

An industry review of the statute, regulations and legislative and operating history demonstrates that Congress specifically intended the Missouri River reservoir system be operated to benefit downstream areas on the Mississippi River as well as the Missouri. Corps management of the Missouri reservoirs has deviated from the AOP during exceptional circumstances. The navigation community recognizes the legitimate needs of the other users of Missouri River waters, and believes this problem can be solved without significant impact on other water claimants.

We trust that you recognize the importance of this issue to U.S. jobs and industries, and are hopeful that you will work with all parties involved in these impacted areas. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

Rep. Aaron Schock (IL-18); Rep. Ed Whitfield (KY-1), Rep. Jeff Landry (LA-3); Rep. Spencer Bachus (AL-6); Rep. Erik Paulsen (MN-3); Rep. Dave Loebsack (IA-2); Rep. Elijah Cummings (MD-7); Rep. Wm Lacy Clay (MO-1); Rep. Gene Green (TX-29); Rep. Steve Cohen (TN-9); Rep. Adam Kinzinger (IL-11); Rep. Sam Graves (MO-6); Rep. Peter Roskam (IL-6); Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson (PA-5); Rep. Gregg Harper (MS-3); Rep. Bobby Schilling (IL-17); Rep. Leonard Boswell (IA-3); Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-2); Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (MS-2); Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, IL (MO-5); Rep. Terri A. Sewell (AL-7); Rep. Jerry Costello (IL-12); Rep. Mo Brooks (AL-5); Rep. John Shimkus (IL-19); Rep. Tim Murphy (PA-18); Rep. Timothy V. Johnson (IL-15); Rep. Steve Scalise (LA-1); Rep. Tim Griffin (AR-2); Rep. Danny K. Davis (IL-7); Rep. Bruce Braley (IA-1); Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3); Rep. Jim Cooper (TN-5); Rep. Mark Critz (PA-12); Rep. Bobby L. Rush (IL-1); Rep. Tim Walberg (MI-7); Rep. Robert J. Dold (IL-10); Rep. Rodney Alexander (LA-5); Rep. Rick Crawford (AR-1); Rep. Steven M. Palazzo (MS-4); Rep. Billy Long (MO-7); Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-9); Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (MO-8); Rep. Randy Hultgren (IL-14); Rep. Tom Latham (IA-4); Rep. Alan Nunnelee (MS-1); Rep. Todd Akin (MO-2); Rep. Mike Ross (AR-4); Rep. Charles W. Boustany, Jr., MD (LA-7); Rep. Vicky Hartzler (MO-4); Rep. Brett Guthrie (KY-2); Rep. Steve Stivers (OH-15); Rep. Marsha Blackburn (TN-7); Rep. Bill Cassidy, MD (LA-6); Rep. Stephen Fincher (TN-8); Rep. Collin Peterson (MN-7); Rep. Dan Burton (IN-5); Rep. John Kline (MN-2); Rep. Don Manzullo (IL-16); Rep. Judy Biggert (IL-13); Rep. Diane Black (TN-6); Rep. Jason Altmire (PA-4); Rep. Russ Carnahan (MO-3).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of illness.

Ms. EDWARDS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a family funeral.

Mr. FATTAH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of attending an event with the President in Pennsylvania.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a funeral in the district.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 915. An act to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 3, 2012, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8514. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Australia pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8515. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revised Policy on Managing the Duration of Remedial Design/Remedial Action Negotiations received November 8, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8516. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Inservice Inspection of Prestressed Concrete Containment Structures with Grouted Tendons; Regulatory Guide 1.90, Revision 2 received November 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8517. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the 2012 Annual Report on the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8518. A letter from the President, African Development Foundation, transmitting a letter fulfilling the annual requirements contained in the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, covering the period October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8519. A letter from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8520. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, trans-

mitting Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8521. A letter from the President, Federal Financing Bank, transmitting the Annual Report of the Federal Financing Bank for Fiscal Year 2012, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8522. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's fourth annual report on activities regarding civil rights era homicides, as required by the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8523. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's quarterly report from the Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties for the third quarter of fiscal year 2012 April 1, 2012 — June 30, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8524. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's quarterly report from the Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties for the third quarter of fiscal year 2012 April 1, 2012 — June 30, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8525. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule [Docket No.: EP 716] received November 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8526. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Bostock 50th Anniversary Fireworks, Long Island Sound; Manursing Island, NY [Docket Number: USCG-2012-0385] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received November 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8527. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30859; Amdt. No. 502] received November 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8528. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Part A Premiums for CY 2013 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement [CMS-8047-N] (RIN: 0938-AR15) received November 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8529. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for CY 2013 [CMS-8064-N] (RIN: 0938-AR14) received November 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8530. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Treatment of Certain Amounts Paid to Section 170(c) Organizations under Certain Employer Leave-Based Donation Programs to Aid Victims of Hurricane Sandy [Notice 2012-69] received November 14, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8531. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue

Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2013 Limitations Adjusted As Provided in Section 415(d), etc. [Notice 2012-67] received November 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8532. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting fourth quarterly report of FY 2012 on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

8533. A letter from the Program Manager, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule — Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2013 [CMS-8048-N] (RIN: 0938-AR16) received November 19, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); 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. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 4053. A bill to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending; with an amendment (Rept. 112-698). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Foreign Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Science, Space, and Technology discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2356 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILLS

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII, the following actions were taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 940. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than December 14, 2012.

H.R. 3283. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than December 14, 2012.

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. GOWDY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 6620. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate certain limitations on the length of Secret Service Protection for former Presidents and for the children of former Presidents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas:

H.R. 6621. A bill to correct and improve certain provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and title 35, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California:

H.R. 6622. A bill to permit Federal officers to remove cases involving crimes of violence to Federal court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARRIS:

H.R. 6623. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 6624. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe rules regulating inmate telephone service rates; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. UPTON, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio):

H. Con. Res. 142. Concurrent resolution expressing the opposition of Congress to Federal efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. GOWDY:

H.R. 6620. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The authority to enact this bill is derived from, but may not be limited to, Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas:

H.R. 6621. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 8 of section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California:

H.R. 6622. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Officer Safety Act of 2012 is based upon the Commerce Clause of Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. HARRIS:

H.R. 6623. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 6624. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 "The Congress shall have Power "to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes."

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 273: Mr. DUFFY.
 H.R. 1030: Mr. PERLMUTTER.
 H.R. 1265: Ms. GRANGER.
 H.R. 1418: Mr. PAYNE.
 H.R. 1523: Ms. DEGETTE.
 H.R. 1546: Mr. LONG and Mr. ENGEL.
 H.R. 1623: Mr. HINOJOSA.
 H.R. 1968: Mr. RAHALL.
 H.R. 2052: Mr. CARTER.
 H.R. 2082: Mr. MCGOVERN.
 H.R. 2505: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.
 H.R. 2697: Mrs. BLACK.
 H.R. 3125: Ms. HAHN.
 H.R. 3359: Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Ms. NORTON.
 H.R. 4100: Mr. WAXMAN.
 H.R. 4122: Mr. MICHAUD.
 H.R. 4209: Mr. MCDERMOTT.
 H.R. 4373: Mr. POE of Texas and Mr. ENGEL.
 H.R. 5817: Mr. NUGENT.
 H.R. 5822: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina and Mr. CHAFFETZ.
 H.R. 5871: Mr. ELLISON.
 H.R. 6021: Mr. ELLISON.
 H.R. 6038: Mr. RANGEL.
 H.R. 6107: Mr. KISSELL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. WALZ of Minnesota.
 H.R. 6263: Ms. HIRONO.
 H.R. 6416: Mr. CICILLINE.
 H.R. 6421: Mr. PETERS.
 H.R. 6443: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H.R. 6490: Mr. HALL, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. HANNA, and Mr. LANGEVIN.
 H.R. 6494: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
 H.R. 6527: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
 H.R. 6528: Mr. ELLISON.
 H.R. 6575: Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. ADERHOLT.
 H.R. 6582: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. KIND, and Mr. BRALEY of Iowa.
 H.R. 6612: Mr. HALL.
 H.R. 6613: Mr. ACKERMAN.
 H. Res. 312: Ms. LEE of California.
 H. Res. 736: Mr. OLVER, Mr. STARK, and Mr. NEAL.
 H. Res. 760: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. MOORE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Mr. BISHOP of New York.
 H. Res. 776: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.
 H. Res. 820: Mr. ALEXANDER.