

transmitting the Service's final rule—Automated Clearinghouse Credit [T.D. 98-51] (RIN: 1515-AC26) received May 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9677. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, United States Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Prior Disclosure [T.D. 98-49] (RIN: 1515-AB98) received May 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9678. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the required determination to waive certain restrictions on the maintenance of a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Office and on PLO-origin funds through November 26, 1998, pursuant to Public Law 105-118; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

9679. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Surety BOND Requirements for Home Health Agencies [HCFA-1152-1-F] (RIN: 0938-A186) received May 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

### MEMORIALS

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

351. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma, relative to House Bill No. 2828 relating to public health and safety; enacting the Whitney Starks Act; to the Committee on Commerce.

### 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. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 476. Resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 463) to establish the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns With the People's Republic of China (Rept. 105-583). Referred to the House Calendar.

### 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. CAMP (for himself, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. UPTON, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 4069. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that certain bonds issued by local governments in connection with delinquent real property taxes may be treated as tax exempt; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 4070. A bill to restore veterans tobacco-related benefits as in effect before the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; to the Committee on

Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. HINCHEY (for himself, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. WISE, Ms. FURSE, Mr. FROST, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FALCONE, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. THOMPSON, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. MINGE, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MOLLOHAN, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO):

H.R. 4071. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to establish 33 additional rural enterprise communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. MALONEY of Connecticut:

H.R. 4072. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for post-secondary tuition and related expenses in lieu of the Hope and Lifetime Learning credits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York (for herself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. PORTER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MANTON, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. CARSON, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mrs. CAPPS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 4073. A bill to protect children from firearms violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and 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.

By Mr. NEUMANN (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 4074. A bill to hold Federal agencies accountable for the tax dollars spent by such agencies in accordance with the provisions in the Government Management Reform Act of 1994, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. MINGE):

H.R. 4075. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to respond to requests of skilled nursing facilities for private accreditation under the Medicare Program in the same manner as for other providers of services; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PETRI:

H.R. 4076. A bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of personal Social Security investment accounts under the Social Security system; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NUSSLE (for himself, Mr. WATKINS, and Mr. TALENT):

H.J. Res. 123. A joint resolution to disapprove the rule submitted by the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, on June 1, 1998, relating to surety bond requirements for home health agencies under the Medicare and Medicaid Programs; 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 Mr. LUTHER (for himself and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania):

H. Res. 475. A resolution recognizing the importance of achieving the goal of the 1997 Microcredit Summit to provide access to microcredit to 100,000,000 of the world's poorest families; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

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### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 371: Mr. MCGOVERN.  
H.R. 630: Mr. BECERRA.  
H.R. 859: Mr. SCARBOROUGH.  
H.R. 900: Mrs. CAPPS.  
H.R. 1126: Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. FOLEY, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.  
H.R. 1134: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 1215: Mr. QUINN.  
H.R. 1231: Mr. JOHN.  
H.R. 1375: Mr. HILLEARY.  
H.R. 1401: Mr. FROST, Mr. POMEROY, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.  
H.R. 1531: Mr. MATSUI.  
H.R. 1762: Mr. CARDIN.  
H.R. 2009: Mr. JOHN and Mr. SPRATT.  
H.R. 2090: Ms. LOFGREN.  
H.R. 2124: Mr. BACHUS.  
H.R. 2305: Mr. WOLF and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.  
H.R. 2509: Mr. DEUTSCH.  
H.R. 2549: Mr. TOWNS and Mr. GOODE.  
H.R. 2560: Mr. FARR of California, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GEJDESEN, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. POMEROY.  
H.R. 2733: Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. LAMPSON, and Mrs. MORELLA.  
H.R. 2804: Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. MATSUI.  
H.R. 2923: Mr. THOMPSON, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.  
H.R. 2955: Mr. PICKETT and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 2990: Mr. BERMAN, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. CAMP, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. GREEN, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Mr. QUINN.  
H.R. 3007: Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.  
H.R. 3143: Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 3205: Mr. COMBEST and Mr. MATSUI.  
H.R. 3240: Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. POSHARD.  
H.R. 3248: Mr. HASTERT and Mr. SALMON.  
H.R. 3259: Mr. NADLER, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. VENTO.  
H.R. 3267: Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. POMBO, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.  
H.R. 3304: Mr. CHABOT.  
H.R. 3331: Mr. REDMOND.  
H.R. 3396: Mr. JOHN, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. KIM, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LUTHER, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.  
H.R. 3435: Mr. GOODE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. ACKERMAN.  
H.R. 3445: Mr. SHAW.  
H.R. 3470: Mr. SANDERS.  
H.R. 3503: Mr. SHAYS and Mr. SNYDER.  
H.R. 3551: Mr. SANDLIN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MANTON, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. DANNER.  
H.R. 3566: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 3567: Mr. SNOWBARGER.  
H.R. 3608: Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. FROST, and Ms. LOFGREN.  
H.R. 3629: Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. SHADEGG.  
H.R. 3645: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.  
H.R. 3650: Mr. EVANS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. REDMOND.  
H.R. 3666: Ms. CARSON and Mr. SANDERS.  
H.R. 3745: Mr. BUYER and Mr. WEXLER.  
H.R. 3766: Mr. CONDIT, Mr. ETHERIDGE, and Mr. LAHOOD.  
H.R. 3792: Mr. FOSSELLA.  
H.R. 3795: Mr. GILMAN.  
H.R. 3807: Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. HOLDEN.  
H.R. 3813: Mr. WYNN, Ms. CARSON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FILNER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, and Mr. STOKES.  
H.R. 3855: Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. OLVER.  
H.R. 3861: Mr. PORTER.  
H.R. 3862: Mr. DIAZ-BALART and Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.  
H.R. 3865: Mr. SISISKY, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. FORD, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILL, Mr. HORN, Mr. HYDE, Mr. KLUG, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. METCALF, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BAKER, Mr. NEY, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. POMBO, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. WALSH.  
H.R. 3876: Mr. FROST, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. POSHARD, Ms. LEE, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.  
H.R. 3880: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. SANDERS.  
H.R. 3980: Mr. COOKSEY and Mr. ALLEN.  
H.R. 3981: Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. SISISKY.  
H.R. 4007: Ms. WOOLSEY.  
H.R. 4018: Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. VENTO, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. LAFALCE, and Mr. SANDLIN.  
H.R. 4033: Mr. THOMPSON.  
H.R. 4046: Mr. MCCOLLUM and Mr. SAWYER.  
H.R. 4065: Mr. SANFORD, Mr. RYUN, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr.

SAXTON, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. DELAY, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. RADANOVICH, and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland.  
H.J. Res. 113: Mr. FORD.  
H. Con. Res. 154: Mrs. MALONEY of New York and Mr. SHAYS.  
H. Con. Res. 203: Mr. WAXMAN and Mr. CONYERS.  
H. Con. Res. 287: Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. FURSE, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. MCGOVERN.  
H. Con. Res. 288: Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska.  
H. Con. Res. 290: Mr. EVANS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mr. EWING.  
H. Res. 363: Mr. BOUCHER.  
H. Res. 387: Mrs. THURMAN.  
H. Res. 467: Mr. BILBRAY.  
H. Res. 468: Mr. BILBRAY.

### DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

H.R. 1891: Mr. HOLDEN.

### AMENDMENTS

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

H.R. 2183

OFFERED BY: Mr. GEJDENSON

*(To the Amendment Offered By: Mr. Shays or Mr. Meehan)*

AMENDMENT NO. 118: Insert after title V the following new title (and redesignate the succeeding provisions and conform the table of contents accordingly):

#### TITLE VI—INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

##### SEC. 601. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF COMMISSION.

There is established a commission to be known as the "Independent Commission on Campaign Finance Reform" (referred to in this title as the "Commission"). The purposes of the Commission are to study the laws relating to the financing of political activity and to report and recommend legislation to reform those laws.

##### SEC. 602. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION.

(a) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be composed of 12 members appointed within 15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act by the President from among individuals who are not incumbent Members of Congress and who are specially qualified to serve on the Commission by reason of education, training, or experience.

(b) APPOINTMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Members shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 3 members (one of whom shall be a political independent) shall be appointed from among a list of nominees submitted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) 3 members (one of whom shall be a political independent) shall be appointed from among a list of nominees submitted by the majority leader of the Senate.

(C) 3 members (one of whom shall be a political independent) shall be appointed from among a list of nominees submitted by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(D) 3 members (one of whom shall be a political independent) shall be appointed from among a list of nominees submitted by the minority leader of the Senate.

(2) FAILURE TO SUBMIT LIST OF NOMINEES.—If an official described in any of the subparagraphs of paragraph (1) fails to submit a list of nominees to the President during the 15-day period which begins on the date of the enactment of this Act—

(A) such subparagraph shall no longer apply; and

(B) the President shall appoint 3 members (one of whom shall be a political independent) who meet the requirements described in subsection (a) and such other criteria as the President may apply.

(3) POLITICAL INDEPENDENT DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term "political independent" means an individual who at no time after January 1992—

(A) has held elective office as a member of the Democratic or Republican party;

(B) has received any wages or salary from the Democratic or Republican party or from a Democratic or Republican party officeholder or candidate; or

(C) has provided substantial volunteer services or made any substantial contribution to the Democratic or Republican party or to a Democratic or Republican party officeholder or candidate.

(c) CHAIRMAN.—At the time of the appointment, the President shall designate one member of the Commission as Chairman of the Commission.

(d) TERMS.—The members of the Commission shall serve for the life of the Commission.

(e) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(f) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 4 members of the Commission may be of the same political party.

##### SEC. 603. POWERS OF COMMISSION.

(a) HEARINGS.—The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out this title, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate. In carrying out the preceding sentence, the Commission shall ensure that a substantial number of its meetings are open meetings, with significant opportunities for testimony from members of the general public.

(b) QUORUM.—Seven members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings. The approval of at least 9 members of the Commission is required when approving all or a portion of the recommended legislation. Any member of the Commission may, if authorized by the Commission, take any action which the Commission is authorized to take under this section.

##### SEC. 604. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

(a) PAY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.—(1) Each member of the Commission shall be paid at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay payable for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which the member is engaged in the actual performance of duties vested in the Commission.

(2) Members of the Commission shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) STAFF DIRECTOR.—The Commission shall, without regard to section 5311(b) of title 5, United States Code, appoint a staff director, who shall be paid at the rate of basic pay payable for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

(c) STAFF OF COMMISSION; SERVICES.—