

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. BARCIA 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. BARCIA 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.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. GIBBONS):

H.R. 3960. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the special motor fuels excise tax on water-phased hydrocarbon fuel emulsions shall be based on their Btu content relative to gasoline; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GEKAS:

H.R. 3961. A bill to establish the Administrative Law Judge Conference of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HEFLEY:

H.R. 3962. A bill to provide for the ratification of payments made under preexisting onshore and offshore royalty-in-kind programs; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 3963. A bill to establish terms and conditions under which the Secretary of the Interior shall convey leaseholds in certain properties around Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Montana; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon:

H.R. 3964. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project for the reclamation and reuse of water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut:

H.R. 3965. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provision added by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 that imposes tax increases on certain families by reason of the inflation adjustments in the regular income tax rate brackets, the standard deduction, and the personal exemption; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. ISTOOK, Ms. DANNER,

Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mr. EHLERS):

H.R. 3966. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for collection and payment of State taxes imposed on motor fuel sold on Indian lands; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LATHAM:

H.R. 3967. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2002, the duty on Sodium Bentazon; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. VENTO, Mr. BAKER, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. CASTLE):

H.R. 3968. A bill to require within 90 days an assessment of, and a national strategy for addressing, the Year 2000 computer problem to ensure that critical public and private services to the American public are not disrupted, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, and Banking and Financial Services, 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. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 3969. A bill to clarify that retirement income from pension plans of the government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall be exempt from nonresident taxation in the same manner as State pension plans; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCKEON (for himself and Mr. STUMP):

H.R. 3970. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide that persons who have been convicted of a capital crime may not be awarded the Purple Heart; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. MORAN of Virginia:

H.R. 3971. A bill to reduce traffic congestion, promote economic development, and

improve the quality of life in the metropolitan Washington region; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PICKETT:

H.R. 3972. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from charging State and local government agencies for certain uses of the sand, gravel, and shell resources of the outer Continental Shelf; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. RIGGS (for himself and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 3973. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. RIVERS:

H.R. 3974. A bill to waive interest and penalties on failures to properly complete schedule D of Form 1040 for 1997; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHAW:

H.R. 3975. A bill to provide for access by State and local authorities to information of the Department of Justice for the purpose of conducting criminal background checks on port employees and prospective employees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. JOHN, Mr. MCCREY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PARKER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 3976. A bill to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Mr. OLVER, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. STARK, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H. Con. Res. 281. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Indonesia completes a transition to a democratically elected, non-military government; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. SHUSTER:

H. Con. Res. 282. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of H.R. 2400; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BERMAN (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. COX of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, and Ms. PELOSI):

H. Con. Res. 283. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress concerning the December 1997 report on Tibet of the International Commission of Jurists and on United States policy on Tibet; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. HAYWORTH:

H. Res. 448. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should postpone his visit to the People's Republic of China planned for June 1998 until all questions related to the export of sensitive satellite technology to the People's Republic of China have been thoroughly and satisfactorily answered; to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

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

323. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to House Resolution 443 memorializing the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 953, the Ovarian Cancer Research and Information Amendments of 1997; to the Committee on House Oversight.

324. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, relative to House Joint Resolution 21 memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to return to the states the power to regulate campaign financing in connection with elections for the United States Senate and House of Representatives and to take immediate action to adequately regulate "soft money" donations to political committees of political parties; to the Committee on House Oversight.

325. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to HJR 39 memorializing the United States Congress to enact legislation prohibiting the President of the United States from further extending or establishing national monuments without the express authorization of the Congress; to the Committee on Resources.

326. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Iowa, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 115 memorializing the United States Congress to support U.S. House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution 52 that calls for the Congress of the United States to recognize the concern of many in the railroad industry that the spousal annuity under the current system is inadequate and often leaves the survivor with less than the amount of income needed to meet ordinary and necessary living expenses; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

327. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to CSSJR 15 memorializing the Congress to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) as soon as possible; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII,

Mr. ROGAN introduced A bill (H.R. 3977) for the relief of Sergey Y. Chernyavskiy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 66: Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD.

H.R. 198: Mr. BOB SCHAFFER.

H.R. 225: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 306: Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

H.R. 339: Mr. KLINK.

H.R. 371: Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 465: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 498: Mrs. CAPPS.

H.R. 586: Mr. BOYD and Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD.

H.R. 678: Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. Millender-McDonald, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TANNER, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 859: Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 899: Mr. TOWNS.