

“In addition, we know from other bipartisan frameworks that have targeted some \$4 trillion in deficit reduction is necessary to stabilize our debt as a share of the economy and to assure America’s fiscal well-being.

“Our country needs our honest, bipartisan judgment and our political courage. Your committee has been given a unique opportunity and authority to act. We are prepared to support you in this effort.”

My colleague and I have backed and encouraged the supercommittee to go big, to look at \$4 trillion of deficit reduction, 9.1 percent. We know we can do that. It does not necessarily have to be draconian, and I know that we can get there.

And for the last minute or so, my colleague from Oregon, any last comments?

Mr. SCHRADER. I just want to say it’s a pleasure to be on the floor of the House of Representatives in the United States Congress with a friend and a colleague that’s willing to put country first. And I think this is hopefully the beginning of a good relationship in this body and brings our country out of its worst fiscal crisis since the Great Depression.

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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We ask this in Your Most Holy and Eternal name. 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. Will the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MCKINLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCKINLEY 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.

EMPLOYING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

(Mr. MCKINLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

H.R. 489. An act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes.

H.R. 765. An act to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1843. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 489 Army Drive in Barrigada, Guam, as the “John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1975. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 281 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, as the “First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2062. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Meetinghouse Lane in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts, as the “Matthew A. Pucino Post Office”.

H.R. 2149. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4354 Paha Avenue in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the “Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building”.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o’clock and 14 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3576. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Navy Case Number 10-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

3577. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] received October 3, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3578. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-201-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-B-1215] received October 3, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3579. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8197] received October 3, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3580. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities (RIN: 1820-AB59) received October 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3581. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting The Sentinel Initiative — A National Strategy for Monitoring Medical Product Safety, pursuant to Public Law 110-85, section 905(c); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3582. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the FY 2010 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress, in accordance with the requirements in Section 121(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3583. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-093, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3584. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State 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; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3585. A letter from the Co-Chief Privacy Officers, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission’s Privacy Act Report for fiscal year 2010, pursuant to Section 522 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2005; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3586. A letter from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Interpretive Rule on When Certain Independent Expenditures are “Publicly Disseminated” for Reporting Purposes [Notice 2011-13] received October 3, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

3587. A letter from the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department’s report regarding the activities of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization for 2010, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 5601 et. seq.; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3588. 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; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 110210132-1275-02] (RIN: 0648-XA630) received September 27, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3589. 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; Octopus in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No.: 101126521-0640-02] (RIN: 0648-XA683) received September 27, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3590. A letter from the Attorney, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Safety Zone; Big Sioux River from the Military Road Bridge North Sioux City to the confluence of the Missouri River, SD [Docket No.: USCG-2011-0528] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 27, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3591. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment of Class D Airspace; Eglin AFB, FL [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0087; Airspace

Docket No. 11-ASO-0] received September 23, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3592. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Glendive, MT [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0560; Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-15] received September 23, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3593. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting the Common Features Project authorized by Section 101(a)(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996; (H. Doc. No. 112—66); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

3594. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a statement of actions with respect to the Government Accountability Office report "Data Center Consolidation: Agencies Need to Complete Inventories and Plans to Achieve Expected Savings"; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

3595. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Board's quarterly report to Congress on the Status of Significant Unresolved Issues with the Department of Energy's Design and Construction Projects (dated September 23, 2011); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Armed Services.

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. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 70. 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; with an amendment (Rept. 112-259). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 2146. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-260). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 448. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2576) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 674) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities (Rept. 112-261). 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 Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:
H.R. 3254. A bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 to ensure access to employment opportunities for low-income persons; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BROUN of Georgia:
H.R. 3255. A bill to delay any presumption of death in connection with the kidnapping in Iraq or Afghanistan of a retired member of the Armed Forces to ensure the continued payment of the member's retired pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. ROSS of Florida, and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 3256. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify the law prohibiting the Secretary of State from issuing certain visas to nationals of countries that refuse or unreasonably delay repatriation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HANNA (for himself and Mr. TERRY):

H.R. 3257. A bill to provide for a time-out on certain regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. BRALEY of Iowa (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. KIND, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. INSLEE):

H.R. 3258. A bill to extend for a 2 year certain geographic practice cost index (GPCI) adjustments under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Ms. FUDGE:
H.R. 3259. A bill to establish the National Infrastructure Bank to provide financial assistance for qualified infrastructure projects selected by the Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. ROSS of Arkansas:
H.R. 3260. A bill to establish a pilot grant program for first responder agencies that experience an extraordinary financial burden resulting from the deployment of employees; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Homeland Security, 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. HENSARLING:
H. Res. 447. A resolution electing a certain Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. NORTON:
H. Res. 449. A resolution honoring the lives, work, and sacrifice of Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr., the two United States Postal Service employees and Washington, DC, natives who died as a result of their contact with anthrax while working at the United States Postal Facility located at 900 Brentwood Road, NE, Washington, DC,

during the anthrax attack in the fall of 2001; 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. 3254.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1
The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

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. BROUN of Georgia:
H.R. 3255.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution clause 18 (relating to the power of Congress to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. POE of Texas:
H.R. 3256.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Section 8, Clause 4 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. HANNA:
H.R. 3257.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted Congress under the United States Constitution, including the power granted Congress under article I, section 8.

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:
H.R. 3258.
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, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. FUDGE:
H.R. 3259.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Sec. 8, clause 3, the Commerce Clause, of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. ROSS of Arkansas:
H.R. 3260.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 14

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 10: Mr. SCHILLING, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. DENHAM, and Mr. TURNER of Ohio.
H.R. 176: Mr. CLARKE of Michigan.
H.R. 178: Mr. NUNNELEE and Mr. MCCAUL.
H.R. 186: Mr. MCCAUL and Mr. HANNA.
H.R. 374: Mr. RENACCI, Mr. BERG, and Mr. WOMACK.
H.R. 452: Mr. CAMPBELL.