

guardian, and the Constitution sets up a system where if something goes wrong with interpretation of the Constitution, we offer an amendment, because we, Mr. Speaker, are charged to be the protectors of what the Founding Fathers intended, and the Religious Freedom Amendment helps us to provide that protection.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. WATERS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through April 1, on account of official business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of physical reasons.

Mr. JEFFERSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through April 3, on account of official business.

Mr. McDERMOTT (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through March 27, on account of official business.

Mr. RANGEL (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through April 1, on account of official business.

Mr. STARK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and March 25, on account of official business.

Mr. ROYCE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today through April 1, on account of traveling on behalf of the Speaker of the House of Representatives with the President of the United States in Africa.

Mrs. CHENOWETH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of illness.

Mr. CANNON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week, on account of the birth of his child.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BORSKI) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FRANK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KLINK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. EWING, for 5 minutes, each day today and on March 25, 26, and 27.

Mrs. CUBIN, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

Mr. EHRLICH, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BORSKI) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KIND.

Mr. MANTON.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. HALL of Ohio.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. EVANS.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. PASCRELL.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. FATTAH.

Mr. FROST.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Florida) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

Mr. LEWIS of California.

Mr. RIGGS.

Mrs. ROUKEMA.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. EVERETT.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. COLLINS.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ISTOOK) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BASS.

Mr. TIERNEY.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

Mr. CONYERS.

Mr. EVANS.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Mr. TORRES.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 758. An act to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8171. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Bamboo [Docket No. 96-082-2] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8172. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for an emergency FY 1998 supplemental appropriation of \$1,632.2 million for disaster relief activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and accompanying amendment, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107; (H. Doc. No. 105—234); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8173. A letter from the Chairman, Panel to Review Long-Range Air Power, transmitting the report of the Panel To Review Long-Range Air Power, pursuant to Pub. L. 105—56 and Public Law 105—85, section 131; to the Committee on National Security.

8174. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closure of Specified Groundfish Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 971208298-8055-02; I.D. 031198A] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8175. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters [Rev. Proc. 98-28] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8176. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 98-18] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8177. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting supplemental information on the proposed obligation of certain Cooperative Threat Reduction Program funds; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and National Security.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of the rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3211. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-458). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2186. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming (Rept. 105-459). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 390. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2589) to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-460). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 391. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2578) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non-immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General (Rept. 105-461). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 3310. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses; with an amendment (Rept. 105-462 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Small Business discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3310 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. 3310. Referral to the Committee on Small Business extended for a period ending not later than March 24, 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. SMITH of Oregon:

H.R. 3530. A bill to address the destruction and degradation of important forest resources on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land management and en-

vironmental laws, to establish a program to inventory and analyze public and private forests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, 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 Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUSH, Mrs. THURMAN, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 3531. A bill to support breastfeeding by new mothers and encourage employers to support workplace lactation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, House Oversight, Government Reform and Oversight, and Commerce, 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. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado:

H.R. 3532. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. COLLINS:

H.R. 3533. A bill to terminate the exception provided for certain real estate investment trusts from the rules relating to stapled entities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONDIT (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. GOODE, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. DREIER, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. GOSS, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. LINDER, Mr. JOHN, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. TURNER):

H.R. 3534. A bill to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. NEY, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 3535. A bill to establish limits on medical malpractice claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. KENNEDY of Rhode Island:

H.R. 3536. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the construction in the United States of luxury yachts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. MILLENDER-McDONALD (for herself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. DeLAURO, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PALLONE,

Mr. WYNN, Ms. RIVERS, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE):

H.R. 3537. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the delivery of alcohol to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. GREEN):

H.R. 3538. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to limit the amount of any increase in the payments required by health insurance issuers for health insurance coverage provided to individuals who are guaranteed an offer of enrollment under individual health insurance coverage relative to other individuals who purchase health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. REDMOND (for himself, Mr. SKEEN, and Mr. SCHIFF):

H.R. 3539. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to provide for payment of compensation to individuals exposed to radiation as the result of working in uranium mines and mills which provided uranium for the use and benefit of the United States Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. RIVERS:

H.R. 3540. A bill to assess the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement on domestic job loss and the environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. ROUKEMA:

H.R. 3541. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the \$500,000 exclusion of gain on the sale of a principal residence shall apply to certain sales by a surviving spouse; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

H.R. 3542. A bill to clarify the Bureau of Land Management's authority to make sales and exchanges of certain Federal lands in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 3543. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a political committee from reimbursing a candidate for election for Federal office for amounts provided to the committee in support of the candidate's campaign; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. UPTON:

H.R. 3544. A bill to amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act with respect to the treatment of Lake Champlain; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BOYD (for himself and Mr. STENHOLM):

H. Con. Res. 248. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 should be reformed by April 15, 2001, in a manner that protects the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds, that is revenue neutral, and that results in a fair and less complicated tax code; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. REYES, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ):

H. Con. Res. 249. Concurrent resolution stating the sense of Congress that substantial amounts of the proceeds received by the United States under any congressionally approved tobacco settlement should be allocated to the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BEREUTER (for himself and Mr. BERMAN):

H. Res. 392. A resolution relating to the importance of Japanese-American relations and