

holding hospitals accountable and supporting the providers that serve them; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana:

H.R. 6388. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the reduction of the annuity for any Federal employee who is convicted of a felony that resulted in, or would have resulted in, removal from the civil service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CHABOT:

H.R. 6389. A bill to enact certain laws relating to small business as title 57, United States Code, "Small Business"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. COMSTOCK (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. COSTA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 6390. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to study and identify best practices for closing the gender, race, and income gap in patenting rates for certain small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, 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. JODY B. HICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, and Mr. MITCHELL):

H.R. 6391. A bill to reauthorize and modify the authority of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. LANCE):

H.R. 6392. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the work opportunity tax credit with respect to hiring veterans who are receiving educational assistance under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or Defense; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. COOK, Mr. MAST, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. RICHMOND, and Mr. LOEBSACK):

H. Res. 993. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. BYRNE, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. COOK, and Mr. ABRAHAM):

H. Res. 994. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Marine Corps faces significant readiness challenges and that budgetary uncertainty impedes the Corps' ability to meet ongoing and unexpected national security threats, putting United States national

security at risk; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. CHENEY (for herself, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BYRNE, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia):

H. Res. 995. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Nation now faces a more complex and grave set of threats than at any time since the end of World War II, and that the lack of full, on-time funding related to defense activities puts servicemen and servicewomen at risk, harms national security, and aids the adversaries of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 997. A resolution expressing support for dance as a form of valuable exercise and of artistic expression, and for the designation of July 28 as National Dance Day; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WITTMAN (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. GALLAGHER, Ms. CHENEY, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. BYRNE, and Ms. MCSALLY):

H. Res. 998. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Navy's total readiness remains in a perilous state due to high operational demands, increased deployment lengths, shortened training periods, and deferred maintenance all while the Navy is asked to "do more with less" as financial support for critical areas waned in the era of sequestration and without consistent Congressional funding; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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. PAULSEN:

H.R. 6377.

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

Article I, Section 8

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 Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana:

H.R. 6378.

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

Article I, section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. MACARTHUR:

H.R. 6379.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 1 (relating to the general welfare of the United States); and Article I, section 8, clause 3 (relating to the power to regulate interstate commerce).

By Mr. MCHENRY:

H.R. 6380.

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

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence . . . of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts, and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Ms. BORDALLO:

H.R. 6381.

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

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 6382.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. WALZ:

H.R. 6383.

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. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 6384.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.R. 6385.

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

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law. . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States. . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mr. DUNN:

H.R. 6386.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. JAYAPAL:

H.R. 6387.

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

By Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana:

H.R. 6388.

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

Article I, section 8

By Mr. CHABOT:

H.R. 6389.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mrs. COMSTOCK:

H.R. 6390.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia:

H.R. 6391.

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

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.