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An independency class votes more for us guys. So they have pushed food stamps out into people. They've spent millions of dollars advertising food stamps so more people sign up on the SNAP program; and in doing so, they expand the dependency people, those that rely on government. That's been part of the mistake. We set about reforming that.

We have a tattoo parlor with a neon light that says we take EBT cards. So, food stamp money goes for tattoos.

We also have a fellow that bailed himself out of jail with his EBT card. They're being sold for cash and discounted.

That's some of the things that are going on. We need to tighten that up, and the House Ag Committee tightened it up. We tightened it up to reduce those dollars going in so that the people that should not be receiving the food stamps are less likely to get them, and that saved about \$16 billion out of the duration of this program, Mr. Speaker. That's one of the reforms in the farm bill.

Holding the risk management program together for agriculture and reducing the waste and the fraud and the corruption in food stamps was an important thing. That's what the House Ag Committee bill is about, Mr. Speaker, and I want to see it come to the floor, the committee product come to the floor. I'd like to see it come to the floor just under a closed rule. Let's vote it up or down and let's see where it goes. If it fails, it fails. Then we can go back to the drawing board. If we fail to try, that will be labeled a failure.

I came to this city this week to make that point over and over again, Mr. Speaker. We need to move a farm bill out of this House of Representatives. And I recognize that procedurally, at this point, as I stand here tonight, that is an impossibility under the rules of this House. So the best that we can hope for is to bring a farm bill to the floor as soon as we come back after the election.

I've asked the Speaker to do this. I've asked the majority to do this. I'm working closely in direct cooperation with the chairman of the Ag Committee, FRANK LUCAS of Oklahoma, who has done a stellar job on bringing a good bill out of committee and preparing it for floor action. He was an utter maestro in putting that bill together, and the work that was done by the chairman and many others, including Ranking Member PETERSON, Democrats and Republicans, resulted in a bill coming out of the Ag Committee that only had 11 "no" votes, and it was a bipartisan support for the bill. The opposition was also bipartisan, but it was only 11. So whatever the bar was, however high it was, we've cleared the bar.

We need to bring a bill to the floor. We need to provide that kind of stability and predictability to the ag community so that they can plan next year's crops and plan their lives.

What comes out of this House and out of this Congress and is signed by the President affects land prices, equipment purchases, land sales, farm rentals, the whole configuration, a lot of it is looking down on this farm bill.

So let's get it done. I'm looking for that full 100 percent commitment to bring the bill up to the floor when we come back. We've gotten a strong statement out of the Speaker that that's what will happen. I'm looking for reinforcement on that statement before we gavel out tomorrow, Mr. Speaker.

But it's essentially important to us that we know which direction we're going on agriculture. It isn't so critical, the policy standpoint, between now and December 31, but knowing, for planning purposes, is valuable. And if we get to, say, December 31 without a farm bill, then we do have a problem on our hands.

In the meantime, it's my strongest urging that we hear that kind of commitment from the Speaker and the other leadership, that we'll take this bill up and take it to the floor. It's a strong message now. I'd like to see it become a full commitment before we leave this House tomorrow afternoon to go back for our elections.

So, Mr. Speaker, I have vented myself to some degree. I think I've helped inform this body about the nanny state that threatens to subsume this God-given American liberty and issued my urging that we move a farm bill and that we get a commitment to do so when we come back in November.

I appreciate your attention and the work that we've done here together as Democrats and Republicans and how we've reflected the voice of the American people. After the election, I hope we get the kind of help in the Senate that we received in the House in 2010.

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

HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

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

June 29, 2012:

H.R. 6064. An Act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs.

July 6, 2012:

H.R. 4348: An Act to authorize funds for Federal highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

July 9, 2012:

H.R. 33. An Act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to specify when certain securities issues in connection with church plans are treated as exempted securities for purposes of that Act.

H.R. 2297. An Act to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

July 18, 2012:

H.R. 3902. An Act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to revise the tim-

ing of special elections for local office in the District of Columbia.

July 23, 2012:

H.R. 4155. An Act to direct the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses.

July 26, 2012:

H.R. 3001. An Act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

July 30, 2012:

H.R. 205. An Act to amend the Act titled 'An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases', approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

August 3, 2012:

H.R. 2527. An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

August 6, 2012:

H.R. 1627. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care and medical services to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune, to improve the provision of housing assistance to veterans and their families, and for other purposes.

August 7, 2012:

H.R. 5872. An Act to require the President to provide a report detailing the sequester required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on January 2, 2013.

August 10, 2012:

H.R. 1369. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1021 Pennsylvania Avenue in Hartshorne, Oklahoma, as the "Warren Lindley Post Office".

H.R. 1560. An Act to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Yslets, del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe.

H.R. 1905. An Act to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3276. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the "Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building".

H.R. 3412. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1421 Veterans Memorial Drive in Abbeville, Louisiana, as the "Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building".

H.R. 3501. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the "SPC Nicholas Scott Hart Post Office".

H.R. 3772. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the "First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building".

H.R. 5986. An Act to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third-country fabric program and to add South Sudan to the list of countries eligible for designation under that Act, to make technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the textile and apparel rules of origin for the Dominican Republic-Central America-United

States Free Trade Agreement, to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

August 16, 2012:

H.R. 1402. An Act to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicle; in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives at no net cost to the Federal Government.

H.R. 3670. An Act to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

H.R. 4240. An Act to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

September 20, 2012:

H.R. 6336. An Act to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following date, he had approved and signed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

June 27, 2012:

S. 404. An Act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

S. 684. An Act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

S. 997. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District.

July 9, 2012:

S. 3187. An Act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and medical devices, to establish user-fee programs for generic drugs and biosimilars, and for other purposes.

July 18, 2012:

S. 2061. An Act to provide for an exchange of land between the Department of Homeland Security and the South Carolina State Ports Authority.

July 26, 2012:

S. 2009. An Act to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes.

July 27, 2012:

S. 2165. An Act to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

August 3, 2012:

S. 1335. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and for other purposes.

August 10, 2012:

S. 270. An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon.

S. 271. An Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 679. An Act to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation.

S. 739. An Act to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government.

S. 1959. An Act to require a report on the designation of the Haqqani Network as a for-

eign terrorist organization and for other purposes.

S. 3363. An Act to provide for the use of National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin surcharges, and for other purposes.

August 16, 2012:

S. 3510. An Act to prevent harm to the national security or endangering the military officers and civilian employees to whom Internet publication of certain information applies, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles.

S. 3245. An act to extend by 3 years the authorization of the EB-5 Regional Center Program, the E-Verify Program, the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program, and the Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program.

S. 3552. An act to reauthorize the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, September 21, 2012, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7904. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — End-User Exception to the Clearing Requirement for Swaps (RIN: 3038-AD10) received August 13, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7905. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Swap Transaction Compliance and Implementation Schedule: Clearing Requirement Under Section 2(h) of the CEA (RIN: 3038-AD60) received August 13, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7906. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0093; FV12-932-1 FR] received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7907. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Milk in the Midwest Marketing Area; Order Amending the Order [Doc. No.: AO-11-0333; AMS-DA-11-0067; DA-11-04] received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7908. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Specialty Crops; Import Regulations; New Pistachio Import Requirements [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-09-0064; FV09-999-1 FR] received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7909. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the

Department's final rule — Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports [Doc. #: AMS-CN-11-0091] received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7910. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset Review (2012); Correction [Doc. No.: AMS-NOP-09-0074; NOP-09-01FR] (RIN: 0581-AC96) received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7911. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Organic Program; Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Crops, Livestock and Processing) [Document Number: AMS-NOP-11-0058; NOP-11-09FR] (RIN: 0581-AD15) received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7912. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0080; FV11-966-1 FR] received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7913. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Livestock Mandatory Reporting Program; Establishment of the Reporting Regulation for Wholesale Pork [Doc. No.: AMS-LS-11-0049] (RIN: 0581-AD07) received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7914. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Dinotefuran; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0433; FRL-9359-6] received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7915. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Polyoxin D zinc salt; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-1028; FRL-9360-6] (RIN: 2070) received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7916. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0394; FRL-9359-7] received September 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7917. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the OMB's Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2013; to the Committee on Appropriations.

7918. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting Report on the Assessment of Industrial Base for Night Vision Image Intensification Sensors, pursuant to Public Law 112-81, section 854(b) (125 STAT. 1521); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7919. A letter from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting a report pursuant to Section 1014 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7920. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National