

software companies. They're more worried about the burden of an accounting fix that could be done with a couple of strokes on the computer. They're worried about that burden on the corporations that prepare the payroll checks and information like that. They provide payment for their corporate customers. He's worried about them, but he's not worried about the very people who will lose, who'll end up paying \$1,000 more. It doesn't really make a whole lot of sense. He doesn't care about those who are struggling to stay in the middle class, depending on their unemployment insurance which will get cut off, whacked off come January 1.

Somebody else today on the Tea Party side said that we are—this is a game of poker that we're playing right now. How ridiculous. Are any of you out there playing poker? Do you have anything to play poker with? You're trying to buy Christmas gifts out here.

They say that this payroll tax cut and the unemployment insurance and the doc fix can't be implemented within 2 months, but those things are—we're just maintaining the status quo. There's nothing to implement. Why can't we let it go for another 2 months and give it another—give ourselves another opportunity to negotiate a fair and balanced bipartisan piece of legislation that the President can sign, like what they did in the Senate? Why can't we do that?

Well, I submit to you that they're not really interested in the middle class. That's clear, because if they were, they would not have left today.

Some of them, unwittingly, are pawns in this master plan that was set out in the Lewis Powell Memo, and I'd advise you to go to the Internet and look it up—L-E-W-I-S, Lewis Powell. And you will read that, and you will see how effective his plan has been carried out, and how close we are to the hopes and dreams of middle class Americans being strangled due to their public policy being controlled by those corporations, not for the benefit of the people, but for the benefit of the rich, powerful and the corporations, which our U.S. Supreme Court now says are people in the Citizens United decision.

I watched one of the Justices shaking his head during the President's State of the Union address where he directed comments about the Citizens United decision. I watched that Justice shaking his head "no." I wonder if he would shake his head "no" today as the President pointed out exactly what would happen as a result of that corporate influence gaining unfettered access to our public policymaking apparatus, our democracy.

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So we're under attack, middle class people. It's time for us to stand up, to get educated about what's going on out here. And the fact that there's no need to be angry with your neighbor because they are African American, or the

neighbor over there is gay, or this one over here, I don't know if they are an illegal alien or not, so we've got to do away with them. And abortion—we end up dividing ourselves based on the public relations game plan that is put forward to influence us. And we fall for it. And so then we get divided and blaming ourselves instead of directing our attention to those who continue to drive their Brinks trucks hour after hour into the bank.

So it's time for us to wake up, ladies and gentlemen. It's time for us to get smart. It's time for us to put aside our dislikes based on how somebody looks, and it's time for us to unite and take this country back.

I want to thank you all for listening to me today. I feel better after closing the year with setting things in a proper format, and I look forward to us being able to come back next year and do some things that will benefit regular working people in this country and try to shift the imbalance of wealth back into one where all people are able to prosper in this country.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 789. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the "Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office."

H.R. 1264. An act to designate the property between the United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the "M.D. Anderson Plaza" and to authorize the placement of a historical/identification marker on the grounds recognizing the achievements and philanthropy of M.D. Anderson.

H.R. 1892. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2422. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Bay Street, Suit 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the "Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office".

H.R. 2845. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2867. An act to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3421. An act to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women

who perished as a result of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001.

H.R. 3672. An act making appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 94. Joint resolutions making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 95. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

December 7, 2011:

H.R. 394. An Act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, and for other purposes.

December 13, 2011:

H.R. 2192. An Act to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

December 16, 2011:

H.J. Res. 94. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

December 17, 2011:

H.J. Res. 95. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

December 20, 2011:

H.R. 470. An Act to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2061. An Act to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

December 13, 2011:

S. 1541. An Act to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership.

S. 1639. An Act to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Legion under its Federal charter to provide guidance and leadership to the individual departments and posts of the American Legion, and for other purposes.

December 19, 2011:

S. 535. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes.

S. 683. An Act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah.

S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment to the

compact between the States of Missouri and Illinois providing that bonds issued by the Bi-State Development Agency may mature in not to exceed 40 years.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of a family medical issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4347. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations, (Montgomery, Alabama) [MB Docket No.: 11-137] (RM-11637) received November 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4348. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Bastrop, Louisiana) [MB Docket No.: 11-87] (RM-11628) received November 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4349. A letter from the Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Administration, transmitting the personnel report for personnel employed in the White House Office, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of Policy Development, and the Office of Administration for FY 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 113; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4350. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the semi-annual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4351. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the semiannual report from the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4352. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act), section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4353. A letter from the Managing Director/ CFO, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2011; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4354. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's annual Management Report for FY 2011, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4355. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4356. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Inseason Action To Close the Commercial Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Shark Fishery in the Atlantic Region [Docket No.: 0906221072-91425-02] (RIN: 0648-XA781) received November 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4357. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 101126521-0640-02] (RIN: 0648-XA812) received November 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4358. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments [Docket No.: 100804324-1265-02] (RIN: 0648-BB47) received November 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4359. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 110210132-1275-02] (RIN: 0648-XA802) received December 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4360. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fraser River Sockeye and Pink Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders [RIN: 0648-XA803] received December 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4361. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Temporary Removal of Herring Trip Limit in Atlantic Herring Management Area 3 [Docket No.: 0907301205-0289-02] (RIN: 0648-XA805) received December 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4362. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs,

NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Update to Information on the Effective Date of Atlantic Smoothhound Shark Fishery Management Measures [Docket No.: 110912579-1627-01] (RIN: 0648-BB43) received December 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4363. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Grouper Management Measures [Docket No.: 110819519-1640-02] (RIN: 0648-BB22) received December 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4364. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company (GE) CF6 Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1151; Directorate Identifier 95-ANE-10-AD; Amendment 39-16855; AD 2011-23-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 30, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4365. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Thielert Aircraft Engines GmbH (TAE) Reciprocating Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2010-0683; Directorate Identifier 2010-NE-25-AD; Amendment 39-16852; AD 2011-23-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. BONNER: Committee on Ethics. In the matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Don Young (Rept. 112-336). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. STEARNS (for himself and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 3737. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to fast track approval of certain orphan drugs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3738. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase from 1 to 2 years the post employment restrictions on Members of the House of Representatives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3739. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to terminate payments to States certified under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD (for himself, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. SHULER, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. WATT):