

2710. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277, 5 U.S.C. 3345-3349d; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2711. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2015 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish [Docket No.: 120403249-2492-02] (RIN: 0648-XE087) received September 4, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2712. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Framework Adjustment 9 [Docket No.: 150401329-5659-02] (RIN: 0648-BF00) received September 4, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2713. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Species: Final Rulemaking To Revise Critical Habitat for Hawaiian Monk Seals [Docket No.: 110207102-5657-03] (RIN: 0648-BA81) received September 4, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2714. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Revisions to Charter Halibut Fisheries Management in Alaska [Docket No.: 140724618-5506-02] (RIN: 0648-BE41) received August 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2715. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 20 [Docket No.: 140611492-5605-02] (RIN: 0648-BE30) received August 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2716. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; 2015 Bigeye Tuna Longline Fishery Closure [Docket No.: 150619537-5615-01] (RIN: 0648-XE037) received August 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2717. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United

States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery and Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 26; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Sea Turtle Conservation [Docket No.: 141125999-5362-02] (RIN: 0648-BE68) received September 8, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2718. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coral, Coral Reefs, and Live/Hard Bottom Habitats of the South Atlantic Region; Amendment 8 [Docket No.: 140214145-5582-02] (RIN: 0648-BD81) received September 8, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2719. A letter from the Rules Administrator, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting the Bureau's interim rule — Contraband and Inmate Personal Property: Technical Amendment [Docket No.: BOP-1163] (RIN: 1120-AB63) received August 28, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2720. A letter from the Chairperson, Commission on Care, transmitting an update on the work of the Commission that was established in Sec. 202 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2721. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting notification of the President's ongoing negotiations with the European Union in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, in accordance with Sec. 107(b)(1) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

The Committee on Natural Resources discharged from further consideration H.R. 348 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 Mr. RATCLIFFE (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, and Mr. PALMER):

H.R. 3490. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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. JOLLY:

H.R. 3491. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. LOEBACK, Mr. BRADY of

Pennsylvania, and Ms. BROWNLEY of California):

H.R. 3492. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to limit the number of local wage areas allowable within a General Schedule pay locality; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. DONOVAN (for himself, Mr.

KING of New York, and Mr. McCAUL):

H.R. 3493. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 3494. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide greater clarity for States with respect to excluding providers whose actions a State suspects causes termination of fetuses born alive, 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 Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 3495. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 3496. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to provide greater access to in-State television broadcast programming for cable and satellite subscribers in certain counties; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Mr. SERRANO):

H.R. 3497. A bill to protect the Nation's law enforcement officers by banning the Five-seveN Pistol and 5.7 x 28mm SS190, SS192, SS195LF, SS196, and SS197 cartridges, testing handguns and ammunition for capability to penetrate body armor, and prohibiting the manufacture, importation, sale, or purchase of such handguns or ammunition by civilians; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARRIS:

H.R. 3498. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOLLY:

H.R. 3499. A bill to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of disability rated and certified as total by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as disability for purposes of such titles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 3500. A bill to require the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, to report the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) using methodology employed in 1980; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 3501. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment and enforcement by States of certain laws to prevent repeat intoxicated driving; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico:

H.R. 3502. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve nutrition in tribal areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. LOUDERMILK, and Mr. BARLETTA):

H.R. 3503. A bill to require an assessment of fusion center personnel needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. JONES, Mr. PERRY, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. YOHO):

H. Res. 417. A resolution impeaching Regina McCarthy, Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, for high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself and Mr. HASTINGS):

H. Res. 418. A resolution expressing support for designation of the week of September 15, 2015, through September 21, 2015, as "Balance Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

122. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 8, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act of 1965, affirming the Legislature's continuing support for the goals of the act, and to memorialize the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to reauthorize the act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

123. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 23, commemorating the 43rd anniversary of the enactment of Title IX, and urging Californians to continue to work together to achieve the goals set by Title IX, as specified; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

124. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands, relative to Resolution No. 1820 (Bill No. 31-0153), urging the United States Congress to amend Sec. 11 of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, 48 U.S.C. 1591, by repealing the requirement that the governor's official residence is "in the Government House" on Saint Thomas and providing for the Legislature of the Virgin Islands to determine the location of the Governor's residence; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

125. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 9, urging the President and Congress of the United States to craft a balanced and workable approach to reduce incentives for and minimize unnecessary patent litigation while ensuring that legitimate patent enforcement rights are protected and maintained; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

126. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly

Joint Resolution No. 7, requesting that the Congress of the United States of America further amend the GI Bill of Rights to make benefits available, with all appropriate safeguards, to all veterans for use as startup capital in the establishment of first businesses; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

127. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2, calling upon the President of the United States and the United States Congress to formally and consistently reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Foreign Affairs.

128. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, urging Congress and the President of the United States to reform the short stay admissions criteria for Medicare beneficiaries and to discontinue the two-midnight policy; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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. RATCLIFFE:

H.R. 3490.

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 all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. JOLLY:

H.R. 3491.

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

Article I, section 8, of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 3492.

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

Article I; Section 8 of the Constitution states "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;"

By Mr. DONOVAN:

H.R. 3493.

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 all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 3494.

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

Article I, Section 8—"To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers . . ."

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 3495.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 3496.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 3497.

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

U.S. Const. Art. I § 8.

By Mr. HARRIS:

H.R. 3498.

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

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. JOLLY:

H.R. 3499.

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

Article I, section 8, of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 3500.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 3501.

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

Article I

By Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico:

H.R. 3502.

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 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. MCSALLY:

H.R. 3503.

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 all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 27: Mr. FINCHER.

H.R. 140: Mr. FARENTHOLD.

H.R. 155: Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 225: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 266: Mr. BYRNE.

H.R. 292: Mr. GIBSON, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Mr. SWALWELL of California.

H.R. 335: Ms. LEE, Ms. GRANGER, and Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 348: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.

H.R. 467: Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 494: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK.

H.R. 510: Mr. BRAT.

H.R. 525: Mr. TIPTON and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 539: Mr. HECK of Washington, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. NUGENT.

H.R. 540: Mr. EMMER of Minnesota and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.

H.R. 592: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 662: Mr. BISHOP of Michigan.

H.R. 671: Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 692: Mr. PALMER.

H.R. 702: Mr. GUNTA and Mr. DENT.

H.R. 708: Mr. ROSS and Mr. CRAMER.