

3409. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report on the Fiscal Year 2008 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in accordance with section 2610 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981, as amended; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and the Workforce.

#### 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. CAMP: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3078. A bill to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (Rept. 112-237). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CAMP: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3079. A bill to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (Rept. 112-238). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CAMP: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3080. A bill to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (Rept. 112-239). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 425. Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3078) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3079) to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3080) to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (Rept. 112-240). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2349. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to annually assess the skills of certain employees and managers of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes; with amendment (Rept. 112-241). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 3114. A bill to provide grants for Civic Justice Corps programs for court-involved, previously incarcerated, and otherwise disadvantaged youth and young adults; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado:

H.R. 3115. A bill to prohibit non-security assistance to Pakistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGRÉN of California, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MCCAUL,

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BILLIRAKIS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. LONG, Mr. MARINO, Mr. QUAYLE, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. TURNER of New York):

H.R. 3116. A bill to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. WITTMAN (for himself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 3117. A bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FARENTHOLD (for himself, Mr. FLORES, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. KELLY, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. HARRIS, and Mr. MULVANEY):

H.R. 3118. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to revisit the universal service support program under section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself and Mr. GUTIERREZ):

H.R. 3119. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to remove the per-country limitation on employment-based immigrant visas, to adjust the per-country limitation on family-sponsored immigrant visas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California:

H.R. 3120. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require accreditation of certain educational institutions for purposes of a nonimmigrant student visa, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARROW:

H.R. 3121. A bill to require congressional approval for certain obligations exceeding \$100,000,000; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. HANNA (for himself and Ms. EDWARDS):

H.R. 3122. A bill to amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to establish procedures to advance the use of cleaner construction equipment on Federal-aid highway and public transportation construction projects, to make the acquisition and installation of emission control technology an eligible expense in carrying out such projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. TIBERI (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 3123. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for annual elections to accelerate AMT credits in lieu of bonus depreciation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CLAY (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. WELCH, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, and Ms. SPEIER):

H.R. 3124. A bill to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 3125. A bill to establish a program to provide guarantees for debt issued by or on behalf of State catastrophe insurance programs to assist in the financial recovery from earthquakes, earthquake-induced landslides, volcanic eruptions, and tsunamis; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York):

H.R. 3126. A bill to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. POSEY (for himself, Ms. FOX, Mr. OLSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. FLORES, and Mr. MULVANEY):

H.R. 3127. A bill to prohibit the payment of death gratuities to the surviving heirs of deceased Members of Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GRIMM (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. HAYWORTH, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York):

H.R. 3128. A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to adjust the date on which consolidated assets are determined for purposes of exempting certain instruments of smaller institutions from capital deductions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BACA:

H.R. 3129. A bill to establish the Family Foreclosure Rescue Corporation to provide emergency relief to refinance home mortgages of homeowners in foreclosure or default; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. BACHMANN (for herself, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. JONES, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. BILLIRAKIS, Mr. LATTA, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. LONG, Mr. CRAVAACK, Mr. Boustany, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. FLEMING):

H.R. 3130. A bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion receive an ultrasound and an opportunity to review the ultrasound before giving informed consent to receive an abortion; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. CARTER, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. ROSKAM, and Mr. SIRE):

H.R. 3131. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to submit a report on whether any support organization that participated in the planning or execution of the recent Gaza flotilla attempt should be designated as a foreign terrorist organization and any actions taken by the Department of State to express gratitude to the government of Greece for preventing the Gaza flotilla from setting sail in contravention of Israel's legal blockade of Gaza, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 Ms. CHU:

H.R. 3132. A bill to extend the authorization period for certain uses of funds from the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California:

H.R. 3133. A bill to amend titles 28 and 10, United States Code, to allow for certiorari review of certain cases denied relief or review by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Ms. MOORE):

H.R. 3134. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to include providing diapers and diapering supplies among the activities for which funds may be employed to improve the quality of and access to child care; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. PAUL, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. JONES, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. YODER, Mr. AMASH, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. FLORES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. PITTS, Mr. COLE, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Ms. JENKINS, and Mr. BERG):

H.R. 3135. A bill to amend the provisions of title 40, United States Code, commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act, to raise the threshold dollar amount of contracts subject to the prevailing wage requirements of such provisions; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 3136. A bill to provide for rates of pay for Members of Congress to be adjusted as a function of changes in Government spending; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. GARRETT:

H.R. 3137. A bill to permit small business concerns operating in the United States to elect to be exempt from certain Federal rules and regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. LATOURRETTE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. FILNER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 3138. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to specify a cost sharing requirement and to provide for a report to Congress; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3139. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the creation of disaster protection funds in the District of Columbia by property and casualty insurance companies for the payment of policyholders' claims arising from natural catastrophic events; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself and Mr. MEEHAN):

H.R. 3140. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the assignment of officers and analysts to certain State and urban area fusion centers to enhance the security of mass transit systems; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky):

H.R. 3141. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the amount of minimum allotments under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 3142. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the donation of wild game meat; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.J. Res. 80. A joint resolution limiting the issuance of a letter of offer with respect to a certain proposed sale of defense articles and defense services to the Kingdom of Bahrain; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. TOWNS, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN):

H. Res. 426. A resolution recognizing the impact of Mr. Hubert James on politics, urban development, and New York City, and paying tribute to Mr. James for his lifetime of public service; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER):

H. Res. 427. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MORAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. GRIMM):

H. Res. 428. A resolution recognizing the importance of acknowledging the contributions of Dominican-Americans to the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

#### 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 Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 3114.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1. The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States . . .

By Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado:

H.R. 3115.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 and Article I, Section 9, Clause 7

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 3116.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

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.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the forgoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department of Officer thereof.

By Mr. WITTMAN:

H.R. 3117.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. FARENTHOLD:

H.R. 3118.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California:

H.R. 3119.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the Constitution.

By Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California:

H.R. 3120.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the Constitution.

By Mr. BARROW:

H.R. 3121.

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

Art. I. Sec. 9, Cl. 7 (no spending "but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law").

By Mr. HANNA:

H.R. 3122.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. TIBERI:

H.R. 3123.

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

This bill makes changes to existing law relating to Article 1, Section 7 which provides that "All bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives."

By Mr. CLAY:

H.R. 3124.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States grants the Congress the power to enact this law.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

H.R. 3125.

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

Clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California:

H.R. 3126.

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