

the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29164; Amdt. No. 1860] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received April 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8917. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29163; Amdt. No. 1859] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received April 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8918. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29162; Amdt. No. 1858] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received April 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8919. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace; Cape Girardeau, MO [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-2] received April 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8920. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace; St. Joseph, MO [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-6] received April 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8921. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Columbia, MO [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-3] received April 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8922. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace; Joplin, MO; Correction [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-4] received April 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8923. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace; Joplin, MO; Correction [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-4] received April 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8924. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Laboratory Directed Research and Development [DOE O 413.2] received April 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

8925. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Regulations Governing Book-Entry Treasury BONDS, Notes, and Bills; Determination Regarding State Statute; South Dakota [31 CFR Part 357] received April 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8926. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Empowerment Zones; Rule for Second Round Designations [Docket No. FR-428-I-04] (RIN: 2506-AB97) received April 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8927. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Trade or Business Expenses [Revenue Ruling 98-25] received April 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8928. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Abolishment of Boca Grande as a port of entry [T.D. 98-37] received May 1, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8929. A letter from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office of Thrift Supervision's 1997 Annual Consumer Report to Congress, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1462a(g); jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Commerce.

8930. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the fourth annual report on Building Energy Efficiency Standards Activities, pursuant to Public Law 102-486, section 101(a) (106 Stat. 2786); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

8931. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a report entitled "A Role for Federal Purchasing in Commercializing New Energy-Efficient and Renewable-Energy Technologies"; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Science.

8932. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that the President proposes to exercise his authority under section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act"), to authorize the furnishing of defense articles and services to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2364(a)(1); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8933. A letter from the Secretary of Defense and Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report on the implementation on that portion of the law dealing with sharing of health care resources between the two departments, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 811(f); jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and National Security.

8934. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a report to Congress describing its plans for the first phase of the Medicare subvention demonstration as well as plans regarding subsequent demonstration phases; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Commerce, and National Security.

#### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

*(The following action occurred on April 30, 1998)  
(Omitted from the Record of April 30, 1998)*

H.R. 1778. Referral to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Commerce for a period ending not later than June 2, 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:

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) introduced a bill (H.R. 3788) to pro-

vide for pension reform, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.

#### MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

303. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 10 memorializing the recognition of state and county rights-of-way under Revised Statute 2477 and take appropriate action to invalidate the proposed policy change for forest roadless areas; to the Committee on Agriculture.

304. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 9 memorializing that Congress amend the Idaho Admission Bill to provide a reference to the Public School Permanent Endowment Fund; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

305. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 14 memorializing the Congress of the United States to take action immediately to terminate the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project with no RECORD of Decision being Approved; to the Committee on Resources.

306. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 13 memorializing the Congress of the United States to adopt, in as timely a manner as possible, a multiyear federal surface transportation program reauthorization legislation; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 662: Mr. SERRANO and Mr. SHAYS.  
H.R. 1401: Mr. FOLEY.  
H.R. 2009: Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MAN-  
TON, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mrs. EMERSON.  
H.R. 2154: Mrs. CLAYTON.  
H.R. 3033: Mr. GEPHARDT.  
H.R. 3099: Mrs. EMERSON.  
H.R. 3127: Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. HUNTER,  
Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr.  
HORN, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. STEN-  
HOLM, Mr. EVANS, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. HILL-  
IARD.  
H.R. 3181: Ms. FURSE and Ms. MILLENDER-  
MCDONALD.  
H.R. 3247: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. MALONEY of  
Connecticut, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. SLAUGH-  
TER, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr.  
TOWNS.  
H.R. 3269: Ms. KILPATRICK and Ms. SLAUGH-  
TER.  
H.R. 3341: Mr. SERRANO.  
H.R. 3538: Ms. PELOSI.  
H.R. 3648: Mr. KING of New York, Mr.  
FOLEY, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. BOEHLERT.  
H. Con. Res. 239: Mr. PORTER and Ms.  
FURSE.  
H. Con. Res. 264: Mr. COOK, Mrs. MCCARTHY  
of New York, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. TOWNS, Mr.  
BENTSEN, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. KENNEDY  
of Massachusetts.  
H. Res. 399: Mr. RAMSTAD.

#### AMENDMENTS

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

H.R. 6

OFFERED BY: MR. OWENS

AMENDMENT No. 78: Page 349, after line 9, insert the following:

**TITLE XI—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
EDUCATION RECRUITMENT**

**SEC. 1101. POSTSECONDARY INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION RECRUIT-  
MENT.**

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) There are more than 200,000 to 400,000 vacancies in various categories of information technology jobs.

(2) From 1996 to 2005, more than 1,300,000 new computer scientists, engineers, and systems analysts will be required in the United States to fill vacant jobs, which equals 136,800 new workers per year.

(3) Systems analysts will experience the largest job growth, accounting for a 103 percent increase in the number of new positions from 1996 (506,000) to 2005 (1,025,000).

(4) The shortage of information technology workers transcends industries, affecting the manufacturing, service, transportation, health care, education, and government sectors. Within each sector, vacancies exist at all levels from aides and mechanics to programmers and designers.

(5) The information technology worker shortage is having an adverse effect on the viability of businesses in the United States and on the Nation's competitiveness. Industry surveys report that half of industry executives cite the lack of workers skilled in technology as the number one obstacle to their company's growth. An additional 20 percent of industry executives identify the lack of information technology workers as a major obstacle to their company's growth.

(6) A major factor affecting the short supply of information technology workers is the mismatch between what universities teach and what industry needs.

(7) It is in the national interest to promote special initiatives which effectively educate and train our domestic workforce to keep pace with these expanding job opportunities.

(8) Institutions of higher education have the capacity and resources to provide a role of oversight and technical assistance to a wide range of local entities, including community-based organizations, participating in a comprehensive education and training program for potential technology workers.

(9) Higher education institutions must be responsive to the digital environment and expand both their outreach efforts and on-campus activities to train and certify individuals to close the information technology worker gap.

(b) AMENDMENT.—Title II is amended by adding at the end the following:

**"PART G—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
EDUCATION RECRUITMENT**

**"SEC. 281. PARTNERSHIPS FOR POSTSECONDARY  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDU-  
CATION RECRUITMENT.**

"(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants under this section, in accordance with competitive criteria established by the Secretary, to institutions of higher education, in order to establish, oversee the operation of, and provide technical assistance to, projects described in paragraph (2).

"(2) PROJECTS.—Projects under this section shall be projects implemented by a community-based organization described in subsection (b), or by the institution of higher education receiving the grant, to provide postsecondary information technology education.

"(3) RESTRICTIONS.—An institution of higher education shall be eligible to receive only

one grant under this section, but may, subject to the requirements of this section, use the grant to enter into contracts with more than one community-based organization. A community-based organization shall not be eligible to enter into a contract under this section with more than one institution of higher education.

"(4) PERIOD OF GRANT.—The provision of payments under a grant under this section shall not exceed 5 fiscal years and shall be subject to the annual approval of the Secretary and subject to the availability of appropriations for each fiscal year involved.

"(b) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), a community-based organization described in this subsection is an entity that, at the time the entity enters into a contract with an institution of higher education for a project under this section, and throughout the duration of that contract—

"(A) is—

"(i) a governmental agency; or

"(ii) an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code; and

"(B) is one of the following:

"(i) A local partnership (as defined in section 4 of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994) receiving a grant under section 302 of such Act.

"(ii) An entity organized and operated for religious purposes.

"(iii) An entity furnishing school-age child care services after school.

"(iv) A community-based college computer recruitment center.

"(v) An entity furnishing adult education.

"(vi) A library.

"(vii) A museum.

"(viii) Any other entity organized and operated for cultural, literary, or educational purposes.

"(2) LIMITATION.—An entity shall not be considered a community-based organization described in this subsection unless, at the time the entity enters into a contract with an institution of higher education for a project under this section, it has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary that—

"(A) it has the capacity successfully to recruit eligible individuals described in subsection (c) for participation in a project described in subsection (a), consistent with the enrollment requirements in subsection (d)(2)(E);

"(B) it is providing an educational service, social service, or employment procurement service; and

"(C) in the case of an entity that independently manages its own finances, it has been in existence 2 years or more.

"(c) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—An eligible individual described in this subsection is an individual who—

"(1) has submitted a satisfactory application to receive postsecondary information technology education recruitment assistance through a project under this section; and

"(2) has a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate.

"(d) DUTIES.—

"(1) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—An institution of higher education receiving a grant under this section shall use the funds provided under the grant to carry out the following duties:

"(A) Final selection of community-based organizations described in subsection (b) desiring to provide, at one or more sites, in accordance with a contract with the institution of higher education and this section, postsecondary information technology education and employment procurement assist-

ance to eligible individuals described in subsection (c).

"(B) Entering into a contract with each community-based organization selected under subparagraph (A) under which the institution and the organization agree to carry out the duties respectively required of them under this section with respect to each site described in subparagraph (A).

"(C) With respect to each site described in subparagraph (A)—

"(i) design of a process for the recruitment of students from the site to enroll in college courses or matriculate in college programs;

"(ii) provision of such funding for the establishment and initial operation of the site as was specified in the grant application submitted by the institution to the Secretary;

"(iii) approval of final site selection and preparation;

"(iv) initial orientation and training of personnel employed to manage and operate the site;

"(v) design and certification of the instructional and academic programs, and oversight of the implementation of the programs;

"(vi) oversight of equipment purchases and contracts for equipment maintenance; and

"(vii) selection of an outside contractor for periodic evaluation of the management and operation of the site.

"(2) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A community-based organization implementing a project under this section with an institution of higher education, at one or more sites, shall carry out the duties described in this paragraph, with respect to each such site, subject to the oversight and guidance of the institution.

"(B) GENERAL DUTIES.—The organization—

"(i) shall undertake final site selection and preparation;

"(ii) shall recruit and hire a site director;

"(iii) shall carry out any supplementary instructional, academic, or educational activities specified in the contract with the institution of higher education that are not described in subparagraph (D);

"(iv) shall assemble an advisory committee composed of individuals residing in the community in which the site is located, as well as industry representatives, who desire to assist the organization in ensuring that the goals of the organization are consistent with the goals and needs of the community population;

"(v) shall provide to the institution other evidence of volunteer support from among individuals residing in the community in which the site is located and industry representatives;

"(vi) shall recruit eligible individuals for enrollment, subject to subparagraph (E); and

"(vii) shall maintain waiting lists of eligible individuals desiring to enroll in the project's programs.

"(C) SITE REQUIREMENTS.—The organization shall ensure that each site—

"(i) has a minimum of 20 fully functioning computers with sufficient capacity to perform all of the computer operations that are the subject of the curriculum specified in subparagraph (D);

"(ii) in addition to the space for the computers described in clause (i), has—

"(I) a classroom space with the capacity for seating a minimum of 30 students; and

"(II) a separate office for the site director;

"(iii) is real property subject to the control of the organization or the institution, through a lease or other legal instrument, for a period of not less than 5 years;

"(iv) is open to enrolled individuals not less than 12 hours per day; and

"(v) is located within walking distance of public transportation.

"(D) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The organization shall ensure that each site offers enrollees a curriculum that includes a broad range of course work in information technology.

“(ii) COURSES LEADING TO CERTIFICATION.—Such curriculum shall include course work leading to a certification of competence in areas of information technology recognized by the National Skill Standards Board established under the National Skill Standards Act of 1994.

“(iii) SPECIFIC COURSES.—The computer training offered shall include courses in basic computer competence, on-the-job upgrade assistance, and advanced computer competence.

“(E) ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS.—The organization shall ensure that its enrollment of eligible individuals at each site is consistent with the following:

“(i) Not less than 50 percent of the eligible individuals shall be, at the time of enrollment, individuals—

“(I) to whom a credit was allowed under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the preceding taxable year;

“(II) who are recipients of assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;

“(III) who are a member of a household participating in the food stamp program; or

“(IV) who are considered low-income pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Secretary under this section.

“(ii) Not less than 50 percent of the eligible individuals shall be, at the time of enrollment, under 25 years of age.

“(iii) No prerequisite relating to net worth, income, or assets may be applied to any eligible individual who, at the time of enrollment, is over 50 years of age, except that this requirement shall not be construed to supersede clause (i).

“(e) IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS SOLELY BY INSTITUTIONS.—The Secretary may make a grant under this section to an institution of higher education that desires to implement a project under this section without the participation of a community-based organization described in subsection (b), if the institution agrees to carry out all of the duties required of such an organization under this section, in addition to the duties otherwise required of an institution of higher education. The Secretary shall, in awarding grants under this section, give priority to institutions of higher education whose grant application includes an assurance that the institution will contract with one or more community-based organizations in accordance with this section.

“(f) APPLICATIONS.—To apply for a grant under this section for any fiscal year, an institution of higher education shall submit an application to the Secretary in accordance with the procedures established by the Secretary. The application shall specify the institution's preliminary selections for the community-based organizations (if any) with which the institution proposes to contract,

and shall include information with respect to preliminary site selections.

“(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.

“(h) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

“(1) ADULT EDUCATION.—The term ‘adult education’ has the meaning given such term in section 312 of the Adult Education Act.

“(2) COMMUNITY-BASED COLLEGE COMPUTER RECRUITMENT CENTER.—The term ‘community-based college computer recruitment center’ means a computer center—

“(A) funded by both the Federal Government and at least one private sector entity;

“(B) located in a low-income community (as determined by the Secretary); and

“(C) organized and operated for the purpose of providing families with access to computer resources that otherwise would not be available to them.

“(3) FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.—The term ‘food stamp program’ has the meaning given such term in section 3(h) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

“(4) LIBRARY.—The term ‘library’ has the meaning given such term in section 213 of the Library Services and Technology Act.

“(5) MUSEUM.—The term ‘museum’ has the meaning given such term in section 272 of the Museum and Library Services Act.”.