

Year 2012 Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8097. A letter from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting two reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8098. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition on behalf of workers employed at the Clarksville Modification Center, Ft. Campbell, in Clarksville, Tennessee, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), pursuant to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8099. A letter from the Controller, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, transmitting the Audited Financial Statements of NSDAR for the Fiscal Year ended February 28, 2011, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(20) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8100. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to Class B Airspace; Salt Lake City, UT [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0438; Airspace Docket No. 11-AWA-4] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8101. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Sweetwater, TX [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0829; Airspace Docket No. 11-ASW-9] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8102. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Battle Creek, MI [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1110; Airspace Docket No. 11-AGL-21] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8103. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lemmon, SD [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0391; Airspace Docket No. 12-AGL-2] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8104. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tullahoma, TN [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1367; Airspace Docket No. 11-ASO-41] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8105. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Montgomery, AL [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0411; Airspace Docket No. 12-ASO-26] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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8106. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Colorado Springs, CO [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1191; Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-21] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8107. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department of Energy's Nuclear Waste Fund's Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Statements, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10224(c); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## 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. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LONG, and Mr. AKIN):

H.R. 6575. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, 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. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 6576. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to such travel; 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. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 6575.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 (General Welfare) and Clause 3 (Commerce)

'Congress shall have the power to . . . provide for the . . . general welfare'

'Congress shall have the power . . . to regulate Commerce'

The Medicare Audit Improvement Act makes several changes to the way hospital

audits are conducted which involves at least three parties: a hospital, a private Medicare contractor who conducts audits and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. During the auditing process, transactions take place between these parties which is what constitutes this bill as regulating commerce. Further, Medicare is considered to be constitutional as part of providing for the general welfare and therefore any changes to Medicare would fall under this provision as well.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 6576.

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

Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution (clauses 12, 13, 14, and 16), which grants Congress the power to raise and support an Army; to provide and maintain a Navy; to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces; and to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 546: Mr. GOHMERT.  
 H.R. 750: Mr. ROKITA.  
 H.R. 904: Mrs. BIGGERT.  
 H.R. 1054: Mrs. DAVIS of California.  
 H.R. 1876: Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas.  
 H.R. 2052: Mr. RANGEL and Mr. MCGOVERN.  
 H.R. 2103: Mr. LANGEVIN.  
 H.R. 2168: Mr. BISHOP of Utah.  
 H.R. 2479: Mr. CLEAVER.  
 H.R. 2514: Mr. ROKITA.  
 H.R. 2563: Mr. KING of Iowa.  
 H.R. 3032: Mr. DEFAZIO.  
 H.R. 3053: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.  
 H.R. 3300: Ms. PINGREE of Maine.  
 H.R. 3444: Mr. BARLETTA.  
 H.R. 3481: Mr. BOUSTANY.  
 H.R. 3591: Ms. ESHOO and Mr. ISRAEL.  
 H.R. 3625: Mr. NADLER.  
 H.R. 4024: Mr. STARK.  
 H.R. 4025: Mr. STARK.  
 H.R. 5969: Mr. FORTENBERRY.  
 H.R. 5970: Mr. FORTENBERRY.  
 H.R. 6138: Mr. STARK and Mr. CAPUANO.  
 H.R. 6291: Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. WOLF, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 6388: Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. STARK, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 6428: Mr. MICHAUD.

H.R. 6527: Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas.

H.R. 6528: Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. HONDA.