRAO Branch Chief, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Promotion [FNS-2016-0028] (RIN: 0584-AE44) received January 3, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Small Entity Compliance Guide — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-93; Small Entity Compliance Guide [Docket No.: FAR 2016-0051, Sequence No.: 8] received January 3, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Privacy Training [FAC 2005-94; FAR Case 2010-013; Item I; Docket No.: 2010-0013; Sequence No.: 1] (RIN: 9000-AM06) received January 3, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulations; Payment of Subcontractors [FAC 2005-94; FAR Case 2014-004; Item II; Docket No.: 2014-0004; Sequence No.: 1] (RIN: 9000-AM98) received January 3, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Com-

mittee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's summary presentation of final rules — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-94; Introduction [Docket No.: FAR 2016-0051, Sequence No.: 8] received January 3, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8. A letter from the President and CEO, National Safety Council, transmitting the Council's Audit Report, in accordance with their Federal Charter, 36 U.S.C. 152502; Public Law 105-225; (112 Stat. 1415); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. COLLINS of Georgia: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 22. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 26) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 11) objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-1). 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. CONAWAY (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 238. A bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes; 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. RATCLIFFE (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 239. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for innovative research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. RATCLIFFE (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 240. A bill to encourage engagement between the Department of Homeland Security and technology innovators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. FRANKS

of Arizona, Mr. FARENTHOLD, and Mrs. BLACK):

H.R. 241. A bill to provide for sanctions on countries that have refused or unreasonably delayed repatriation of an alien who is a national of that country, or that have an excessive repatriation failure rate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. WELCH (for himself, Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. CUM-MINGS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT):

H.R. 242. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. AMODEI:

H.R. 243. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in the State of Nevada except by express authorization of Congress; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. COOK (for himself and Ms. GABBARD):

H.R. 244. A bill to encourage effective, voluntary private sector investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual presidential awards to private sector employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COOK (for himself and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 245. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the calculation of the amount of the monthly housing stipend payable under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on the location of the campus where classes are attended; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. NOEM (for herself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. BLACK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANCE, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MESSER, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. BARR, Mr. KATKO, Mr. TURNER, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. HILL, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. REED, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. HURD, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. LONG, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. JONES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. OLSON, Mr. ABRAHAM,

Mr. TIBERI, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. BRAT, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. NUNES, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. EMMER, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, and Mr. YODER):

H.R. 246. A bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; 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. BRAT (for himself, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. ROYCE of California, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 247. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the permissible use of health savings accounts to include health insurance payments and to increase the dollar limitation for contributions to health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. AMASH:

H.R. 248. A bill to limit the authority of personnel of the Department of Homeland Security to prohibit a citizen or permanent resident of the United States from boarding as a passenger on an aircraft or cruise ship based on inclusion of the individual in a watchlist, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 249. A bill to prohibit United States voluntary contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations or any United Nations agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. GOSAR, and Ms. MCSALLY):

H.R. 250. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to divide the ninth judicial circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BROWNLEY of California:

H.R. 251. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a competitive grant program to award grants to States and local governments for purposes of assisting entrepreneurs planning to start a small business concern; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. AL GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 252. A bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on 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. BUCHANAN (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 253. A bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to invest in funding prevention and family services to help keep children safe and supported at home, to ensure that children in foster care are placed in the least restrictive, most family-like, and appropriate settings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia,

Ms. LEE, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. RICHMOND):

H.R. 254. A bill to reinstate Federal Pell Grant eligibility for individuals incarcerated in Federal and State penal institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. ESTY (for herself, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. SMITH of Texas):

H.R. 255. A bill to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. FARENTHOLD:

H.R. 256. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to provide that a member of the armed forces and the spouse of that member shall have the same rights regarding the receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station of the member; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKS of Arizona (for himself, Mr. DESANTIS, and Mr. ZELDIN):

H.R. 257. A bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to transfer to Jerusalem the United States Embassy located in Tel Aviv; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. GABBARD (for herself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. JONES, Mr. MASSIE, Ms. LEE, and Mr. YOHIO):

H.R. 258. A bill to prohibit the use of United States Government funds to provide assistance to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and to countries supporting those organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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 Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO:

H.R. 259. A bill to prevent the territories of the United States from losing current Medicaid funding; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO:

H.R. 260. A bill to enable the admission of the Territory of Puerto Rico into the Union as a State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO:

H.R. 261. A bill to amend part B of the title XVIII of the Social Security Act to apply deemed enrollment to residents of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 262. A bill to establish the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAMBORN (for himself and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona):

H.R. 263. A bill to render United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 null and void as a matter of United States law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAMBORN (for himself and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona):

H.R. 264. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for assessed or voluntary contributions to the United Nations until the submission of certain reports on such funding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LANCE:

H.R. 265. A bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H.R. 266. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used to hire and train new, additional career law enforcement officers who are residents of the communities they serve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H.R. 267. A bill to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H.R. 268. A bill to amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 to permit the construction of certain noise barriers with funds from the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H.R. 269. A bill to eliminate the requirement that, to be eligible for foster care maintenance payments, a child would have been eligible for aid under the former program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children at the time of removal from the home; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H.R. 270. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide support to environmental justice communities and environmental justice projects; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H.R. 271. A bill to reauthorize the Assets for Independence Act, to provide for the approval of applications to operate new demonstration programs and to renew existing programs, to enhance program flexibility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H.R. 272. A bill to amend title XX of the Social Security Act to provide grants to support job creation initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia:

H.R. 273. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the costs of certain infertility treatments; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MOULTON (for himself, Mr. HURD, Mr. MEADOWS, Mrs. BUSTOS, and Mr. SWALWELL of California):

H.R. 274. A bill to provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees traveling on official Government business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 275. A bill to prevent diversion of funds from the Crime Victims Fund; to the Committee on Rules, 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 Mrs. RADEWAGEN:

H.R. 276. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure reliable air service in American Samoa; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ROE of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. WALKER, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. GOSAR,

Mr. FLORES, Mr. BARR, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. HILL, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. CULBERSON, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. SCALISE):

H.R. 277. A bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and related reconciliation provisions, to promote patient-centered health care, to provide for the creation of a safe harbor for defendants in medical malpractice actions who demonstrate adherence to clinical practice guidelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, House Administration, Rules, Appropriations, and Veterans' Affairs, 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. ROSS:

H.R. 278. A bill to amend the Illegal Immigration and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to complete the required 700-mile southwest border fencing by December 31, 2016, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 279. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 280. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to ensure displaced workers are provided consultation and advice for starting a small business as part of the rapid response activities for displaced workers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 281. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to simplify the petitioning procedure for H-2A workers, to expand the scope of the H-2A program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 282. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers to elect to use the same residences as the servicemembers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 283. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow without penalty any 529 plan distributions used for student loans payments; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 284. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish rules for payment for graduate medical education (GME) costs for hospitals that establish a new medical residency training program after hosting resident rotators for short durations; 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. TURNER (for himself, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama):

H.R. 285. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual and employer health insurance mandates; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TURNER (for himself and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio):

H.R. 286. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain emergency medical devices from the excise tax on medical devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TURNER:

H.R. 287. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt student workers for purposes of determining a higher education institution's employer health care shared responsibility; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WALDEN (for himself and Mr. LOEBACK):

H.R. 288. A bill to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 289. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permits for recreation services on lands managed by Federal agencies, and for other purposes; 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. WALDEN (for himself and Mr. KINZINGER):

H.R. 290. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. YOHO (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. FLORES, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. OLSON):

H.R. 291. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the basis for the denial of retirement credit, for service as a Member of Congress, to include conviction of any felony under Federal or State law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, 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. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 292. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to exempt Alaska Native and American Indian programs from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 293. A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BYRNE:

H.J. Res. 14. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AMASH:

H.J. Res. 15. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAMBORN:

H.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the "Stream Protection Rule"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PALAZZO (for himself and Mr. SANFORD):

H.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of consecutive terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution requiring that each agency and department's funding is justified; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HASTINGS:

H. Con. Res. 4. Concurrent resolution expressing support for temporary protected status for Haitian nationals currently residing in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. WELCH (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KEATING, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KIND, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. NADLER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. COOPER, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CUMMINGS):

H. Con. Res. 5. Concurrent resolution clarifying any potential misunderstanding as to whether actions taken by President-elect Donald Trump constitute a violation of the Emoluments Clause, and calling on President-elect Trump to divest his interest in, and sever his relationship to, the Trump Organization; 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 to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. CONAWAY:

H.R. 238.

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

Pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, Congress has the authority to regulate foreign and interstate commerce.

By Mr. RATCLIFFE:

H.R. 239.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18—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. RATCLIFFE:

H.R. 240.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18—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. POE of Texas:

H.R. 241.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4

By Mr. WELCH:

H.R. 242.

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

Article 1, 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. AMODEI:

H.R. 243.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by 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 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. COOK:

H.R. 244.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. COOK:

H.R. 245.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mrs. NOEM:

H.R. 246.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. BRAT:

H.R. 247.

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

The Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution grants Congress "power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration." Left undefined in the amendment, the "incomes" appropriate for taxation must be determined through legislation passed by Congress. Congress therefore has the power to exclude from income taxation such sources as it deems appropriate.

By Mr. AMASH:

H.R. 248.

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

The Due Process Clause ("[N]or shall any person . . . be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law . . .")

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 . . . all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.")

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 249.

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

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7: No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

By Mr. BIGGS:

H.R. 250.

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

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

By Ms. BROWNLEY of California:

H.R. 251.

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

Article I, Section VIII

By Mr. AL GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 252.

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

General Welfare Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 1)

Commerce Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 3)

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 253.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, to "provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States."

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 254.

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

Article I of the Constitution and its subsequent amendments and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Ms. ESTY:

H.R. 255.

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

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. FARENTHOLD:

H.R. 256.

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

The 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution

By Mr. FRANKS of Arizona:

H.R. 257.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (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); and Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (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 Ms. GABBARD:

H.R. 258.

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

Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18