

1815, 1816, 1819, 1822, 1824, 1825, 1827, 1832, 1836, 1837, 1839, 1842, 1844, 1845, 1852, 1853, and 1870] received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7965. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, transmitting the Institute's final rule—Continuation of Fire Research Grants Program—Availability of Funds [Docket No: 97122307-7307-01] (RIN: 0693-ZA20) received March 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7966. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Empowerment Zones: Rule Modifications for First Round Designations [24 CFR Part 597] received March 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7967. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a report on the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

7968. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the annual report regarding the accessibility standards issued, revised, amended, or repealed under the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4151; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Education and the Workforce.

7969. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Surety BOND Requirements for Home Health Agencies [HCFA-1152-F] (RIN: 0938-A131) received March 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

7970. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Medicare Administrative Improvement Amendments of 1998"; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

#### 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. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2294. A bill to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-437). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 238. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure; with an amendment (Rept. 105-438). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. CANADY: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3117. A bill to reauthorize the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-439). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2515. A bill to address the declining health of forests on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land manage-

ment and environmental laws, to establish a program to inventory, monitor, and analyze public and private forests and their resources, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 104-440 Pt. 1).

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Resources discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2515 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

#### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2515. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than March 12, 1998.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. FILNER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. CARSON, Mr. REYES, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ):

H.R. 3444. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that in the case of past-due benefits awarded an individual pursuant to a proceeding before the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, any payment of attorneys fees allowed with respect to such award shall be paid directly to the attorney by the Secretary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SAXTON (for himself, Mr. GILCREST, and Mr. BILBRAY):

H.R. 3445. A bill to establish the Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky (by request):

H.R. 3446. A bill to provide for the elimination of duty on Ziram; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 3447. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the income threshold amounts for determining the inclusion in gross income of Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 3448. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an inflation adjustment of the income threshold amounts at which 85 percent of Social Security benefits become includible in gross income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 3449. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the adjusted gross income threshold applicable in determining the deduction for medical care and to increase the mileage deduction for transportation for medical care; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3450. A bill to protect the retirement security of Americans; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such pro-

visions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOSWELL:

H.R. 3451. A bill to amend the conservation reserve program to treat a non-profit organization that rents land from a State (or a political subdivision or agency thereof) as a separate person for purposes of applying the limitation on payments under conservation reserve contracts; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 3452. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to allow the sale of certain gasoline, alternative motor fuels, and motor oil at duty-free sales enterprises; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CUBIN:

H.R. 3453. A bill to designate the Federal Building and Post Office located at 100 East B Street, Casper, Wyoming, as the "Dick Cheney Federal Building"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. EHRlich:

H.R. 3454. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the common bond requirements for members of Federal credit unions; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 3455. A bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to extend the term of marketing assistance loans; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KASICH (for himself and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 3456. A bill to provide for personal Social Security plus accounts funded by surpluses in the total budget of the United States Government and available for private investment in indexed funds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LUTHER:

H.R. 3457. A bill to prohibit movies in which a tobacco company has paid to have its tobacco product featured; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. OBERSTAR:

H.R. 3458. A bill to amend Public Law 90-419 to repeal a condition imposed in granting the consent of Congress to the Great Lakes Basin Compact; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

H.R. 3459. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to require the medical improvement standard to be used in redetermining the eligibility of 18-year-olds for supplemental security income benefits by reason of disability, and to allow funds in dedicated savings accounts to be used for food, clothing, shelter, utility, and personal items of a child; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SAXTON (by request):

H.R. 3460. A bill to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Latvia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SAXTON (by request):

H.R. 3461. A bill to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Poland; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SHAYS (for himself and Mr. KUCINICH):

H.R. 3462. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require notification of recalls of drugs and devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. TRAFICANT:

H.R. 3463. A bill to provide for the installation of enhanced vision technologies to replace and enhance conventional lighting systems with respect to airport improvement

projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. YATES, and Mr. THOMPSON):

H.R. 3464. A bill to amend title 28 of the United States Code to revise the authority of the independent counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H. Con. Res. 242. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress favoring the authorization, in the manner provided by law, of the establishment of a commemorative work in the District of Columbia to honor the veterans of the Persian Gulf War; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ROGAN:

H. Con. Res. 243. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal Government should increase its support for basic and applied scientific research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 44: Mr. LANTOS and Mrs. MORELLA.  
H.R. 65: Mr. LANTOS.  
H.R. 96: Mr. HALL of Texas and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.  
H.R. 107: Mr. SHAW.  
H.R. 146: Mr. SPENCE and Mr. ADERHOLT.  
H.R. 218: Mr. MASCARA and Mr. THOMPSON.  
H.R. 303: Mr. LANTOS.  
H.R. 612: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. STOKES, Mr. HORN, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. CARDIN.  
H.R. 777: Mr. ROEMER.  
H.R. 880: Mr. COBURN, Mr. KLUG, and Mr. REDMOND.  
H.R. 900: Ms. KILPATRICK.  
H.R. 981: Mr. FORBES, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Mr. TOWNS.  
H.R. 1121: Mr. NORWOOD.  
H.R. 1126: Mr. MEEKS of New York.  
H.R. 1151: Mr. GOODLING and Mr. COBLE.  
H.R. 1415: Mr. THOMPSON.  
H.R. 1425: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts and Mr. JACKSON.  
H.R. 1636: Ms. NORTON, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MCHALE, and Ms. WATERS.  
H.R. 1706: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.  
H.R. 1712: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.  
H.R. 1766: Mr. LINDER.  
H.R. 1895: Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. EVANS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. TORRES, and Mr. NADLER.  
H.R. 1915: Ms. PELOSI.  
H.R. 2145: Mr. LAHOOD.  
H.R. 2224: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. MEEKS of New York.  
H.R. 2377: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. HALL of Texas.  
H.R. 2489: Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. VENTO, Mr. TALENT, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. WALSH.  
H.R. 2515: Ms. DUNN of Washington and Ms. DANNER.  
H.R. 2538: Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. TORRES.  
H.R. 2568: Mr. JONES, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. CAMP.  
H.R. 2593: Mr. TORRES and Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 2665: Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 2670: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 2760: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 2807: Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 2820: Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 2850: Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

H.R. 2864: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ROEMER, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 2869: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 2870: Ms. KAPTUR and Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 2871: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 2873: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 2875: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 2877: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ROEMER, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 2879: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 2881: Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 2914: Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 2923: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. UPTON.

H.R. 2968: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. HOEKSTRA.

H.R. 2992: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. METCAF.

H.R. 3125: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

H.R. 3131: Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 3156: Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SABO, Mrs. NORTUP, Mr. HOYER, Ms. FURSE, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BASS, Mr. FROST, and Mr. FORD.

H.R. 3157: Mr. JONES and Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 3161: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina and Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 3177: Mr. PALLONE and Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 3206: Mr. ROHRBACH.

H.R. 3216: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 3117: Mr. RANGEL and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 3235: Mr. HAYWORTH.

H.R. 3243: Mr. MCCOLLUM and Mr. SHAW.

H.R. 3248: Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. NEUMANN, and Mr. CANNON.

H.R. 3254: Mr. GALLEGLY.

H.R. 3256: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 3265: Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. HILL, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. COBLE, Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. BOYD.

H.R. 3270: Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 3271: Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 3274: Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 3288: Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 3300: Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. FROST, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3331: Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.R. 3335: Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 3336: Mr. MICA.

H.R. 3338: Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 3340: Mr. RAMSTAD and Mr. McNULTY.

H.R. 3342: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALDAR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. VENTO, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. BALDACCI.

H.R. 3396: Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PARKER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. QUINN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. HEFNER.

H.R. 3438: Mr. NEY.

H. Con. Res. 65: Mr. BENTSEN.

H. Con. Res. 126: Mr. FORBES, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H. Con. Res. 152: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut and Mr. FOSSELLA.

H. Con. Res. 203: Ms. CARSON and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H. Con. Res. 208: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. WATKINS, Ms. DANNER, Mr. RILEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SKELTON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. METCALF, Mr. HILL, Mr. BOYD, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. COOK, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H. Con. Res. 212: Mr. GANSKE, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. BOB SCHAEFER.

H. Con. Res. 227: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

H. Con. Res. 229: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, and Mr. PICKETT.

H. Res. 151: Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.

H. Res. 218: Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H. Res. 380: Mr. POMBO.

### DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1415: Mr. SALMON.

### AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. —

OFFERED BY: Mr. SANDERS

(IMF Supplemental Appropriations, FY98)

AMENDMENT NO. 1: At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

**SEC. —. PROHIBITION OF FUNDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND UNLESS ITS BY-LAWS REQUIRE THAT PRIVATE CREDITORS PROVIDE CRISIS RESOLUTION ASSISTANCE BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND DOES.**

Title XV of the International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 2620-2620-1) is amended by adding at the end following:

**"SEC. 1503. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND UNLESS ITS BY-LAWS REQUIRE THAT PRIVATE CREDITORS PROVIDE CRISIS RESOLUTION ASSISTANCE BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND DOES.**

"An officer, employee, or agent of the United States may not, directly or indirectly, provide Federal funds to, or for the benefit of, the International Monetary Fund unless the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that the bylaws of the International Monetary Fund provide that the International Monetary Fund shall not provide funds to any country experiencing a financial crisis resulting from excessive and imprudent borrowing by government or private borrowers, unless the private creditors, investors, and banking institutions which had extended such credit make a significant prior contribution by means of debt relief, rollovers of existing credit, or the provision of new credit, as part of an overall program approved by the International Monetary Fund for resolution of the crisis."