1215. A letter from the Vice Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting the Board’s FY 2016 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 109-115, as amended by Public Law 109-453, Sec. 604(h); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1216. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report entitled “Report to Congress on the Activities of the Department of Justice Regarding Prison Rape Abatement”, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15606(b); Public Law 108-79, Sec. 5(b)(1); (117 Stat. 978); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1217. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer and Agency Editor, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Rates Inflation Adjustments for Calendar Year 2017 and Initial “Catch-Up” Adjustments (Docket No.: ONRR-2016-0002). Docket No: DR2PS0000.CH7000 178D0102R2 (RIN: 1012-AA17) received April 27, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1218. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration’s Interim final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment (RIN: 3133-AD67) received April 28, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1219. A letter from the Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s Privacy Office 2016 Data Mining Report to Congress, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 20000(e)(1); (121 Stat. 383); to Homeland Security.

1220. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Administration’s certification that the level of screening services and personnel provided at Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) in New York, will be equal to or greater than the level of screening provided at the airport by TSA Transportation Security Officers and that the screening company is owned and controlled by a citizen of the United States, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 105-71, Sec. 105(a); (115 Stat. 613); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

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. ROYCE of California: Committee on Foreign Affairs. H.R. 1644 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1678. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the use of federal disaster recovery and emergency assistance payments for purposes other than recovery of disaster or emergency assistance payments, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-100). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (Rept. 115-100). Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

- Ms. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself, Ms. DEMINGS, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. REICHERT): H.R. 2226. A bill to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

- By Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself and Mr. FARRENTHOLD): H.R. 2228. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide permanent authority for judicial review of certain Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. ROSENSTEEL, Mr. WEGER of Texas, Mr. MEHRAN, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. BORENSTEIN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. PASCOE, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. HUNTSOM, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. CLARK of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mrs. LOWRY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. COPPMAN, Mr. COOK, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. CARDENAS, Mr. Diaz-BALART, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. LANCE, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. FRAMES of Arizona, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. KATKO, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. DESEJARLAIS, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MACARTHUR, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. HILL, Mr. FARRENTHOLD, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. ROYCE of California, and Mr. FITZPATRICK): H.R. 2230. A bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Librarianship of the United States Capitol to conduct a study of the budget and financial operations of the Library of Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

- By Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Mr. MOUTLON, Mr. PETERS, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida): H.R. 2221. A bill to establish a joint commission on North Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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 Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. GRANGER, Mr. CHAROT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. ZELDIN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. BILIRakis, and Mr. DEBATTIS): H.R. 2225. A bill to provide a 1% cost of living adjustment to the United Nations and its specialized agencies and to promote reform and limit United Nations and related agencies of the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.
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H.R. 2254. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2636 Napa Street in Vallejo, California, as the “Christa McAuliffe Post Office Building” to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. LOWENTHAL:  H.R. 2255. A bill to clarify that nonprofit organizations may accept donated mortgage appraisals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. UPTON (for himself, Ms. DINGELL, Mr. HULTGREN, and Ms. BONAMICI):  H.R. 2257. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the 42nd anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. WENSTROM:  H.R. 2257. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to consolidate certain eligibility tiers under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. LOWENTHAL (for himself, Ms. LOWOHER, Mr. COHRI, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. KILMER, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. KANNA, and Mr. MCGOVERN):  H. Res. 293. A resolution recognizing the 22nd anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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 Ms. TITUS (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. HUFFMAN):  H. Res. 294. A resolution recognizing and honoring the essential role of classified school education support employees through the Recognizing Inspirational School Employees Award; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mr. TIPTON, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CIULLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. COSTA, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. TED LIU of California, Mr. LOEBRACK, Mrs. LOWFY, Ms. MICHELLE LUCIAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. MCCOLLIM, Ms. PINDSHER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. VORES, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. MATSUMI):  H. Res. 295. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of April 30, 2017, through May 6, 2017, as “National Small Business Week” to honor the vital role of small business and the passion of entrepreneurs in the United States; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. COOK (for himself and Mr. LOWENTHAL):  H. Res. 296. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Socialist Republic of Vietnam should provide former members of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam who served alongside the United States Armed Forces in defense of their nation during the Vietnam War, with appropriate levels of support and services; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HOLDING, for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. MEEHAN:  H. Res. 297. A resolution expressing support for designation of April 2017 as “National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month” to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PEARCE (for himself, Mr. SWALWELL of California, and Mr. CRAFORD):  H. Res. 298. A resolution recognizing the security challenges of convening government officials in one specific place and directing the House of Representatives to apprise to the proper steps so that the House of Representatives can meet in a virtual setting; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the committees on Rules, and House Administration, 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.

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. DeFAZIO:  H.R. 2223. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, Clause 3, and Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:  H.R. 2224. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, and Clause 10 of the Constitution.

By Mr. STIVERS:  H.R. 2225. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 12, and Clause 14 of the Constitution.

By Mr. BARR:  H.R. 2226. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: (According to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution: The Congress shall have power to enact this legislation to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.)

By Mr. HURD:  H.R. 2227. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section IX, clause VII of the Constitution.

By Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana:  H.R. 2228. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 18—To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and to all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:  H.R. 2229. 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 grants the Congress the power to enact this law.

By Mr. COHEN:  H.R. 2230. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. BROOKS of Alabama:  H.R. 2231. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:  H.R. 2232. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. BROOKS of Alabama:  H.R. 2233. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. DELBENE:  H.R. 2234. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: The bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. RUIZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Ms. WILSON, Mr. WILSON of Florida, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GUTTENBERGER, and Mrs. GUTTENBERGER:  H.R. 2235. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois:  H.R. 2236. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: The bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments.

By Mr. HUFFMAN:  H.R. 2237. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress as stated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. DEMINGS:  H.R. 2238. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8.

By Ms. FUDGE:  H.R. 2239. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, clause 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. GUTTENBERGER:  H.R. 2240. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, clause 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. HOLDING:  H.R. 2241. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. HUFFMAN:  H.R. 2242.