

back to the people, and basically to give more freedom and liberty to Americans throughout the country wherever they may be.

But the reality is, there is about two minutes left until the end of April Fool's Day here in Washington, D.C. in the eastern time zone, which means that in 14 days, a little over 14 days now, at about this time, American taxpayers throughout the country are going to be lining up to get to their Post Office to file their tax returns in time in order to stay within the law of the Internal Revenue Service Tax Code.

I hope they will be thinking about this conversation tonight, and maybe contrasting the difference between our Republican message of freedom and liberty and lower taxes and the Democrat message of more government and no tax cuts, no tax cuts.

The tax collectors for the welfare State, as you have pointed out in the quote you brought here tonight, have stated right here on this floor just a few weeks ago that the fact is that Democrats are not for tax cuts. That is the real difference between the two parties. We really are looking for ways to liberate the American people, to lower tax rates.

Here is something I want to point out. Families paid 5 percent of their income in Federal taxes in 1934. Today, the average family pays 20 percent of its annual income to the Federal Government, the highest since World War II. That is no April Fool's Day joke.

Right now the average American family pays about 40 percent of their total income in State, Federal and local taxes; 40 percent. That is no April fool's Day joke either.

Our goal and our vision in general terms and over a broader context is to lower the effective tax rate on the American family to no more than 25 percent. That is something we are not joking about either. We are quite serious about it.

We will be back at this microphone time and time again talking about this vision of freedom and liberty, lower taxes and less government. I thank the Speaker for recognizing us today, and allowing us to participate in this special order.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 8:15 p.m. on account of physical reasons.

#### 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. ABERCROMBIE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MASCARA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. NADLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOODE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COYNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOODLATTE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GIBBONS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WHITFIELD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

S. 750. An act to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUSSLE). Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 257, 105th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, for morning hour debates.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 257, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8341. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Specifically Approved States Authorized to Receive Mares and Stallions Imported from Regions Where CEM Exists [Docket No. 97-104-1] received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8342. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the medical condition of members of the Armed Forces who are de-

ployed outside the United States as part of a contingency or combat operation, pursuant to Public Law 105-85; to the Committee on National Security.

8343. A letter from the Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Community Development Financial Institutions Program—Core Component [No. 981-0154] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8344. A letter from the Deputy Director for Policy and Program, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Community Development Financial Institutions Program Technical Assistance—Technical Assistance Component [No. 982-0154] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8345. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Odometer Disclosure Requirements; Exemptions [Docket No. 87-09, Notice 16] (RIN: 2127-AG83) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8346. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Occupant Crash Protection [Docket No. NHTSA-97-3191; Notice 2] (RIN: 2127-AF66) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8347. A letter from the Acting Director, Minority Business Development Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Solicitation of Minority Business Development Center Applications for Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, Raleigh/Durham, San Antonio, El Paso, Statewide New Mexico, Philadelphia, Williamsburg, Seattle, Honolulu and San Jose [Docket No. 980320072-8072-01] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8348. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Statement of the Commission Regarding Use of Internet Web Sites to Offer Securities, Solicit Securities Transactions or Advertise Investment Services Offshore [Release Nos. 33-7516, 34-39779, 1A-1710, IC-23071] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8349. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations [22 CFR Part 121] received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

8350. A letter from the Director, United States Information Agency, transmitting the 1996 annual report entitled "International Exchange and Training Activities of the United States Government"; to the Committee on International Relations.

8351. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce, transmitting the final version of the Department's FY 1999 Annual Performance Plan (APP), pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8352. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule—Amendment to Clarify

Regulatory Intent on Finality of Review for Complaints Regarding Designation of Positions for Employee Confidential Financial Disclosure Reporting (RIN: 3209-AA00) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8353. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Processing Garnishment Orders for Child Support and Alimony and Commercial Garnishment of Federal Employees' Pay (RIN: 3206-AH43) received March 25, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8354. A letter from the Director, Financial Services, Library of Congress, transmitting a copy of the financial statements of the Capitol Preservation Fund for the first three months of fiscal year 1998 which ended on December 31, 1997, and comparable data for the same period of the previous fiscal year; to the Committee on House Oversight.

8355. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Civil Enforcement Proceedings: Opportunity for an In-Person Hearing [Docket No. 961004279-6279-01; I.D 111695A] (RIN: 0648-AI53) received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8356. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for Drug Testing of and Interventions With Incarcerated Offenders and Reduce Drug Trafficking and Related Crime in Correctional Facilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8357. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drug and Alcohol Testing: Substance Abuse Professional Evaluation For Drug Use [RSPA Docket PS-128; Amendment 199-15] (RIN: 2137-AC84) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8358. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Control of Drug Use and Alcohol Misuse in Natural Gas, Liquefied Natural Gas, and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Operations [Docket No. PS-102; Amendment 199-16] (RIN: 2137-AC67) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8359. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pipeline Safety: Periodic Updates to Pipeline Safety Regulations (1997) [Docket No. RSPA-97-2251; Amdt. Nos. 190-7; 191-13; 192-83; 193-15; 194-2; 195-61; 198-3; 199-17] (RIN: 2137-AD03) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8360. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pipeline Safety: Change in Response Plan Review Cycle [Docket No. PS-130; Amdt. 194-1] (RIN: 2137-AD12) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8361. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Annual Air & Sea Show, Fort Lauderdale, Florida [CGD07-98-004] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8362. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Alternate Compliance via Recognized Classification Society and U.S. Supplement to Rules [CGD 95-010] (RIN: 2115-AF11) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8363. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Whitbread Chesapeake, Chesapeake Bay, Maryland [CGD 05-98-013] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8364. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Intracoastal Waterway, St. Augustine, FL [CGD07-98-014] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8365. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Miami Beach, Florida [CGD07-98-003] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8366. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Approaches to Annapolis Harbor, Spa Creek, and Severn River, Annapolis, Maryland [CGD 05-98-016] received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8367. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dignitary Arrival/Departure Logan International Airport, Boston, MA [CGD01-97-004] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8368. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fort Lauderdale, FL [CGD7-98-017] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8369. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—San Diego Bay and Adjacent Waters, San Diego, CA [COTP San Diego; 98-007] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8370. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety zone; Summer Bay, Unalaska Island, AK [COTP Western Alaska 98-002] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8371. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Standards; Rain and Hail Ingestion Standards [Docket No. 28652; Amendment Nos. 23-53, 25-95, and 33-19] (RIN: 2120-AF75) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8372. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA-366G1 Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-31-AD; Amendment 39-10414; AD 98-06-35] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8373. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher Segelflugzeugbau Model ASK-21 Sailplanes [Docket No. 97-CE-109-AD; Amendment 39-10417; AD 98-06-38] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8374. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher Segelflugzeugbau Model ASK-21 Sailplanes [Docket No. 97-CE-107-AD; Amendment 39-10416; AD 98-06-37] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8375. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 31 and 35A Airplanes [Docket No. 96-NM-202-AD; Amendment 39-10406; AD 98-06-28] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8376. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS 332C, L, L1, and L2 Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-66-AD; Amendment 39-10418; AD 98-06-39] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8377. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace BAe Model ATP Airplanes [Docket No. 94-NM-212-AD; Amendment 39-10419; AD 98-07-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8378. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. Model 412 Helicopters and Agusta S.p.A. Model AB412 Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-58-AD; Amendment 39-10421; AD 98-07-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8379. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A310, and A300-600 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-230-AD; Amendment 39-10409; AD 98-06-31] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8380. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA341G and SA342J Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-51-AD; Amendment 39-10415; AD 98-06-36] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8381. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 1000 through 4000 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 96-NM-176-AD; Amendment 39-10412; AD 98-06-33] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8382. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness

Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-324-AD; Amendment 39-10402; AD 98-06-24] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8383. A letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Capital Construction Fund; Interim Fishing Vessel Capital Construction Fund Procedures [Docket No. 961122326-6326-01; I.D. 081092G] (RIN: 0648-AF22) received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8384. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation that would change the interest rate on disaster loans, establish a disaster mitigation pilot program, and increase the authorization for funding for the women's business centers; to the Committee on Small Business.

8385. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterans Education: Reduction in Required Reports (RIN: 2900-AI58) received March 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8386. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revocation of Regulations Under the Tea Importation Act [Docket No. 98N-0135] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8387. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Gross Income Defined [Rev. Rul. 98-19] received March 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8388. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on government-wide spending to combat terrorism, pursuant to Public Law 105-85; jointly to the Committees on National Security and the Judiciary.

8389. A letter from the Chair, Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, transmitting the FY 1997 Annual Report of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, pursuant to Public Law 102-281, section 429(b) (106 Stat. 145); jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Science.

8390. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to make technical corrections to the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994; jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Government Reform and Oversight.

8391. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on Export Control Assistance Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Activities, pursuant to Public Law 105-118; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8392. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Department of Justice, transmitting the 1997 Annual Report of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (FPI), pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 4127; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Government Reform and Oversight.

8393. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Years 1999 and 2000 for certain mari-

time programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and National 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. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 2691. A bill to reauthorize and improve the operations of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; with an amendment (Rept. 105-477). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1252. A bill to modify the procedures of the Federal courts in certain matters, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-478). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 2431. A bill to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-480, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE 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. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2729. A bill for the private relief of Ruth Hairston by waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity (Rept. 105-479). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

#### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 1778. Referral to the Committees on Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Government Reform and Oversight extended for a period ending not later than April 30, 1998.

H.R. 2431. Referral to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Banking and Financial Services, and Rules extended for a period ending not later than May 8, 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. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HINCHAY, Mr. WOLF, Mr. OLVER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. FURSE, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. KUCINICH):

H.R. 3615. A bill to amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to authorize appropriations to purchase and to make available to emergency feeding organizations additional commodities for distribution to needy persons; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SPENCE (for himself and Mr. SKELTON) (both by request):

H.R. 3616. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. VENTO (for himself and Mrs. ROUKEMA) (both by request):

H.R. 3617. A bill to make technical corrections to the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 to reflect the status of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund within the Treasury Department, to extend the authorization for the Fund, and to make other amendments to the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, the community development financial institutions program, the Bank Enterprise Act awards program, and the small business capital enhancement program in order to more efficiently and effectively promote economic revitalization, community development, and community development financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. FILNER,

Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. MASCARA, Ms. CARSON, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. DOYLE):

H.R. 3618. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance for providing automobiles to certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. FILNER,

Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. MASCARA, Ms. CARSON, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. DOYLE):

H.R. 3619. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance for specially adapted housing for disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GEPHARDT:

H.R. 3620. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, simplify the tax code, eliminate the marriage penalty, provide for return-free filing of income taxes, prohibit income tax rates from increasing without a national referendum, eliminate corporate welfare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Government Reform and Oversight, and House Oversight, 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. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. YATES, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. GUTIERREZ):

H.R. 3621. A bill to eliminate the National Forest Foundation; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. RANGEL:

H.R. 3622. A bill to amend section 2007 of the Social Security Act to provide grant funding for 20 additional empowerment zones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.