

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, had come to no resolution thereon.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4413.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

PROTECTING FARMERS FROM THE EPA

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, on June 20, members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation joined together to protect Pennsylvania farmers by fighting back against another regulatory overreach by the Environmental Protection Agency.

I, along with Senator PAT TOOMEY and U.S. Representatives SCOTT PERRY, LOU BARLETTA, and BILL SHUSTER, filed a brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia, in a case that centers on the proper scope of the EPA's authority under the Clean Water Act and the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Over the past decade, regional and State-led conservation efforts have substantially reduced agriculture's ecological footprint within the watershed. Today, farmers continue to improve land management practices and remain the best stewards of our natural resources, which their livelihoods are dependent upon.

Despite these success stories, the EPA is seeking to seize, for the Federal Government, powers traditionally held by the States and impose an unconscionable economic burden on farmers and taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, the EPA has continued a foolish and impractical pursuit to put forth oppressive mandates that threaten the economic livelihood of our local farms and businesses. It is abuse of power that cannot and will not be tolerated.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FITZPATRICK (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of travel delays.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 10 a.m. 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:

6084. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel David S. Nahom and Colonel Stephen C. Williams, United States Air Force, to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6085. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Major General Anthony J. Rock, United States Air Force, to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6086. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Contractor Comment Period, Past Performance Evaluations [FAC 2005-74; FAR Case 2012-028; Item IV; Docket No. 2012-0028, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM40) received June 2, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6087. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Defense Base Act [FAC 2005-74; FAR Case 2012-016; Item V; Docket No. 2012-0016, Sequence 1] (RIN: 9000-AM50) received June 2, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6088. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6089. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "HHS Secretary's Efforts to Improve Children's Health Care Quality in Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6090. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6091. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6092. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Economic

Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency blocking property of the government of the Russian Federation relating to the disposition of the highly enriched uranium extracted from nuclear weapons that was declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6093. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6094. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting pursuant to Title II, Section 203, of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act (No FEAR Act), the Department's annual report for FY 2013; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6095. A letter from the Director, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's annual report for FY 2013 prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6096. A letter from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting the Commission's audited Seventy-Third Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6097. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, transmitting the Office's report entitled, "The Fiscal Year 2013 Accounting of Drug Control Funds and the Fiscal Year 2013 Performance Summary Report"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6098. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6099. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Utah Regulatory Program [STATS No. UT-049-FOR; Docket ID No.: OSM-2012-0015; S1D1SSS08011000SX066A00067F144S180110; S2D2SSS08011000SX066A00033F14XS501520] received June 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6100. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — North Dakota Regulatory Program [STATS No. ND-053-FOR; Docket ID No.: OSM-2012-0006;

S1D1SSS08011000SX066A00067F144S180110; S2D2SSS08011000SX066A00033F14XS501520] received June 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6101. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Commercial Groundfish Fishery Management Measures; Rockfish Conservation Area Boundaries for Vessels Using Bottom Trawl Gear [Docket No.: 130808694-4318-02] (RIN: 06488-BD37) received May 19, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.