

1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 114—17); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

759. A letter from the District of Columbia Auditor, Auditor, transmitting a report entitled “Certified Business Enterprise Expenditures of Public-Private Development Construction Projects for Fiscal Year 2014”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

760. 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.

761. A letter from the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Implementation of Executive Order 13672 Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity by Contractors and Subcontractors (RIN: 1250-AA07) received March 3, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

762. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the final version of the NCUA 2015-2016 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

763. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the Endowment’s annual report for FY 2014 prepared in accordance with Sec. 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

764. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting five reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

765. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Recovery and State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Oregon Chub From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-R1-ES-2014-0002] (RIN: 1018-BA28) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

766. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding Five Species of Sawfish to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-ES-2014-0066; 4500030113] (RIN: 1018-BA68) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

767. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Injurious Wildlife Species; Listing Three Anacarda Species and One Python Species as Injurious Reptiles [Docket No.: FWS-R9-FHC-2008-0015] (RIN: 1018-AV68) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

768. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Recovery and State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reinstatement of Final Rules for the Gray Wolf in Wyoming and the Western Great Lakes in Compliance With Court Or-

ders [Docket No.: FWS-R6-ES-2014-0059; FXES1113090000C2-156-FF09E42000] (RIN: 1018-BA64) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

769. A letter from the Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska; Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska During the 2015 Season [Docket No.: FWS-R7-MB-2014-0036] (RIN: 1018-BA48) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

770. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 131021878-4158-02] (RIN: 0648-XD747) received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

771. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting Allocations and Fishery Closure; Pacific Whiting Seasons [Docket No.: 131119977-4381-02] (RIN: 0648-XD640) received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

772. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measures for Gray Triggerfish in the Gulf of Mexico; Reduced Annual Catch Limit and Annual Catch Target and Closure [Docket No.: 121004518-3398-01] (RIN: 0648-XD723) received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

773. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 130925836-4174-02] (RIN: 0648-XD715) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

774. 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; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications [Docket No.: 140811659-5070-02] (RIN: 0648-XD437) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

775. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Russian Federation Extending the Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of Soviet Socialist Republics on Mutual Fisheries Relations of May 31, 1988, with annex, as extended; (H. Doc. No. 114—18); to the Committee on Natural Resources and ordered to be printed.

776. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the AFT

2014 PACT Act Report, pursuant to the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2009, pursuant to Pub. L. 111-154, 15 U.S.C. 378(f), covering the period February 28, 2013, through October 15, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

777. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the “Office of Refugee Resettlement: Annual Report to Congress, FY 2013”, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1523(a); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

778. A letter from the Vice President, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, Amtrak, transmitting Amtrak’s FY 2016 Grant Request package and FY 2016 General and Legislative Annual Report, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 24315(b); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

779. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s 2015 annual “Report to Congress from the Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Advisory Committee”, pursuant to Sec. 53003 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

780. A letter from the Assistant Chief Counsel for PHMSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Pipeline Safety: Miscellaneous Changes to Pipeline Safety Regulations [Docket No.: PHMSA-2010-0026; Amdt. Nos.: 191-23; 192-120; 195-100] (RIN: 2137-AE59) received March 11, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

781. A letter from the Chief, Impact Analyst, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel (02 REG), Acquisition, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation: Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and Veteran-Owned Small Business Status Protests (RIN: 2900-AM92) received March 10, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

782. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material From the Pre-Hispanic Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador (RIN: 1515-AE01) received March 9, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

783. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the FY 2014 report on the activities of the Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence (EACE), pursuant to Sec. 723 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of FY 2009, Pub. L. 110-417; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans’ Affairs.

784. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the “National Security Education Program (NSEP) 2014 Annual Report”, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1906(a); jointly to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select) and Education and the Workforce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of the rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 284. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require State licensure and bid surety bonds for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive acquisition program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-38, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 876. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals; with an amendment (Rept. 114-39, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 887. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-40, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 876 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. GRIF-FITH):

H.R. 1353. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the period of exclusivity with respect to certain drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California):

H.R. 1354. A bill to permanently extend the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. PAULSEN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DELANEY, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT):

H.R. 1355. A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to expand the purposes of advances and collateral available to community development financial institutions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COFFMAN (for himself and Ms. SPEIER):

H.R. 1356. A bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 1357. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the designation of cer-

tain Department of Veterans Affairs employees as beneficiaries under Veterans' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 1358. A bill to enact into law a framework for deciding whether certain projectiles are "primarily intended for sporting purposes" for purposes of determining whether the projectiles are armor piercing ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FATTAH (for himself and Mr. HINOJOSA):

H.R. 1359. A bill to authorize the establishment of American Dream Accounts; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FATTAH (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 1360. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to use revenue generated by certain fines, penalties, and settlements that are not designated for restitution or any other purpose to fund evidence-based youth mentoring projects, justice reinvestment efforts, and innovations in medical research and development; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Science, Space, and Technology, and 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. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 1361. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to eliminate the State option to reduce the home equity exemption amount for purposes of eligibility for long-term care assistance under Medicaid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 1362. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to submit an annual report on sources of funds used to finance the non-Federal share of expenditures under such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself and Mr. HUELSKAMP):

H.R. 1363. A bill to repeal a certain rule relating to nutrition standards in the national school lunch and school breakfast programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself and Mr. HECK of Nevada):

H.R. 1364. A bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before authorizing the construction of a nuclear waste repository; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H. Res. 149. A resolution expressing support for designation of the week of March 15, 2015, through March 21, 2015, as National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Week; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

12. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of New Mexico, relative to Senate Memorial 99, commending the long-standing traditions of tolerance, inclusion and interfaith harmony in the Republic of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 1353.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, which gives the Congress the authority to provide for the general welfare of the United States. Additionally, under Article I, Section 8, Clause 8 which gives Congress the power to promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries

By Mr. ELLISON:

H.R. 1354.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, Clause 3 and Clause 18.

By Mr. ELLISON:

H.R. 1355.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, Clause 3 and Clause 18.

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 1356.

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

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 1357.

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

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

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 1358.

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

U.S. Const. Art. I Section 8 clause 3

By Mr. FATTAH:

H.R. 1359.

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

Pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, the Congress shall have the power "[t]o regulate commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

By Mr. FATTAH:

H.R. 1360.

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

Pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, the Congress shall have the power "[t]o regulate commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 1361.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 1362.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. KING of Iowa:

H.R. 1363.

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

This legislation repeals a rule made by an Executive agency pursuant to an act of Congress. This bill is intended to correct the