

By Mr. HURD (for himself and Mrs. DAVIS of California):

H.R. 5481. A bill to reform the GEAR UP program; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 5482. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to develop a plan for countering emerging and deliberate infectious disease threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. STEFANK, Mrs. HANDEL, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mr. RUSH):

H.R. 5483. A bill to impose a deadline for the promulgation of interim final regulations in accordance with section 311(h) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 831(h)) specifying the circumstances in which a special registration may be issued to a practitioner to engage in the practice of telemedicine, and for other purposes; 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. CARTWRIGHT (for himself and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H.R. 5484. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to prohibit a court from making an award of costs to a defendant except on a finding that an action was brought in bad faith; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. COMER (for himself and Mr. POLIS):

H.R. 5485. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for State and Tribal regulation of hemp production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, 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. CORREA:

H.R. 5486. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain training or vocational rehabilitation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 5487. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to modify the regional conservation partnership program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. DESJARLAIS):

H.R. 5488. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to provide for a Federal charter for Remote Area Medical, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ESTES of Kansas:

H.R. 5489. A bill to institute reforms to the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. ESTY of Connecticut (for herself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 5490. A bill to provide for a grant program for handgun licensing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FORTENBERRY:

H.R. 5491. A bill to provide loans and grants to qualified agricultural associations to assist in the establishment of agricultural association health plans; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself and Mr. BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico):

H.R. 5492. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to address the use of opioids and substance use disorders with respect to pregnant women and babies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 5493. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from income discharge of medical indebtedness; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. BERGMAN, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH):

H.R. 5494. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to include contracts awarded under section 8127 of title 38, United States Code, in the limitations relating to subcontracting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself and Mr. TED LIEU of California):

H.R. 5495. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require employees of the Executive Office of the President or the White House to notify the Office of Government Ethics and Congress in each instance the individual is recused from a particular matter pursuant to section 208 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself and Mr. BIGGS):

H.R. 5496. A bill to amend Immigration and Nationality Act regarding the extension of a foreign state's designation for purposes of temporary protected status, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERSON (for himself and Mr. CRAMER):

H.R. 5497. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish the Office of Rural Telecommunications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PETERSON (for himself and Mr. TIPTON):

H.R. 5498. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the floor on the area wage index under the inpatient prospective payment system to certain sole community hospitals and to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide eligibility for certain sole community hospitals to discounted drug prices under the 340B drug pricing program; 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. RICHMOND (for himself, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, and Mr. SCALISE):

H.R. 5499. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Stephen Michael Gleason; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ROUZER:

H.R. 5500. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach to vet-

erans regarding the effect of delayed payments of claims for emergency medical care furnished by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical providers by the Office of Community Care and to direct the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report regarding such delayed payments; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. TORRES:

H.R. 5501. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to take certain actions to end corruption in the Northern Triangle region of Central America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN:

H.R. 5502. A bill to prohibit private passenger automobile insurers from using certain income proxies to determine insurance rates and eligibility; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. KELLY of Mississippi:

H. Res. 822. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 12, 2018, as "Reman Day"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. LOEBSACK (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, and Ms. VELAZQUEZ):

H. Res. 823. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of April 16, 2018, through April 20, 2018, as National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. MOOLENAAR (for himself, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. TROTT, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mr. UPTON):

H. Res. 824. A resolution opposing the detention and deportation of Iraqi Chaldean Christians; 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. CONAWAY:

H.R. 2.

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

The ability to regulate interstate commerce and with foreign Nations pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 includes the power to regulate commodity prices, practices affecting them and the trading or donation of the commodities to impoverished nations. In addition, the Congress has the power to provide for the general Welfare of the United States under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 which includes the power to promote the development of Rural America through research and extension of credit.

By Mr. ROYCE of California:

H.R. 5480.