

S. Con. Res. 73. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the European Union is unfairly restricting the importation of United States agriculture products and the elimination of such restrictions should be a top priority in trade negotiations with the European Union;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 98, 105th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 98 of the 105th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 1998.

Thereupon (at 6 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 106, the House adjourned until Wednesday, June 3, 1998, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

9270. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to the Republic of China, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9271. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Phoenix, Arizona Ozone Nonattainment Area, 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plan and 1990 Base Year Emission Inventory [AZ-005-ROP FRL-6101-9] received May 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9272. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Florida [F1-071-9810a; FRL-6015-4] received May 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9273. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Delegation of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; State of Nevada; Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Washoe County District Health Department [FRL-6014-5] received May 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9274. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Labeling; Nutrient Content Claims-General Provisions [Docket No. 98N-0283] received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9275. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revocation of Lather Brushes Regulation [Docket No. 97P-0418] received May 18,

1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9276. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Labeling; Petitions for Nutrient Content and Health Claims, General Provisions [Docket No. 98N-0274] received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9277. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities And Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendments to Rules on Shareholder Proposals [Release No. 34-40018; IC-23200; File No. S7-25-97] (RIN: 3235-AH20) received May 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9278. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Turkey for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-33), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9279. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Australia (Transmittal No. RSAT-3-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9280. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC 51-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9281. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC 57-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9282. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC 53-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9283. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Germany and Kuwait (Transmittal No. DTC 56-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9284. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Saudi Arabia (Transmittal No. DTC 31-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9285. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report of political contributions by nominees as chiefs of mission, ambassadors at large, or ministers, and their families, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3944(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

9286. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report of political contributions by nominees as chiefs of mission, ambassadors at large, or ministers, and their families, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3944(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

9287. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

9288. A letter from the Administrator, General Service Administration, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act from January 1, 1997 to September 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9289. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Redesignation Of 30 CFR Part 250—Oil And Gas And Sulphur Operations In The Outer Continental Shelf (RIN: 1010-AC45) received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9290. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—National Estuarine Research Reserve System Regulations [Docket No. 980427108-8108-01] (RIN: 0694-AL16) received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9291. A letter from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Withdrawal of Proposed Rule to List a Distinct Population Segment of Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo Salar*) As Threatened (RIN: 1018-AD12) received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9292. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Magnuson-STEVEN'S Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Observer Health and Safety [Docket No. 970829214-8090-02; I.D. 082097B] (RIN: 0648-AJ76) received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9293. A letter from the Executive Director of Government Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association, transmitting the annual report of the Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, pursuant to Public Law 100—281, section 13 (100 Stat. 75); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9294. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Tax forms and instructions [Revenue Procedure 98-36] received May 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. GEKAS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 872. A bill to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-549 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2400. A bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs,

and for other purposes (Rept. 105-550). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2281. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty and Performances and Phonograms Treaty; with an amendment (Rept. 105-551 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MCINNIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 449. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2400) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-552). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 450. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3433) to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work and to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for impairment-related work expenses (Rept. 105-553). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3035. A bill to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies; with an amendment (Rept. 105-554 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on House Oversight discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1704.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Resources discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3035.

REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 5 of rule X, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2281. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty and Performances and Phonograms Treaty; with an amendment; referred to the Committees on Commerce, and Ways and Means for a period ending not later than June 19, 1998, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdictions of those committees pursuant to clause 1(e) and (s), rule X, respectively.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 872. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than July 14, 1998.

H.R. 1704. Referral to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight extended for a period ending not later than June 4, 1998.

H.R. 3035. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than June 3, 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. HERGER (for himself, Mr. MCCRERY, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. HULSHOF, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. JONES, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. LARGENT, and Mr. SALMON):

H.R. 3945. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an inflation adjustment of the unified credit against the estate and gift taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HYDE, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MILLER of California, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 3946. A bill to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ARCHER:

H.R. 3947. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that certain liquidating distributions of a regulated investment company or a real estate investment trust which are allowable as a deduction shall be included in the gross income of the distributee; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KLINK (for himself, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MANTON, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. HINCHAY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. GREEN, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. GOODE):

H.R. 3948. A bill to maintain health care coverage for veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs for tobacco related illnesses, and to provide for additional authorization of appropriations for the Department; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia (for himself, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BARCHIA of Michigan, and Mr. STRICKLAND):

H.R. 3949. A bill to ban the imposition of a fee for performing background checks in connection with the transfer of a firearm, and to ensure that background check information is not retained for longer than necessary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BILBRAY:

H.R. 3950. A bill to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ACKERMAN:

H.R. 3951. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit ticket scalping; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MANTON, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER):

H.R. 3952. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to address the aircraft noise problems of Queens and Long Island, New York; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3953. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an inflation adjustment of the dollar limitation on the exclusion of gain on the sale of a principal residence; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia (for himself, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. HERGER, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. STUMP, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CANNON, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. GOODE, Mr. WISE, Mr. BARCHIA of Michigan, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. EHRlich, Mr. CRANE, Mr. NEY, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland):

H.R. 3954. A bill to clarify the standard required for the importation of sporting arms into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOSWELL:

H.R. 3955. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to protect seamen against economic reprisal; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mrs. MORELLA):

H.R. 3956. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for more equitable policies relating to overtime pay for Federal employees; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 3957. A bill to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts as "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts"; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. EHRLICH (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina):

H.R. 3958. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide an overtime compensation exemption for paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and rescue and ambulance personnel trained to provide emergency medical services and provide transport of persons receiving those services who are also trained in fire suppression services; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3959. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ferroniobium; to the Committee on Ways and Means.