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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 27, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Scott Wilson, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Our gracious God, we come today with thanks and gratitude for Your presence, with thanks for this beautiful land we call home, and with thanks for Your guidance as we seek to serve our fellow citizens.

We ask Your blessings for all of those who choose to take up the difficult task of governing, not only those who are elected, but also those who serve as staffers, interns, and volunteers. Strengthen all of us and help us to show forth the fruits of Your spirit of love, joy, peace, and generosity as we go about our work. Grant us a spirit of compassion and cooperation.

May the peace that passes all understanding guide our hearts and minds in the days to come.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BRITISH-AMERICAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group:

Mr. HOLDING, North Carolina, Chairman

Mr. HILL, Arkansas
Mr. LATTA, Ohio
Mr. ADERHOLT, Alabama
Mr. ROE, Tennessee

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES GROUP OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly:

Mr. TURNER, Ohio, Chairman
Mr. JOHNSON, Ohio
Mr. MARINO, Pennsylvania
Mr. GUTHRIE, Kentucky
Mr. COOK, California
Mr. KINZINGER, Illinois
Mr. SHIMKUS, Illinois

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMISSION ON CONGRESSIONAL MAILING STANDARDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 501(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards:

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS, Illinois, Chairman
Mr. LATTA, Ohio
Mrs. COMSTOCK, Virginia

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Texas
Mr. COLE, Oklahoma

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:

Mr. SMITH, New Jersey, Co-Chairman
Mr. ADERHOLT, Alabama
Mr. BURGESS, Texas
Mr. HULTGREN, Illinois
Mr. HUDSON, North Carolina

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE AS CO-CHAIR OF TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 5, 115th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member to serve as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission:

Mr. HULTGREN, Illinois

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE HOUSE DEMOCRACY PARTNERSHIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 5, 115th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member to the House Democracy Partnership:

Mr. ROSKAM, Illinois, Chairman

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR THE 115TH CONGRESS

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, as required by clause 2(a) of House rule XI, I respectfully submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the rules of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, which were adopted at a public meeting of the Committee on January 24, 2017.

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The Rules of the House of Representatives, and in particular, the committee rules enumerated in clause 2 of rule XI, are the rules of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (hereafter referred to as the "Committee"), to the extent applicable.

(b) A motion to recess and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are privileged non-debatable motions in Committee.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs shall consult the Ranking Minority Member to the extent possible with respect to the business of the Committee. Each subcommittee of the Committee is a part of the Committee and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and to its rules, to the extent applicable.

2. DATE OF MEETING

The regular meeting date of the Committee shall be the first Tuesday of every month when the House of Representatives is in session pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XI of the House of Representatives. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman as the Chairman may deem necessary or at the request of a majority of the Members of the Committee in accordance with clause 2(c) of rule XI of the House of Representatives. The determination of the business to be considered at each meeting shall be made by the Chairman subject to clause 2(c) of rule XI of the House of Representatives. A regularly scheduled meeting need not be held if, in the judgment of the Chairman, there is no business to be considered.

3. QUORUM

For purposes of taking testimony and receiving evidence, two Members shall con-

stitute a quorum, and the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee shall make every effort to ensure that the relevant Ranking Minority Member or another Minority Member is present at the time a hearing is convened. One-third of the Members of the Committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for taking any action, except: (1) reporting a measure or recommendation; (2) closing Committee meetings and hearings to the public; (3) authorizing the issuance of subpoenas; and (4) any other action for which an actual majority quorum is required by any rule of the House of Representatives or by law. No measure or recommendation shall be reported to the House of Representatives unless a majority of the Committee is actually present. No measure or recommendation shall be reported to the full Committee by a subcommittee unless half of the subcommittee is actually present. A record vote may be demanded by one-fifth of the Members present or, in the apparent absence of a quorum, by any one Member.

4. MEETINGS AND HEARINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(a) Meetings

(1) Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, of the Committee or a subcommittee shall be open to the public except when the Committee or subcommittee, in open session and with a majority present, determines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting on that day shall be closed to the public, because disclosure of matters to be considered would endanger national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or would tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person or otherwise violate any labor rule of the House of Representatives. No person other than Members of the Committee and such congressional staff and departmental representatives as the Committee or subcommittee may authorize shall be present at any business or markup session which has been closed to the public. This subsection does not apply to open Committee hearings which are provided for by subsection (b) of this rule.

(2) The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee may postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of approving any measure or matter, or adopting an amendment. The relevant Chairman may resume proceedings on a postponed request at any time. When exercising postponement authority, the relevant Chairman shall take all reasonable steps necessary to notify Members on the resumption of proceedings on any postponed record vote. When proceedings resume on a postponed question, notwithstanding any intervening order for the previous question, an underlying proposition shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

(b) Hearings

(1) Each hearing conducted by the Committee or a subcommittee shall be open to the public except when the Committee or subcommittee, in open session and with a majority present, determines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of that hearing on that day should be closed to the public because disclosure of testimony, evidence or other matters to be considered would endanger the national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or otherwise would violate any law or rule of the House of Representatives. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a majority of those present, there being in attendance the requisite number required under the rules of the Committee to be present for the purpose of taking testi-

(A) may vote to close the hearing for the sole purpose of discussing whether testimony or evidence to be received would endanger the national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or violate paragraph (2) of this subsection; or

(B) may vote to close the hearing, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) Whenever it is asserted by a Member of the Committee that the evidence or testimony at a hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person, or it is asserted by a witness that the evidence or testimony that the witness would give at a hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate the witness—

(A) such testimony or evidence shall be presented in executive session, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, if by a majority of those present, there being in attendance the requisite number required under the rules of the Committee to be present for the purpose of taking testimony, the Committee or subcommittee determines that such evidence or testimony may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person; and

(B) the Committee or subcommittee shall proceed to receive such testimony in open session only if the Committee, a majority being present, determines that such evidence or testimony will not tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person.

(3) No Member of the House of Representatives may be excluded from non-participatory attendance at any hearing of the Committee or a subcommittee unless the House of Representatives has by majority vote authorized the Committee or subcommittee, for purposes of a particular series of hearings, on a particular article of legislation or on a particular subject of investigation, to close its hearings to Members by the same procedures designated in this subsection for closing hearings to the public.

(4) A Member of the House of Representatives who is not a Member of the Committee may not be recognized to participate in a Committee or Subcommittee hearing except by the unanimous consent of Committee Members present at such hearing. Participatory recognition of a non-Committee Member shall occur only after all Committee Members seeking recognition, both majority and minority, have had their opportunity to participate and question any witnesses.

(5) The Committee or a subcommittee may by the procedure designated in this subsection vote to close one (1) subsequent day of hearing.

(6) No congressional staff shall be present at any meeting or hearing of the Committee or a subcommittee that has been closed to the public, and at which classified information will be involved, unless such person is authorized access to such classified information in accordance with rule XX of the House of Representatives.

5. CONVENING HEARINGS AND MARKUPS

(a) Hearings. Public announcement shall be made of the date, place, and subject matter of any hearing to be conducted by the Committee or a subcommittee at the earliest possible date, and in any event at least one (1) week before the commencement of that hearing. If the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, with the concurrence of the relevant Ranking Minority Member, determines that there is good cause to begin a hearing sooner, or if the Committee or subcommittee so determines by majority vote in the presence of the number of members required under the rules of the Committee for the taking of action, the Chairman of the full Committee, if concurring, shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date. No change shall be made to a publicly announced hearing title

until after consultation with the relevant Ranking Minority Member and notice to previously announced witnesses.

(b) Markups and Other Meetings to Transact Business

(1) Convening. The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee may call or convene, as the relevant Chairman considers necessary, meetings of the Committee or subcommittee for the consideration of a bill or resolution pending before the Committee or subcommittee, as the case may be, or for the conduct of other Committee or subcommittee business.

(2) Notice. Public announcement shall be made by the Chairman of the full Committee of the date, place, and subject matter of any markup or other meeting to conduct business at the earliest possible date, and in any event at least one (1) week before the commencement of such markup or meeting, unless the relevant Chairman determines, in consultation with the relevant Ranking Minority Member, that there is good cause to begin such a markup or meeting on an earlier date. If such determination is made, the Chairman of the full Committee, if concurring in that determination, shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date.

(3) Agenda and Texts. The relevant Chairman shall provide to all Committee or subcommittee Members an agenda for each Committee and subcommittee markup or other meeting to transact business, setting out all items of business to be considered, including whenever possible a copy of any measure scheduled for markup, at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) before the meeting.

Bills on subjects not listed on such agenda shall be subject to a point of order unless their consideration is agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the Committee or subcommittee, or by the Chairman of the full Committee with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member. The text of any measure to be marked up shall be made publicly available in electronic form at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the markup meeting, or at the time of an announcement under subparagraph (b)(2) made within 24 hours before such meeting.

(c) Publication. Public announcement of all hearings and markups shall be published in the Daily Digest portion of the Congressional Record and made publicly available in electronic form. Members shall be notified by the Staff Director of all meetings (including markups and hearings) and briefings of subcommittees and of the full Committee.

(d) Member Seating. During Committee and subcommittee hearings and markups, chairs on the dais are for Members. No staff member other than a Committee or subcommittee staff director, counsel, or professional staff member may occupy a chair on the dais, unless authorized by the Chairman of the full Committee, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Full Committee. Only one staff member each from the majority and the minority may occupy chairs on the dais at any time during a hearing or markup.

6. WITNESSES

(a) Interrogation of Witnesses

(1) In so far as practicable, witnesses shall be permitted to present their oral statements without interruption subject to reasonable time constraints imposed by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, with questioning by the Committee Members taking place afterward. Members should refrain from questions until such statements are completed.

(2) In recognizing Members, the relevant Chairman shall, to the extent practicable, give preference to the Members on the basis

of their arrival at the hearing, taking into consideration the majority and minority ratio of the Members actually present. A Member desiring to speak or ask a question shall address the relevant Chairman and not the witness.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), each Member may interrogate the witness for 5 minutes, the reply of the witness being included in the 5-minute period. After all Members have had an opportunity to ask questions, the round shall begin again under the 5-minute rule.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the relevant Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, may permit one (1) or more majority Members of the Committee designated by the relevant Chairman to question a witness for a specified period of not longer than 30 minutes. On such occasions, an equal number of minority Members of the Committee designated by the Ranking Minority Member shall be permitted to question the same witness for the same period of time. Committee staff may be permitted to question a witness for equal specified periods either with the concurrence of the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the full Committee or by motion. However, in no case may questioning by Committee staff proceed before each Member of the Committee who wishes to speak under the 5-minute rule has had one opportunity to do so.

(b) Testimony of Witnesses

(1) Advance Filing Requirement. Each witness who is to appear before the Committee or a subcommittee is required to file testimony with the Committee or subcommittee at least two (2) business days in advance of that appearance. For purposes of this subsection, testimony includes the written statement of a witness, as well as any video, photographs, audio-visual matter, posters, or other supporting materials that the witness intends to present or display before the Committee. Such testimony should be provided in electronic form to the extent practicable. The Committee or subcommittee shall notify Members at least two business days in advance of a hearing of the availability of testimony submitted by witnesses. In addition, each witness shall provide sufficient copies, as determined by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, of his or her proposed written statement to be provided to Members and staff of the Committee or subcommittee, the news media, and the general public. The text of the written statement provided pursuant to this paragraph shall be considered final, and may not be revised by the witness after the Committee meeting at which the witness appears.

(2) Witness Preclusion and Waiver. The requirements of paragraph (1) or any part thereof may be waived by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, or the presiding Member, or the Ranking Member of the Committee or subcommittee as it relates to witnesses who are called by the minority to testify, provided that the witness or the relevant Chairman or Ranking Minority Member has submitted, prior to the witness's appearance, a written explanation to the reasons testimony has not been made available to the Committee or subcommittee. If a witness who is not an official of the U.S. Government has not submitted testimony as required by paragraph (1) and no such written explanation has been submitted, the witness shall be released from testifying unless a majority of the Committee or subcommittee votes to accept his or her testimony.

(3) Remote Witness Participation. The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee shall promptly, and not later than 48 hours beforehand if possible, notify the relevant Ranking Member of any witness

who is likely to present testimony other than in person, such as by videoconference. A witness may not testify via telephone or other audio-only medium without the concurrence of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee or subcommittee. The relevant Chairman shall make reasonable efforts to verify the identity of any witness participating remotely.

(4) 'Truth In Testimony' Disclosure. In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall, to the extent practicable, include: a curriculum vitae; a disclosure of the amount and source of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof), or of any contract or payment originating with a foreign government, received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness, to the extent that such information is relevant to the subject matter of, and the witness' representational capacity at, the hearing; and a disclosure of whether the witness is an active registrant under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy, safety, or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.

(5) Witness Presentation. A witness shall limit his or her oral presentation to a brief summary of his or her written statement.

(6) Translation. A witness requiring an interpreter or translator should include in the testimony provided pursuant to paragraph (1) the identity of the interpreter or translator that the witness intends to use. Unless properly noticed as a separate witness, an interpreter or translator appearing before the Committee should not present views or statements other than those expressed by the witness.

(c) Oaths. The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, or any Member of the Committee designated by the relevant Chairman, may administer oaths to any witness appearing before the Committee.

7. PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMITTEE RECORDS

An accurate stenographic record shall be made of all hearings and markup sessions. Members of the Committee and any witness may examine the transcript of his or her own remarks and may make any grammatical or technical changes that do not substantively alter the record. Any such Member or witness shall return the transcript to the Committee offices within seven (7) calendar days (not including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) after receipt of the transcript, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Any information supplied for the record at the request of a Member of the Committee shall be provided to the Member when received by the Committee.

Transcripts of hearings and markup sessions (except for the record of a meeting or hearing which is closed to the public) shall be printed as soon as is practicable after receipt of the corrected versions, except that the Chairman may order the transcript of a hearing to be printed without the corrections of a Member or witness if the Chairman determines that such Member or witness has been afforded a reasonable time to correct such transcript and such transcript has not been returned within such time.

The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with rule VII of the House of Representatives. The Chairman shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of

the rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination on the written request of any Member of the Committee.

The Committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible, make its publications available in electronic form.

8. EXTRANEOUS MATERIALS IN COMMITTEE HEARINGS PRINTS

No extraneous material shall be printed in either the body or appendices of any Committee or subcommittee hearing, except matter which has been accepted for inclusion in the record during the hearing or by agreement of the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee or subcommittee within five (5) calendar days of the hearing. Copies of bills and other legislation under consideration and responses to written questions submitted by Members shall not be considered extraneous material.

Extraneous material in either the body or appendices of any hearing to be printed which would be in excess of eight (8) printed pages (for any one submission) shall be accompanied by a written request to the relevant Chairman. Such written request shall contain an estimate in writing from the Public Printer of the probable cost of publishing such material.

9. INFORMATION ON COMMITTEE ACTION

(a) Record Votes. The result of each record vote in any meeting of the Committee outside of executive session shall be made publicly available in electronic form within 48 hours of such record vote. Such result shall include a description of the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition, the name of each Member voting for and against, and the Members present but not voting.

(b) Adopted Amendments. Not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment to a measure or matter considered by the Committee, the text of each such amendment shall be made publicly available in electronic form.

(c) Hearing and Markup Attendance. Member attendance at each Committee hearing and markup shall be recorded and included in the Committee print of the transcript of that hearing or markup.

10. PROXIES

Proxy Voting is not Permitted in the Committee or in Subcommittees.

11. REPORTS

(a) Reports on Bills and Resolutions. To the extent practicable, not later than 24 hours before a report is to be filed with the Clerk of the House on a measure that has been ordered reported by the Committee, the Chairman shall make available for inspection by all Members of the Committee a copy of the draft Committee report in order to afford Members adequate information and the opportunity to draft and file any supplemental, minority or additional views which they may deem appropriate.

With respect to each record vote on a motion to report any measure or matter of a public character, and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, the total number of votes cast for and against, and the names of those Members voting for and against, shall be included in any Committee report on the measure or matter.

(b) Prior Approval of Certain Reports. No Committee, subcommittee, or staff report, study, or other document which purports to express publicly the views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations of the Committee or a subcommittee may be released to the public or filed with the Clerk of the House unless approved by a majority of the Committee or subcommittee, as appropriate. A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to Members of the Committee for

at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day). In any case in which clause 2(1) of rule XI and clause 3(a)(1) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives does not apply, each Member of the Committee or subcommittee shall be given an opportunity to have views or a disclaimer included as part of the material filed or released, as the case may be.

(c) Foreign Travel Reports. At the same time that the report required by clause 8(b)(3) of rule X of the House of Representatives, regarding foreign travel reports, is submitted to the Chairman, Members and employees of the Committee shall provide a report to the Chairman listing all official meetings, interviews, inspection tours and other official functions in which the individual participated, by country and date. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Chairman may waive the listing in such report of an official meeting, interview, inspection tour, or other official function. The report shall be maintained in the Committee offices and shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no Member or employee of the Committee will be authorized for additional Committee travel until the reports described in this subsection have been submitted to the Chairman for that person's prior Committee travel.

12. REPORTING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Except in extraordinary circumstances, bills and resolutions will not be considered by the Committee unless and until the appropriate subcommittee has recommended the bill or resolution for Committee action, and will not be taken to the House of Representatives for action unless and until the Committee or a relevant subcommittee has ordered reported such bill or resolution, a quorum being present.

Except in extraordinary circumstances, a bill or resolution originating in the House of Representatives that contains exclusively findings and policy declarations or expressions of the sense of the House of Representatives or the sense of the Congress shall not be considered by the Committee or a subcommittee unless such bill or resolution has at least 25 House co-sponsors, at least 10 of whom are Members of the Committee.

For purposes of this rule, extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member and such other Members of the Committee as the Chairman deems appropriate.

The Committee or a subcommittee shall not consider a bill or resolution originating in the House of Representatives that expresses appreciation, commends, congratulates, celebrates, recognizes the accomplishments of, or celebrates the anniversary of, an entity, event, group, individual, institution, team, or government program, or that acknowledges or recognizes a period of time for such purposes, except in circumstances determined by the Chairman with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member.

The Chairman is directed to offer a motion under clause 1 of rule XXII of the Rules of the House whenever the Chairman considers it appropriate.

13. STAFF SERVICES

The Committee staff shall be selected and organized so that it can provide a comprehensive range of professional services in the field of foreign affairs to the Committee, the subcommittees, and all its Members. The staff shall include persons with training and experience in foreign affairs, making available to the Committee individuals with knowledge of major countries, areas, and U.S. overseas programs and operations.

Subject to clause 9 of rule X of the House of Representatives, the staff of the Com-

mittee, except as provided in paragraph (c), shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the Chairman with the approval of the majority of the Members in the majority party of the Committee. Their remuneration shall be fixed by the Chairman, and they shall work under the general supervision and direction of the Chairman. Staff assignments are to be authorized by the Chairman or by the Staff Director under the direction of the Chairman.

Subject to clause 9 of rule X of the House of Representatives, the staff of the Committee assigned to the minority shall be appointed, their remuneration determined, and may be removed, by the Ranking Minority Member with the approval of the majority of the minority party Members of the Committee. Such staff shall work under the general supervision and direction of the Ranking Minority Member with the approval or consultation of the minority Members of the Committee.

The Chairman shall ensure that sufficient staff is made available to each subcommittee to carry out its responsibilities under the rules of the Committee. The Chairman shall ensure that the minority party is fairly treated in the appointment of such staff.

14. NUMBER AND JURISDICTION OF SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) Full Committee. The full Committee will be responsible for oversight and legislation relating to: foreign assistance (including development assistance, Millennium Challenge Corporation, the Millennium Challenge Account, HIV/AIDS in foreign countries, security assistance, and Public Law 480 programs abroad); national security developments affecting foreign policy; strategic planning and agreements; war powers, treaties, executive agreements, and the deployment and use of United States Armed Forces; peacekeeping, peace enforcement, and enforcement of United Nations or other international sanctions; arms control and disarmament issues; the United States Agency for International Development; activities and policies of the State, Commerce, and Defense Departments and other agencies related to the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act, including export and licensing policy for munitions items and technology and dual-use equipment and technology; international law; promotion of democracy; international law enforcement issues, including narcotics control programs and activities; Broadcasting Board of Governors; embassy security; international broadcasting; public diplomacy, including international communication and information policy, and international education and exchange programs; and all other matters not specifically assigned to a subcommittee. The full Committee will have jurisdiction over legislation with respect to the administration of the Export Administration Act, including the export and licensing of dual-use equipment and technology and other matters related to international economic policy and trade not otherwise assigned to a subcommittee, and with respect to the United Nations, its affiliated agencies, and other international organizations, including assessed and voluntary contributions to such organizations. The full Committee may conduct oversight and investigations with respect to any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee as defined in the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) Subcommittees. There shall be six (6) standing subcommittees. The names and jurisdiction of those subcommittees shall be as follows:

(1) Functional Subcommittee. There shall be one subcommittee with functional jurisdiction:

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade: Oversight and legislative responsibilities over the United States' efforts to manage and coordinate international programs to combat terrorism as coordinated by the Department of State and other agencies, and efforts to bring international terrorists to justice. With the concurrence of the Chairman of the full Committee, oversight of, and legislation pertaining to, non-proliferation matters involving nuclear, chemical, biological and other weapons of mass destruction, except for legislation involving the Foreign Assistance Act, the Arms Export Control Act, the Export Administration Act, and sanctions laws pertaining to individual countries and the provision of foreign assistance (which is reserved to the full Committee). Oversight of matters relating to international economic and trade policy; commerce with foreign countries; international investment policy; the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency; commodity agreements; and special oversight of international financial and monetary institutions; the Export-Import Bank, and customs. With the concurrence of the Chairman of the full Committee, legislative jurisdiction over measures related to export promotion and measures related to the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency.

(2) Regional Subcommittees. There shall be five subcommittees with regional jurisdiction: the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific; the Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats; the Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. As detailed below, two of the regional subcommittees also shall have functional jurisdiction.

The regional subcommittees shall have jurisdiction over the following within their respective regions:

(1) Matters affecting the political relations between the United States and other countries and regions, including resolutions or other legislative measures directed to such relations.

(2) Legislation with respect to disaster assistance outside the Foreign Assistance Act, boundary issues, and international claims.

(3) Legislation with respect to region- or country-specific loans or other financial relations outside the Foreign Assistance Act.

(4) Legislation and oversight regarding human rights practices in particular countries.

(5) Oversight of regional lending institutions.

(6) Oversight of matters related to the regional activities of the United Nations, of its affiliated agencies, and of other multilateral institutions.

(7) Identification and development of options for meeting future problems and issues relating to U.S. interests in the region.

(8) Oversight of base rights and other facilities access agreements and regional security pacts.

(9) Concurrent oversight jurisdiction with respect to matters assigned to the functional subcommittees insofar as they may affect the region.

(10) Oversight of foreign assistance activities affecting the region, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the full Committee.

(11) Such other matters as the Chairman of the full Committee may determine.

The Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and Inter-

national Organizations: In addition to its regional jurisdiction, oversight of: international health issues, including transboundary infectious diseases, maternal health and child survival, and programs related to the global ability to address health issues; population issues; the United Nations and its affiliated agencies (excluding peacekeeping and enforcement of United Nations or other international sanctions); the American Red Cross; and the Peace Corps. In addition, legislation and oversight pertaining to: implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; other matters relating to internationally-recognized human rights, including legislation aimed at the promotion of human rights and democracy generally; and the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, and related issues.

The Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats: In addition to its regional jurisdiction, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the full Committee, oversight related to emerging foreign threats to the national security and interests of the United States.

15. POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) In General. Each subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence, and report to the full Committee on all matters referred to it.

(b) Scheduling. Subcommittee chairmen shall set meeting dates after consultation with the Chairman, other subcommittee chairmen, the relevant Ranking Minority Member and other appropriate Members, with a view toward minimizing scheduling conflicts. Subcommittee meetings shall not be scheduled to occur simultaneously with meetings of the full Committee. Hearings shall not be scheduled to occur prior to the first vote or subsequent to the last vote of a legislative week, or outside of Washington, D.C., without prior consultation with the relevant Ranking Minority Member. In order to ensure orderly administration and fair assignment of hearing and meeting rooms, the subject, time, and location of hearings and meetings shall be arranged in advance with the Chairman through the Staff Director of the Committee.

(c) Vice Chairmen. The Chairman of the Full Committee shall designate a Member of the majority party on each subcommittee as its vice chairman.

(d) Participation. The Chairman of the full Committee and the Ranking Minority Member may attend the meetings and participate in the activities of all subcommittees of which they are not Members, except that they may not vote or be counted for a quorum in such subcommittees.

(e) Required Oversight Hearings. During each 180-day period following organization of the Committee, each subcommittee shall hold at least one hearing on oversight of U.S. Government activities.

16. REFERRAL OF BILLS BY CHAIRMAN

In accordance with rule 14 of the Committee and to the extent practicable, all legislation and other matters referred to the Committee shall be referred by the Chairman to a subcommittee of primary jurisdiction within two (2) weeks. In accordance with rule 14 of the Committee, legislation may also be referred to additional subcommittees for consideration. Unless otherwise directed by the Chairman, such subcommittees shall act on or be discharged from consideration of legislation that has been approved by the subcommittee of primary jurisdiction within two (2) weeks of such action. In referring any legislation to a subcommittee, the Chairman may specify a date by which the subcommittee shall report thereon to the full Committee.

Subcommittees with regional jurisdiction shall have joint jurisdiction with the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations over legislation regarding human rights practices in particular countries within their regions.

The Chairman may designate a subcommittee Chairman or other Member to take responsibility as manager of a bill or resolution during its consideration in the House of Representatives.

17. PARTY RATIOS ON SUBCOMMITTEES AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

The majority party caucus of the Committee shall determine an appropriate ratio of majority to minority party Members for each subcommittee. Party representation on each subcommittee or conference committee shall be no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio for the full Committee. The Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member are authorized to negotiate matters affecting such ratios including the size of subcommittees and conference committees.

18. SUBCOMMITTEE FUNDING AND RECORDS

Each subcommittee shall have adequate funds to discharge its responsibility for legislation and oversight.

In order to facilitate Committee compliance with clause 2(e)(1) of rule XI of the House of Representatives, each subcommittee shall keep a complete record of all subcommittee actions which shall include a record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded. The result of each record vote shall be promptly made available to the full Committee for inspection by the public in accordance with rule 9 of the Committee.

All subcommittee hearings, records, data, charts, and files shall be kept distinct from the congressional office records of the Member serving as Chairman of the subcommittee. Subcommittee records shall be coordinated with the records of the full Committee, shall be the property of the House, and all Members of the House shall have access thereto.

19. MEETINGS OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The Chairman shall call a meeting of the subcommittee chairmen on a regular basis not less frequently than once a month. Such a meeting need not be held if there is no business to conduct. It shall be the practice at such meetings to review the current agenda and activities of each of the subcommittees.

20. ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

(a) Authorized Persons. In accordance with the stipulations of the Rules of the House of Representatives, all Members of the House who have executed the oath required by clause 13 of rule XXIII of the House of Representatives shall be authorized to have access to classified information within the possession of the Committee.

Members of the Committee staff shall be considered authorized to have access to classified information within the possession of the Committee when they have the proper security clearances, when they have executed the oath required by clause 13 of rule XXIII of the House of Representatives, and when they have a demonstrable need to know. The decision on whether a given staff member has a need to know will be made on the following basis:

(1) In the case of the full Committee majority staff, by the Chairman, acting through the Staff Director;

(2) In the case of the full Committee minority staff, by the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, acting through the Minority Staff Director;

(3) In the case of subcommittee majority staff, by the chairman of the subcommittee;

(4) In the case of the subcommittee minority staff, by the Ranking Minority Member of the subcommittee.

No other individuals shall be considered authorized persons, unless so designated by the Chairman of the full Committee.

(b) Designated Persons. Each Committee Member is permitted to designate one member of his or her staff as having the right of access to information classified Confidential. Such designated persons must have the proper security clearance, have executed the oath required by clause 13 of rule XXIII of the House of Representatives, and have a need to know as determined by his or her principal. Upon request of a Committee Member in specific instances, a designated person also shall be permitted access to information classified Secret which has been furnished to the Committee pursuant to section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended. Upon the written request of a Committee Member and with the approval of the Chairman in specific instances, a designated person may be permitted access to other classified materials. Designation of a staff person shall be by letter from the Committee Member to the Chairman.

(c) Location. Classified information will be stored in secure safes in the Office of the Security Officer and in the Office of the Minority Staff Director. All materials classified Top Secret or higher must be stored in a Secure Compartmentalized Information Facility (SCIF).

(d) Handling. Materials classified Confidential or Secret may be taken from Committee offices to other Committee offices and hearing rooms by Members of the Committee and authorized Committee staff in connection with hearings and briefings of the Committee or its subcommittees for which such information is deemed to be essential. Removal of such information from the Committee offices shall be only with the permission of the Chairman under procedures designed to ensure the safe handling and storage of such information at all times. Except as provided in this paragraph, Top Secret materials may not be taken from approved storage areas for any purpose, except that such materials may be taken to hearings and other meetings that are being conducted at the Top Secret level when necessary. Materials classified Top Secret may otherwise be used under conditions approved by the Chairman after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member.

(e) Notice. Appropriate notice of the receipt of classified documents received by the Committee from the Executive Branch will be sent promptly to Committee Members through the Survey of Activities or by other means.

(f) Access. Except as provided for above, access to materials classified Top Secret or otherwise restricted held by the Committee will be in approved Committee spaces. The following procedures will be observed:

(1) Authorized persons will be permitted access to classified documents after inquiring of the Staff Director or an assigned staff member. Access to the SCIF will be afforded during regular Committee hours.

(2) Authorized persons will be required to identify themselves, to identify the documents or information they wish to view, and to sign the Classified Materials Log, which is kept with the classified information.

(3) The assigned staff member will be responsible for maintaining a log which identifies: (1) authorized persons seeking access, (2) the classified information requested, and (3) the time of arrival and departure of such persons. The assigned staff member will also assure that the classified materials are returned to the proper location.

(g) Divulgence. Classified information provided to the Committee by the Executive

Branch shall be handled in accordance with the procedures that apply within the Executive Branch for the protection of such information. Any classified information to which access has been gained through the Committee may not be divulged to any unauthorized person. Classified material shall not be photocopied or otherwise reproduced. In no event shall classified information be discussed in a non-secure environment. Apparent violations of this rule should be reported as promptly as possible to the Chairman for appropriate action.

(h) Other Regulations. The Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, may establish such additional regulations and procedures as in his judgment may be necessary to safeguard classified information under the control of the Committee. Members of the Committee will be given notice of any such regulations and procedures promptly. They may be modified or waived in any or all particulars by a majority vote of the full Committee.

21. BROADCASTING OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND MEETINGS

All Committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings which are open to the public may be covered, in whole or in part, by television broadcast, radio broadcast, and still photography, or by any such methods of coverage in accordance with the provisions of clause 3 of House rule XI.

The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee shall determine, in his or her discretion, the number of television and still cameras permitted in a hearing or meeting room, but shall not limit the number of television or still cameras to fewer than two (2) representatives from each medium.

Such coverage shall be in accordance with the following requirements contained in section 116(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, and clause 4 of XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

(a) If the television, Internet or radio coverage of the hearing or meeting is to be presented to the public as live coverage, that coverage shall be conducted and presented without commercial sponsorship.

(b) No witness served with a subpoena by the Committee shall be required against his will to be photographed at any hearing or to give evidence or testimony while the broadcasting of that hearing, by radio or television is being conducted. At the request of any such witness who does not wish to be subjected to radio, television, Internet or still photography coverage, all lenses shall be covered and all microphones used for coverage turned off. This subparagraph is supplementary to clause 2(k)(5) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives relating to the protection of the rights of witnesses.

(c) The allocation among cameras permitted by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee in a hearing room shall be in accordance with fair and equitable procedures devised by the Executive Committee of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Galleries.

(d) Television cameras shall be placed so as not to obstruct in any way the space between any witness giving evidence or testimony and Member of the Committee or its subcommittees or the visibility of that witness and that Member to each other.

(e) Television cameras shall operate from fixed positions but shall not be placed in positions which obstruct unnecessarily the coverage of the hearing by the other media.

(f) Equipment necessary for coverage by the television and radio media shall not be installed in, or removed from, the hearing or meeting room while the Committee or subcommittee is in session.

(g) Floodlights, spotlights, strobe lights, and flashguns shall not be used in providing any method of coverage of the hearing or meeting, except that the television media may install additional lighting in the hearing room, without cost to the Government, in order to raise the ambient lighting level in the hearing room to the lowest level necessary to provide adequate television coverage of the hearing or meeting at the current state-of-the-art level of television coverage.

(h) In the allocation of the number of still photographers permitted by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee in a hearing or meeting room, preference shall be given to photographers from Associated Press Photos, United Press International News pictures, and Reuters. If requests are made by more of the media than will be permitted by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee for coverage of the hearing or meeting by still photography, that coverage shall be made on the basis of a fair and equitable pool arrangement devised by the Standing Committee of Press Photographers.

(i) Photographers shall not position themselves, at any time during the course of the hearing or meeting, between the witness table and the Members of the Committee or its subcommittees.

(j) Photographers shall not place themselves in positions which obstruct unnecessarily the coverage of the hearing by the other media.

(k) Personnel providing coverage by the television and radio media shall be currently accredited to the Radio and Television Correspondents' Galleries.

(l) Personnel providing coverage by still photography shall be currently accredited to the Press Photographers' Gallery Committee of Press Photographers.

(m) Personnel providing coverage by the television and radio media and by still photography shall conduct themselves and their coverage activities in an orderly and unobtrusive manner.

22. SUBPOENA POWERS

A subpoena may be authorized and issued by the Chairman, in accordance with clause 2(m) of rule XI of the House of Representatives, in the conduct of any investigation or activity or series of investigations or activities within the jurisdiction of the Committee, following consultation with the Ranking Minority Member.

In addition, a subpoena may be authorized and issued by the Committee or its subcommittees in accordance with clause 2(m) of rule XI of the House of Representatives, in the conduct of any investigation or activity or series of investigations or activities, when authorized by a majority of the Members voting, a majority of the Committee or subcommittee being present.

Authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the Chairman or by any Member designated by the Committee.

23. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

Whenever the Speaker is to appoint a conference committee, the Chairman shall recommend to the Speaker as conferees those Members of the Committee who are primarily responsible for the legislation (including to the full extent practicable the principal proponents of the major provisions of the bill as it passed the House), who have actively participated in the Committee or subcommittee consideration of the legislation, and who agree to attend the meetings of the conference. With regard to the appointment of minority Members, the Chairman shall consult with the Ranking Minority Member.

24. GENERAL OVERSIGHT

Not later than February 15th of the first session of a Congress, the Committee shall meet in open session, with a quorum present, to adopt its oversight plans for that Congress for submission to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(d) of rule X of the House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of clause 2(m) of rule XI of the House of Representatives, the Committee or a subcommittee thereof shall hold at least one hearing during each 120-day period following its establishment on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in programs within its jurisdiction, as documented in reports received from a Federal Office of the Inspector General or the Comptroller General of the United States that have been provided to the Ranking Minority Member prior to the notice of the hearing pursuant to Committee rule 5.

25. OTHER PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

The Chairman, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee. Any additional procedures or regulations may be modified or rescinded in any or all particulars by a majority vote of the full Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, January 30, 2017, at noon for morning-hour debate.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

'I, AB, do solemnly swear (or Affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.'

Has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Members of the 115th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

ALABAMA

- 1 Bradley Byrne

- 2 Martha Roby
- 3 Mike Rogers
- 4 Robert B. Aderholt
- 5 Mo Brooks
- 6 Gary J. Palmer
- 7 Terri A. Sewell

ALASKA

At Large, Don Young

ARIZONA

- 1 Tom O'Halleran
- 2 Martha McSally
- 3 Raúl M. Grijalva
- 4 Paul A. Gosar
- 5 Andy Biggs
- 6 David Schweikert
- 7 Ruben Gallego
- 8 Trent Franks
- 9 Kyrsten Sinema

ARKANSAS

- 1 Eric A. "Rick" Crawford
- 2 J. French Hill
- 3 Steve Womack
- 4 Bruce Westerman

CALIFORNIA

- 1 Doug LaMalfa
- 2 Jared Huffman
- 3 John Garamendi
- 4 Tom McClintock
- 5 Mike Thompson
- 6 Doris O. Matsui
- 7 Ami Bera
- 8 Paul Cook
- 9 Jerry McNerney
- 10 Jeff Denham
- 11 Mark DeSaulnier
- 12 Nancy Pelosi
- 13 Barbara Lee
- 14 Jackie Speier
- 15 Eric Swalwell
- 16 Jim Costa
- 17 Ro Khanna
- 18 Anna G. Eshoo
- 19 Zoe Lofgren
- 20 Jimmy Panetta
- 21 David G. Valadao
- 22 Devin Nunes
- 23 Kevin McCarthy
- 24 Salud O. Carbajal
- 25 Stephen Knight
- 26 Julia Brownley
- 27 Judy Chu
- 28 Adam B. Schiff
- 29 Tony Cárdenas
- 30 Brad Sherman
- 31 Pete Aguilar
- 32 Grace F. Napolitano
- 33 Ted Lieu
- 34 Xavier Becerra
- 35 Norma J. Torres
- 36 Raul Ruiz
- 37 Karen Bass
- 38 Linda T. Sánchez
- 39 Edward R. Royce
- 40 Lucille Roybal-Allard
- 41 Mark Takano
- 42 Ken Calvert
- 43 Maxine Waters
- 44 Nanette Diaz Barragán
- 45 Mimi Walters
- 46 J. Luis Correa
- 47 Alan S. Lowenthal
- 48 Dana Rohrabacher
- 49 Darrell E. Issa
- 50 Duncan Hunter
- 51 Juan Vargas
- 52 Scott H. Peters
- 53 Susan A. Davis

COLORADO

- 1 Diana DeGette
- 2 Jared Polis
- 3 Scott R. Tipton
- 4 Ken Buck
- 5 Doug Lamborn
- 6 Mike Coffman
- 7 Ed Perlmutter

CONNECTICUT

- 1 John B. Larson
- 2 Joe Courtney
- 3 Rosa L. DeLauro
- 4 James A. Himes
- 5 Elizabeth H. Esty

DELAWARE

At Large, Lisa Blunt Rochester

FLORIDA

- 1 Matt Gaetz
- 2 Neal P. Dunn
- 3 Ted S. Yoho
- 4 John H. Rutherford
- 5 Al Lawson, Jr.
- 6 Ron DeSantis
- 7 Stephanie N. Murphy
- 8 Bill Posey
- 9 Darren Soto
- 10 Val Butler Demings
- 11 Daniel Webster
- 12 Gus M. Bilirakis
- 13 Charlie Crist
- 14 Kathy Castor
- 15 Dennis A. Ross
- 16 Vern Buchanan
- 17 Thomas J. Rooney
- 18 Brian J. Mast
- 19 Francis Rooney
- 20 Alcee L. Hastings
- 21 Lois Frankel
- 22 Theodore E. Deutch
- 23 Debbie Wasserman Schultz
- 24 Frederica S. Wilson
- 25 Mario Diaz-Balart
- 26 Carlos Curbelo
- 27 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

GEORGIA

- 1 Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
- 2 Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
- 3 A. Drew Ferguson IV
- 4 Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.
- 5 John Lewis
- 6 Tom Price
- 7 Rob Woodall
- 8 Austin Scott
- 9 Doug Collins
- 10 Jody B. Hice
- 11 Barry Loudermilk
- 12 Rick W. Allen
- 13 David Scott
- 14 Tom Graves

HAWAII

- 1 Colleen Hanabusa
- 2 Tulsi Gabbard

IDAHO

- 1 Raúl R. Labrador
- 2 Michael K. Simpson

ILLINOIS

- 1 Bobby L. Rush
- 2 Robin L. Kelly
- 3 Daniel Lipinski
- 4 Luis V. Gutiérrez
- 5 Mike Quigley
- 6 Peter J. Roskam
- 7 Danny K. Davis
- 8 Raja Krishnamoorthi
- 9 Janice D. Schakowsky
- 10 Bradley Scott Schneider
- 11 Bill Foster
- 12 Mike Bost
- 13 Rodney Davis
- 14 Randy Hultgren
- 15 John Shimkus
- 16 Adam Kinzinger
- 17 Cheri Bustos
- 18 Darin LaHood

INDIANA

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2 Jackie Walorski		MISSOURI	2 Brad R. Wenstrup
3 Jim Banks			3 Joyce Beatty
4 Todd Rokita	1 Wm. Lacy Clay		4 Jim Jordan
5 Susan W. Brooks	2 Ann Wagner		5 Robert E. Latta
6 Luke Messer	3 Blaine Luetkemeyer		6 Bill Johnson
7 André Carson	4 Vicky Hartzler		7 Bob Gibbs
8 Larry Bucshon	5 Emanuel Cleaver		8 Warren Davidson
9 Trey Hollingsworth	6 Sam Graves		9 Marcy Kaptur
	7 Billy Long		10 Michael R. Turner
	8 Jason Smith		11 Marcia L. Fudge
		MONTANA	12 Patrick J. Tiberi
1 Rod Blum		At Large, Ryan K. Zinke	13 Tim Ryan
2 David Loebsack			14 David P. Joyce
3 David Young		NEBRASKA	15 Steve Stivers
4 Steve King	1 Jeff Fortenberry		16 James B. Renacci
	2 Don Bacon		
	3 Adrian Smith		OKLAHOMA
		NEVADA	1 Jim Bridenstine
1 Roger W. Marshall	1 Dina Titus		2 Markwayne Mullin
2 Lynn Jenkins	2 Mark E. Amodei		3 Frank D. Lucas
3 Kevin Yoder	3 Jacky Rosen		4 Tom Cole
4 Mike Pompeo	4 Ruben Kihuen		5 Steve Russell
		NEW HAMPSHIRE	
	1 Carol Shea-Porter		OREGON
	2 Ann M. Kuster		1 Suzanne Bonamici
		NEW JERSEY	2 Greg Walden
1 James Comer	1 Donald Norcross		3 Earl Blumenauer
2 Brett Guthrie	2 Frank A. LoBiondo		4 Peter A. DeFazio
3 John A. Yarmuth	3 Thomas MacArthur		5 Kurt Schrader
4 Thomas Massie	4 Christopher H. Smith		
5 Harold Rogers	5 Josh Gottheimer		PENNSYLVANIA
6 Andy Barr	6 Frank Pallone, Jr.		1 Robert A. Brady
	7 Leonard Lance		2 Dwight Evans
	8 Albio Sires		3 Mike Kelly
	9 Bill Pascrell, Jr.		4 Scott Perry
	10 Donald M. Payne, Jr.		5 Glenn Thompson
	11 Rodney P. Frelinghuysen		6 Ryan A. Costello
	12 Bonnie Watson Coleman		7 Patrick Meehan
		NEW MEXICO	8 Brian K. Fitzpatrick
	1 Michelle Lujan Grisham		9 Bill Shuster
	2 Stevan Pearce		10 Tom Marino
	3 Ben Ray Lujan		11 Lou Barletta
		NEW YORK	12 Keith J. Rothfus
1 Andy Harris	1 Lee M. Zeldin		13 Brendan F. Boyle
2 C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger	2 Peter T. King		14 Michael F. Doyle
3 John P. Sarbanes	3 Thomas R. Suozzi		15 Charles W. Dent
4 Anthony G. Brown	4 Kathleen M. Rice		16 Lloyd Smucker
5 Steny H. Hoyer	5 Gregory W. Meeks		17 Matt Cartwright
6 John K. Delaney	6 Grace Meng		18 Tim Murphy
7 Elijah E. Cummings	7 Nydia M. Velázquez		
8 Jamie Raskin	8 Hakeem S. Jeffries		RHODE ISLAND
	9 Yvette D. Clarke		1 David N. Cicilline
	10 Jerrold Nadler		2 James R. Langevin
	11 Daniel M. Donovan, Jr.		
	12 Carolyn B. Maloney		SOUTH CAROLINA
	13 Adriano Espaillat		1 Mark Sanford
	14 Joseph Crowley		2 Joe Wilson
	15 José E. Serrano		3 Jeff Duncan
	16 Eliot L. Engel		4 Trey Gowdy
	17 Nita M. Lowey		5 Mick Mulvaney
	18 Sean Patrick Maloney		6 James E. Clyburn
	19 John J. Faso		7 Tom Rice
	20 Paul Tonko		
	21 Elise M. Stefanik		SOUTH DAKOTA
	22 Claudia Tenney		At Large, Kristi L. Noem
	23 Tom Reed		TENNESSEE
	24 John Katko		1 David P. Roe
	25 Louise McIntosh Slaughter		2 John J. Duncan, Jr.
	26 Brian Higgins		3 Charles J. "Chuck" Fleischmann
	27 Chris Collins		4 Scott DesJarlais
		NORTH CAROLINA	5 Jim Cooper
	1 G. K. Butterfield		6 Diane Black
	2 George Holding		7 Marsha Blackburn
	3 Walter B. Jones		8 David Kustoff
	4 David E. Price		9 Steve Cohen
	5 Virginia Foxx		
	6 Mark Walker		TEXAS
	7 David Rouzer		1 Louie Gohmert
	8 Richard Hudson		2 Ted Poe
	9 Robert Pittenger		3 Sam Johnson
	10 Patrick T. McHenry		4 John Ratcliffe
	11 Mark Meadows		5 Jeb Hensarling
	12 Alma S. Adams		6 Joe Barton
	13 Ted Budd		7 John Abney Culberson
		NORTH DAKOTA	8 Kevin Brady
		At Large, Kevin Cramer	9 Al Green
			10 Michael T. McCaul
		OHIO	11 K. Michael Conaway
	1 Steve Chabot		12 Kay Granger
			13 Mac Thornberry
			14 Randy K. Weber, Sr.

15 Vicente Gonzalez
 16 Beto O'Rourke
 17 Bill Flores
 18 Sheila Jackson Lee
 19 Jodey C. Arrington
 20 Joaquin Castro
 21 Lamar Smith
 22 Pete Olson
 23 Will Hurd
 24 Kenny Marchant
 25 Roger Williams
 26 Michael C. Burgess
 27 Blake Farenthold
 28 Henry Cuellar
 29 Gene Green
 30 Eddie Bernice Johnson
 31 John R. Carter
 32 Pete Sessions
 33 Marc A. Veasey
 34 Filemon Vela
 35 Lloyd Doggett
 36 Brian Babin

UTAH

1 Rob Bishop
 2 Chris Stewart
 3 Jason Chaffetz
 4 Mia B. Love

VERMONT

At Large, Peter Welch

VIRGINIA

1 Robert J. Wittman
 2 Scott Taylor
 3 Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
 4 A. Donald McEachin
 5 Thomas A. Garrett, Jr.
 6 Bob Goodlatte
 7 Dave Brat
 8 Donald S. Beyer, Jr.
 9 H. Morgan Griffith
 10 Barbara Comstock
 11 Gerald E. Connolly

WASHINGTON

1 Suzan K. DelBene
 2 Rick Larsen
 3 Jaime Herrera Beutler
 4 Dan Newhouse
 5 Cathy McMorris Rodgers
 6 Derek Kilmer
 7 Pramila Jayapal
 8 David G. Reichert
 9 Adam Smith
 10 Denny Heck

WEST VIRGINIA

1 David B. McKinley
 2 Alexander X. Mooney
 3 Evan H. Jenkins

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1 Paul D. Ryan
 2 Mark Pocan
 3 Ron Kind
 4 Gwen Moore
 5 F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
 6 Glenn Grothman
 7 Sean P. Duffy
 8 Mike Gallagher

WYOMING

At Large, Liz Cheney

PUERTO RICO

Resident Commissioner, Jenniffer González-Colón

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Delegate, Madeleine Z. Bordallo

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Members executed the oath for access to classified information:

Young, Don Young, Lee M. Zeldin, Ryan K. Zinke

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

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

343. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Biennial Review and Replication of the Select Agent and Toxin List; Amendments to the Select Agent and Toxin Regulations [Docket No.: APHIS-2014-0095] (RIN: 0579-AE08) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

344. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report on the operation of the Exchange Stabilization Fund (ESF) for Fiscal Year 2016, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5302(c)(2); Jan. 30, 1934, ch. 6, Sec. 10 (as amended by Public Law 97-258, Sec. 5302(c)(2)); (96 Stat. 994) (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

345. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's Major final regulations — Open Licensing Requirement for Competitive Grant Programs [Docket ID: ED-2015-OS-0105] (RIN: 1894-AA07) received January 26, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

346. A letter from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Examinations of Working Places in Metal and Nonmetal Mines [Docket No.: MSHA-2014-0030] (RIN: 1219-AB87) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

347. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final regulations — Student Assistance General Provisions [Docket ID: ED-2015-OPE-0103] (RIN: 1840-AD22) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

348. A letter from the General Counsel, U.S. Access Board, transmitting the Board's Major final rule — Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Standards and Guidelines (RIN: 3014-AA37) received January 17, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

349. A letter from the Secretary and Acting Director of OPM, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's One-Time Hiring Authority Congressional Report, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7231 note; Public Law 113-76, div. D, title III, Sec. 313(c)(2); (128 Stat. 177); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

350. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Major

final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fans [Docket No.: EERE-2012-BT-STD-0045] (RIN: 1904-AD28) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

351. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Food and Drug Administration's FY 2016 Performance Report to Congress for the Medical Device User Fee Amendments; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

352. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Lamps [Docket No.: EERE-2013-BT-STD-0051] (RIN: 1904-AD09) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

353. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

354. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations [Docket No.: 170103002-7002-01] (RIN: 0694-AH22) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

355. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendments to the Export Administration Regulations Implementing an Additional Phase of India-US Export Control Cooperation [Docket No.: 170104015-7015-01] (RIN: 0694-AH26) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

356. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Support Document Requirements with Respect to Hong Kong [Docket No.: 161230999-7013-01] (RIN: 0694-AH11) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

357. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a proposed Letter of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Kenya, Transmittal No. 16-79, pursuant to Sec. 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

358. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting a notice of the Army's proposed lease to the Government of Singapore, Transmittal No. 01-17, pursuant to Section 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

359. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting the Air Force's proposed Letter of Offer and Acceptance to the

Government of the United Kingdom, Transmittal No. 16-82, pursuant to Sec. 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

360. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-606, "Green Yards Recognition Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

361. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-605, "West End Parcels Development Omnibus Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

362. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-604, "Nonwoven Disposable Products Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

363. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-607, "Historic Preservation of Derelict District Properties Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

364. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-608, "H Street, N.E., Retail Priority Area Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

365. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 21-603, "Omnibus Public Safety and Justice Amendment Act of 2016", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

366. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Major direct final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Dedicated-Purpose Pool Pumps [Docket No.: EERE-2015-BT-STD-0008] (RIN: 1904-AD52) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

367. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting five notifications of federal vacancy, designation of acting officer, change in previously submitted reported information, and discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

368. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's semiannual reports to Congress from the Treasury Inspector General and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period of April 1, 2016, through September 30, 2016; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

369. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's Inventories of Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 105-270, Sec. 2(c)(1)(A); (112 Stat. 2382); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

370. A letter from the Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Fiscal Year 2016 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by

Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

371. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Freedom of Information Act; Miscellaneous Rules received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

372. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2017 report, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

373. A letter from the Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "The D.C. Government Must Improve Policies and Practices for the Protection of Personally Identifiable Information"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

374. A letter from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's Annual Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2016, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

375. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's report, "Eliminating Principal or Major Users on Tracts of Land in California, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana (exceeding 100,000 acres)", pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1712(e)(2); Public Law 94-579, Sec. 202(e)(2); (90 Stat. 2749); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

376. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition filed on behalf of workers who were employed at Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in Ventura County, California, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7384q(c)(2); Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 108-375, Sec. 3166(b)(1)); (118 Stat. 2188) and 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C)(ii); Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 108-375, Sec. 3166(b)(2)); (118 Stat. 2189); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

377. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the annual report required by provisions of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 922 note; Public Law 103-159, Sec. 103(e)(1)(E) (as added by Public Law 110-180, Sec. 101(a)); (121 Stat. 2561); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

378. A letter from the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, *USA v. Cesar Bernel-Aveja*, No. 15-20308, USDC No. 4:15-CR-37-1; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

379. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Credit for Lower Tier Small Business Subcontracting (RIN: 3245-AG71) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Small Business.

380. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Small Business Investment Companies: Passive Business Expansion and Technical Clarifications (RIN: 3245-AG67) received January 24, 2017, pursu-

ant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Small Business.

381. A letter from the Director, National Legislative Division, American Legion, transmitting a financial statement and independent audit of The American Legion, and proceedings of the 98th Annual National Convention of the American Legion, held in Cincinnati, Ohio from August 30 — September 1, 2016, and a report on the organization's activities for the year preceding the convention (H. Doc. No. 115—16); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and ordered to be printed.

382. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting a report titled "A Study of the Self-Employment Assistance Program: Helping Unemployed Workers Pursue Self-Employment", pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3304 note; Public Law 112-96, Sec. 2183(b)(2); (126 Stat. 184); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

383. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's temporary rule — Changes to Certain Alcohol-Related Regulations Governing Bond Requirements and Tax Return Filing Periods [Docket No.: TTB-2016-0013; T.D. TTB-146; Re: Notice No.: 1671 (RIN: 1513-AC30) received January 24, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

384. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's "Report to the Congress: Compact Impact Analysis of 2015 Reports from Guam and Hawaii", along with the related report "Impact of the Compacts of Free Association on Guam FY (Fiscal Year) 2004 through FY 2015", pursuant to 48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)(8); Public Law 108-188, Sec. 104(e)(8); (117 Stat. 2741); jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Foreign Affairs.

385. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Attorney General's First Quarterly Report of FY 2017 on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 4332(b)(1); Public Law 103-353, Sec. 2(a) (as added by Public Law 110-389, Sec. 312(c)); (122 Stat. 4165); jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

386. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "Finalizing Medicare Rules under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 for Calendar Year (CY) 2016", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395hh(a)(3)(D); Public Law 108-173, Sec. 902(a)(1); (117 Stat. 2375); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and 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. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H.R. 702. A bill to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. POSEY, Mr. WALZ, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. BEYER, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. KILMER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BLIRAKIS, Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mr. COOPER, and Mr. PERLMUTTER):

H.R. 703. A bill to establish the 50th Anniversary Apollo I Memorial; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. STIVERS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PITTEMBERG, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. PAULSEN, and Ms. SINEMA):

H.R. 704. 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. FLORES (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. COLLINS of New York):

H.R. 705. A bill to amend titles XI and XIX of the Social Security Act to promote program integrity with respect to the enrollment of certain immigrants in State plans under Medicaid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 706. A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require verification for eligibility for enrollment during special enrollment periods in PPACA insurance plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 707. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to improve choices available to Medicare eligible seniors by permitting them to elect (instead of regular Medicare benefits) to receive a voucher for a health savings account, for premiums for a high deductible health insurance plan, or both and by suspending Medicare late enrollment penalties between ages 65 and 70; 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. BUCSHON:

H.R. 708. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to change the permissible age variation in health insurance premium rates; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CAPUANO:

H.R. 709. A bill to provide for notification to consumers before a video service collects visual or auditory information from the viewing area and to provide consumers with choices that do not involve the collection of such information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FLORES:

H.R. 710. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to better align the grace period required for non-payment of premiums before discontinuing coverage under qualified health plans with such grace periods provided for under State law; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H.R. 711. A bill to prohibit States from carrying out more than one Congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment, to require States to conduct such redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. SCHRADER, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. O'HALLERAN):

H.R. 712. A bill to prohibit States from carrying out more than one Congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment, to require States to conduct such redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. SCHRADER, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. O'HALLERAN):

H.R. 713. A bill to require States to carry out Congressional redistricting in accordance with a process under which members of the public are informed of redistricting proposals and have the opportunity to participate in the development of such proposals prior to their adoption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 714. A bill to provide for the legitimate use of medicinal marijuana in accordance with the laws of the various States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 715. A bill to provide for the rescheduling of marijuana, the medical use of marijuana in accordance with State law, and the exclusion of cannabidiol from the definition of marijuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. MESSER:

H.R. 716. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. BABIN):

H.R. 717. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require review of the economic cost of adding a species to the list of endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. TIBERI (for himself, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. LATTA, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. TURNER, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. STIVERS, and Mr. CHABOT):

H.R. 718. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the unlawful disposal of fetal remains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WALKER (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. BRAT, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. BUCK, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. PALMER, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER):

H.R. 719. A bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to im-

prove the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. PEARCE):

H.J. Res. 34. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior regarding requirements for exploratory drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.J. Res. 35. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to "Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD):

H. Res. 64. A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of America's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and their role in providing quality healthcare for the public; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CAPUANO:

H. Res. 65. A resolution urging the President to seek an independent investigation into the death of Tibetan Buddhist leader and social activist Tenzin Delek Rinpoche and to publicly call for an end to the repressive policies used by the People's Republic of China in Tibet; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. BASS, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H. Res. 66. A resolution recognizing January 2017 as "National Mentoring Month", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Ms. MENG, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Mr. LANGEVIN):

H. Res. 67. A resolution expressing support for designation of November 2017, as "National Bladder Health Month"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself and Mr. WOODALL):

H. Res. 68. A resolution condemning Palestinian incitement and reaffirming the special bond between Israel and the United States; 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. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 702.

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

Article 1, Section 8: The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 703.

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. ELLISON:

H.R. 704.

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

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

By Mr. FLORES:

H.R. 705.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 and Clause 18

H.R. 706.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 707.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

By Mr. BUCSHON:

H.R. 708.

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

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

By Mr. CAPUANO:

H.R. 709.

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. FLORES:

H.R. 710.

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.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 711.

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

Article I, Section 4

By Mr. COOPER:

H.R. 712.

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

Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. COOPER:

H.R. 713.

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

Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 714.

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. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 715.

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. MESSER:

H.R. 716.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, which states "The Congress shall have Power To lay and

collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States” and Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, which empowers Congress to “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 Mr. OLSON:

H.R. 717.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. TIBERI:

H.R. 718.

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

The Supreme Court’s Commerce Clause precedents and under the Constitution’s grants of powers to Congress under the Equal Protection, Due Process, and Enforcement Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment.

By Mr. WALKER:

H.R. 719.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.J. Res. 34.

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

Article 1, 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”

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.J. Res. 35.

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

Article 1, 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”

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 80: Mr. KNIGHT and Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida.

H.R. 82: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. JONES, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BOST, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 184: Ms. CHENEY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 267: Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. LEE, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. TITUS, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Mr. POLIS.

H.R. 332: Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. SOTO, and Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 334: Mr. SOTO and Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 352: Mr. GAETZ.

H.R. 358: Mr. COLLINS of New York and Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

H.R. 367: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GARRETT, and Mr. COLLINS of New York.

H.R. 380: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 407: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 439: Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 459: Mrs. WALORSKI.

H.R. 489: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. HECK, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KIND, Mr. KILMER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 490: Mr. LOUDERMILK.

H.R. 525: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 550: Mr. COOK, Mr. SIRES, and Mr. JEFFRIES.

H.R. 598: Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 630: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia and Mrs. LAWRENCE.

H.R. 682: Mr. BRIDENSTINE.

H.R. 696: Mr. WALZ, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. O’HALLERAN, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. VELA, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. KILMER, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. KIND, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico, Ms. TITUS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. JONES, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.J. Res. 31: Ms. BONAMICI.

H. Res. 44: Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H. Res. 60: Mr. BARR, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. LANCE.

H. Res. 61: Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. JEFFRIES.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk’s desk and referred as follows:

4. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Council of the City of Roanoke, VA, relative to Resolution No. 40737-010317, urging Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senator Mark Warner, Senator Tim Kaine, and all United States Senators to reintroduce the Marketplace Fairness Act into the United States Senate during its 2017 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Orleans County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 475-1216, urging Congress to pass Legislation, H.R. 6397, “Protection of Military Airfields from Wind Turbine Encroachment Act” and President-Elect Donald J. Trump to enact the same; to the Committee on Ways and Means.



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The Senate met at 10 and 3 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
JANUARY 30, 2017, AT 3 P.M.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands

adjourned until Monday, January 30, 2017, at 3 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 14 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, January 30, 2017, at 3 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION AND ABORTION IN- SURANCE FULL DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act.

This bill is an unprecedented attack on a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions and another attempt by Republicans to undermine the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

This legislation goes far beyond the long-standing Hyde Amendment which Congress passes every year during the Appropriations process preventing taxpayer dollars from being used for abortions. The Hyde Amendment is included in each Appropriations bill every year. This bill stretches increase taxes on millions of individuals and small businesses that purchase private healthcare plans that include abortion coverage. It takes away protections for rape survivors and pregnant women whose lives are in danger, and bans women in the military from abortion care in a military hospital overseas, even if they use their own money to pay for that care. This will deny millions of American women access to truly comprehensive health care.

A woman's right to choose whether to end a pregnancy is protected constitutionally. The decision is private. It is a matter of faith and it is a matter of conscience. I believe women already have the right to make decisions about reproductive health care, that it is protected constitutionally. This legislation should be rejected for its overly broad reach, its false advertising and its attack on the constitutionally protected right to privacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, I was absent for Roll Call vote 63.

Had I been present for Roll Call vote 63, H. Res. 55—Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, I would have voted "no".

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH FUNDING DEFICIT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to clarify a statistic I inadvertently misstated on the House Floor on January 3rd.

I intended to highlight how medical research at the National Institutes of Health has been cut by \$7.5 billion since 2003, when adjusted for inflation.

The cost of conducting medical research increases each year, yet the NIH's budget has not kept up with this pace. As a result, the NIH has been able to support less research each year.

Thankfully we started to reverse this trend in 2016, when we provided a \$2 billion increase however that is not nearly enough to close the gap.

Even with the money provided by 21st Century Cures for the next decade, Congress has barely put a dent in the NIH's funding deficit. For example, in 2017, with the increase provided in the House Mark and the Cures bill, the NIH would still be over \$7 billion short of the 2003 level.

I would also note that the Cures funding is a gimmick—there is no guarantee that Congress will provide that funding each year.

I regret my error in omitting the term "when adjusted for inflation." But it is clear that when you look at the cost of research and the money we appropriate for the NIH, we have a long way to go.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to numerous flight delays caused by weather along the southeast, I was not present during the vote series held on Monday, January 23, 2017.

Had I been present I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. H.R. 423 and YEA on Roll Call No. H.R. 582.

PROMOTING THE 2017 MARCH FOR LIFE

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise to recognize the March for Life on Friday January 27th, 2017 here in Washington D.C. This is a gathering of thousands of Amer-

icans from across our great country, all who are standing up for the protection of unborn children.

Ever since the abysmal ruling by the Supreme Court in Roe vs. Wade, the barbaric practice of abortion on demand has been rampant in our country. All too often we fall into the trap of conflating women's health with abortion, assuming that if one supports protecting life, then we're failing to care for women's health. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I stand here today with the millions of Americans across our country who believe that the lives of innocent children must be protected. I have long been a staunch advocate for pro-life issues despite vocal opposition. As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I shepherded the partial-birth abortion ban through Congress. It was one of my greatest honors to watch President George W. Bush sign it into law, and I was relieved that the Supreme Court upheld it. I have fully supported every effort in Congress to stop federally funded abortions, both in the United States and abroad, and will continue to fight efforts to federally fund these horrific practices.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, on January 23, 2017, I missed roll call vote 60 due to unavoidable delay. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on final passage of H.R. 423, the Anti-Spoofing Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE ASSYRIAN AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB OF TURLOCK

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock as we celebrate its seventieth-year anniversary. Since the club's founding in 1946, it has provided service to Assyrian Americans in the City of Turlock through the promotion and protection of the Assyrian culture, education, religion and humanitarian rights.

The club was established in the fall of 1946 to help families preserve their deep rooted culture that can be passed on to future generations. It is progressive in nature not only to the benefit of Assyrian Americans, but also to all in California's 10th Congressional District.

The members of the Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock recognize civic responsibility to their people and allegiance to the United States of America. It is in their core interests to uphold the principles of freedom and

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democracy, support the Constitution, instill a sense of individual obligation and responsibility for Assyrian unity, and support programs that perpetuate Assyrian cultural heritage. The club is dedicated to promoting goodwill and understanding among Assyrians and non-Assyrians alike.

The club also recognizes and values the importance of education. On March 13, 2002, it created the Assyrian Civic Club Education Foundation. This 501(c)3 non-profit continues to provide hundreds of scholarships to high school and university students, as it has done so for the past 15 years. The foundation educates, informs, and enhances cultural values for Assyrians in the community through their own local radio and television programs. Additionally, the civic club has its own facility that the community at large utilizes, while also serving as a place for Assyrian Americans to come together for social, recreation and educational activities.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing the seventieth anniversary of the Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock for its service and outstanding contributions to the Assyrian community as we celebrate this important milestone.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF THE
UNITED WAY OF GREATER AUGUSTA

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, it's the people who make a community a great place to live, work, and in my case, represent. The generosity of the community and their care for their neighbors defines this part of Virginia. Over the past 75 years, the United Way has harnessed these values and used them as a catalyst to improve the lives of people in the community.

Around 1942, United Way organizations were founded in Staunton and Waynesboro. As these organizations continued to grow, in 2004 they merged to become the United Way of Greater Augusta, Inc. in order to offer more effective services to the community. This organization has long worked toward positive change in their community, and I am honored to pay tribute to the United Way of Greater Augusta, Inc. as they celebrate 75 years of service to the people of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County.

Through grants, workplace campaigns, corporate partnerships, and individual donations, the United Way has raised funds to help make a positive impact in the community. They have helped families and individuals in the Greater Augusta region by providing support to local agencies like the Valley Children's Advocacy Center, the Daily Living Center, Valley Hope Counseling Center, and Renewing Homes. The United Way has also made targeted investments in programs such as Stuff the Bus, the Financial Stability Center, and Imagination Library. The work of the United Way has evolved throughout its 75 year history, and I am confident that it will continue to do so to meet both the short-term and long-term needs of those it serves in the Greater Augusta region.

There are many people responsible for the continued growth and success of the United Way of Greater Augusta. Countless volunteers have donated their time to serve the community. Board Members have served as active voices in the community for the United Way's work. Staff members have worked hard to promote the work of the United Way and make sure the wheels run smoothly on a day-to-day basis. While I extend my gratitude to all of these individuals, I also want to specifically recognize Cynthia Pritchard for her service as President and CEO of the United Way of Greater Augusta. As she prepares to leave this position, it is clear that much of the good work of this organization would not have been possible without her guidance and leadership over the past seven and a half years.

Congratulations to the United Way of Greater Augusta on this momentous occasion. I wish them all the best, and look forward to the positive impact they will continue to make.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER DURING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's 50 Year Anniversary on the date of its Business to Business Exposition Best of Downriver Black Tie Event. The SWCRC has played a critical role in promoting business and economic development by providing training and leadership opportunities to the Downriver community.

Since its founding in 1967, the SWCRC has helped the Downriver business community grow and prosper. The SWCRC today has over 650 members and provides them with a variety of networking, business development and education programs. The SWCRC gives emerging leaders in Southern Wayne County education and training through its Leadership 21 initiative, a six month program that gives individuals multidisciplinary training in the fields of economic development, government and healthcare. Additionally, the Chamber offers opportunities to network and meet other members of the business community, as well as promotional events and roundtables with leaders in a variety of fields. These services have allowed businesses to better serve the individuals in the Downriver area, have helped to improve the business climate in Southern Wayne County and have contributed to the economic revival of southeast Michigan.

The SWCRC's efforts have been instrumental in creating a strong business community that effectively serves the Downriver area. Its efforts have inspired a new generation of business leaders who are uniquely equipped to address the issues facing the community. It has also allowed organizations in the area to share best practices and better serve Downriver. I am proud to recognize the outstanding efforts of the SWCRC and its members, and it is my hope that they continue to make Southern Wayne County a great place to live and work in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Southern Wayne Regional Chamber and its 50 years of success. Its work on behalf of the Downriver community has played a key role in helping the area grow and develop while providing jobs and other opportunities.

RECOGNIZING THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, Sunday, our country recognizes the eighth anniversary of the landmark Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which former President Obama signed into law on January 29, 2009.

Congress passed and President Obama signed this legislation into law, the first of his Administration, in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 550 U.S. 618 (2007), that severely restricted the time period for filing pay discrimination complaints against one's employer.

In the underlying case, Lilly Ledbetter, a production supervisor at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant in Gadsden, Alabama, discovered that she was being paid less than her male counterparts for nearly two decades.

Then and there, she made the decision to fight back for paycheck equality.

Unfortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court undercut her fight in ruling that Ledbetter could not bring a wage discrimination suit under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 simply because she did not file her claim within 180 days of a discriminatory salary decision.

Despite the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, Ledbetter's fight was not in vain because Congress, in 2009, passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which helps ensure fair pay for all Americans by expanding the time period in which employees may challenge an employer's compensation decision.

Because of this law, women today have the right to pursue legal action for pay discrimination—whenever it occurs.

Unfortunately, equal pay for equal work has not become a reality.

In 2015, the pay gap between men and women still remains, as women made only 83 cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts.

And for women of color, that gap is even wider.

During the same time, African-American women made 65 cents to every dollar earned by men.

Hispanic women, faring even worse than black women, made only 58 cents to every dollar earned by their White male counterparts.

Pay disparities not only affect women during their careers, but follows them into retirement, reducing pensions and Social Security benefits because of a lifetime of lower wages and less money to invest. This negative impact is lasting because it affects generations yet unborn.

As we mark this anniversary, let us recommit ourselves to ending discrimination against women in all forms.

In the 115th Congress, I will proudly join the Democratic Caucus in continuing the fight for equal pay for equal work, investment in employment opportunities for women, and raising the minimum wage. Because as we know, when "Women Succeed, America Succeeds."

TRIBUTE TO MR. LEON A.
THOMPSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the celebration of Mr. Leon A. Thompson's 100th birthday. With nearly a century passing, Mr. Thompson has dedicated his life to his family, St. Mark's the Evangelist Catholic Church, the City of New York, and giving back to his Harlem community.

Mr. Thompson was born on January 28, 1917 in Washington, D.C. At 18 years old, Mr. Thompson and his three sisters moved to New York City where he has lived since. For 32 years, Mr. Thompson operated the Number 3 and other train lines comprising the original A Division of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company (IRT). These lines later became incorporated into the modern day New York City Transportation Authority. As a subway motorman for over three decades, he contributed to an era of growth and modernization of a thriving, welcoming and inclusive New York City.

Throughout his life, Mr. Thompson has dedicated all the time and effort he could exert for St. Mark's the Evangelist Catholic Church in Harlem over the last 82 years. This makes him one of the longest practicing parishioners to the church and an indelible figure serving on many boards and ministries. Mr. Thompson has known and worked with every pastor in St. Mark's the Evangelist Catholic Church during its 109-year history. For a time, Mr. Thompson worked as an electrician at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. When his work day ended he spent his remaining time working to improve St. Mark's the Evangelist Catholic Church installing a public announcement system, lighting system, and refurbishing the pews for the benefit of parishioners and students of St. Mark's the Evangelist School whose space was shared.

In his spare time, Mr. Thompson taught many young men in his church and community commercial, labor and vocational skills that they employed building and improving New York City. Mr. Thompson has dedicated his life to his fellow parishioners at St. Mark's the Evangelist Catholic Church, his neighbors and residents of Harlem, and New York City for 82 years. His contributions to the Harlem community and New York City has made him a role model for all persons, regardless of creed or affiliation, as a public servant and exemplary citizen.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the time to recognize and celebrate the tremendous life of Mr. Leon A. Thompson and his 100th birthday celebration.

THE APOLLO 1 MEMORIAL ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Apollo 1 Memorial Act". Today is the 50th Anniversary of the tragedy which claimed the lives of three brave American heroes. This piece of legislation is meant to honor their legacy and ensure we never forget by creating a memorial for them in our national shrine for heroes, Arlington National Cemetery.

On January 27, 1967, Astronauts Command Pilot Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Senior Pilot Edward H. White II, and Pilot Roger B. Chaffee were killed in an electrical fire that broke out inside their *Apollo 1* Command Module on Launch Pad 34 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The accident led to a detailed internal investigation and congressional hearings. As a result of their sacrifice NASA made improvements and changes to the Apollo program which ultimately resulted in *Apollo 11* landing on the moon two years later.

Although all three astronauts were posthumously awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor, these three fearless astronauts who were set to be the first Americans into space under the Apollo program have not received a memorial at Arlington as was done for the Space Shuttle *Challenger* and *Columbia* crews.

This bill would redress that unfortunate omission which continues to be a burden on the hearts of those who loved them. Arlington National Cemetery is where we recognize heroes who have passed in the service of the Nation. It is fitting that on the 50th anniversary of the *Apollo 1* accident we acknowledge these astronauts by building a memorial in their honor. This bill would direct the Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), to construct at an appropriate place in Arlington National Cemetery, a memorial marker honoring these three heroic men.

In addition to \$500,000 from the Army's fiscal year 2017 operations and maintenance appropriated funds, the bill provides the NASA Administrator with the authority to accept donations of services, money, and property to help allay the cost of the memorial marker.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, on the 50th anniversary of the *Apollo 1* accident, we have the opportunity to honor these three brave men and their contribution to America's preeminence in human spaceflight. It is time to build a memorial so that current and future Americans never forget their sacrifice. I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle can come together to support this legislation honoring these heroes.

INTRODUCTION OF JOHN TANNER
FAIRNESS AND INDEPENDENCE
IN REDISTRICTING ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting Act, a bill I introduced earlier today.

The President of the United States has said our elections are "rigged." When it comes to the drawing of Congressional districts, he may well be right.

In most states, districts are drawn by the state legislature, and as a result, whichever party controls the state legislature ends up drawing Congressional districts specifically designed to maximize the number of Congressional seats that party can win.

In other words, the elected officials choose the voters, instead of the voters choosing the elected officials.

If enacted, the John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting Act would fix this by requiring states to use bipartisan redistricting commissions to draw maps. No single party would get to control the process.

Historically, both parties have engaged in gerrymandering to some extent or another. But that does not make it right.

In a representative democracy, the people need to be able to freely and fairly choose their elected representatives.

Unfortunately, that is not always happening.

In 2012, Democrats received more than 1.1 million more votes across the country than Republicans for the House of Representatives, but because of the way the maps were drawn, Republicans won almost 54 percent of the House seats.

In 2016, it has been estimated that Republicans won approximately 51 percent of the votes cast across the country for the House of Representatives, but won more than 55 percent of the House seats.

This is not what the Founders envisioned. They designed the House of Representatives to be the Congressional chamber that most accurately reflects the views of the people.

The failure of the House to more accurately reflect the will of the electorate is a formula for the electorate to lose faith in the institution. It makes people cynical and discourages them from participating.

We can do better.

A democracy is supposed to be a marketplace of ideas. The playing field is supposed to be fair and competitive, not gerrymandered and monopolized.

I urge my colleagues to pass this bill, and help restore some much needed faith in Congress.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:00:03 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:14 a.m. until 3 p.m., on Monday, January 30, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 702–719; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 34–35; and H. Res. 64–68 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Scott Wilson, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

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British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representative Holding, Chairman; Representatives Hill, Latta, Aderholt, and Roe (TN).

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United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Turner, Chairman; Representatives Johnson (OH), Marino, Guthrie, Cook, Kinzinger, and Shimkus.

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House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members

to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Representative Rodney Davis (IL), Chairman; Representatives Latta and Comstock.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Sam Johnson (TX) and Cole.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representative Smith (NJ), Co-Chairman; Representatives Aderholt, Burgess, Hultgren, and Hudson.

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Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member to serve as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative Hultgren.

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House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member to the House Democracy Partnership: Representative Roskam, Chairman.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, and subcommittee membership, 5 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an

original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, and the nomination of Linda E. McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on a house joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule; a house joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers”; and a house joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Social Security Administration relating to Implementation of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, January 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Rex W. Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

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