rule—Animal Welfare; Primary Enclosures for Dogs and Cats [Docket No. 98-044-1] received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9977. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Venezuela, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9978. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Turkey, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9979. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Head Start Program (RIN: 0970-AB52) received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9980. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Acesulfame Potassium [Docket No. 90F-0220] received July 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9981. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Foods for Human Consumption; Acesulfame Potassium [Docket No. 93F-0286] received July 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9982. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council, pursuant to Public Law 102—1, section 3 (105 Stat. 4); (H. Doc. No. 105—282); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

9983. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 12543 of January 7, 1986, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 105—284); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

9984. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting certification for the Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom for Research, Development, Test, Evaluation, Productions and Life Cycle Support Activities for Technologies and Systems for Environmentally Sound Ships and Naval Installations Program, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9985. 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 Israel and the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-76-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9986. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that a reward has been paid pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2708(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9987. 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.

9988. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List—received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9989. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List; Additions—received July 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9990. A letter from the Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank, 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.

9991. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Alabama Regulatory Program [SPATS No. AL-065-FOR] received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9992. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Outer Continental Shelf Beaufort Sea Notice of Leasing Systems, Sale 170—received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9993. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Transportation and Utility Systems In and Across, and Access Into, Conservation System Units in Alaska (RIN: 1093–AA07) received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9994. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Rockfish Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 971208298–8055–02; I.D. 062498A] received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9995. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 [Docket No. 971208297-8054-02; I.D. 061898A] received June 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9996. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Bottomfish Fishery; Fishing Moratorium [Docket No. 980319068-8155-02; I.D. 021998A] (RIN: 0648-AK59) received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9997. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 105—283); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

9998. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule—Kerosene Tax; Aviation Fuel Tax; Tax on Heavy Trucks and Trailers [T.D. 8774] (RIN: 1545-AW15) received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9999. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Magnetic Media Filing Requirements for Information Returns [TD 8772] (RIN: 1545–AU08) received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10000. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Medicare Program; Establishment of the MedicareChoice Program [HCFA-1030-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AI29) received June 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and 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. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3980. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat illnesses of Persian Gulf War veterans, to provide authority to treat illnesses of veterans which may be attributable to future combat service, and to revise the process for determining priorities for research relative to the health consequences of service in the Persian Gulf War, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105–626). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 4110. A bill to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to make various improvements in education, housing, and cemetery programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. 105–627). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 501. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4194) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. 105–628). Referred to the House Calendar.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL.

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

H.R. 3249. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than July 17, 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. PAUL (for himself and Mr. BARR of Georgia):

H.R. 4217. A bill to repeal section 656 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, and to prohibit Federal agencies from accepting the same identification document for identificationrelated purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. ANDREWS: H.R. 4218. A bill to provide rental assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 in a manner that preserves residential property values, protects residents, and enhances tenant and neighborhood safety; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. BALDACCI (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. SAND-

 $_{\rm ERS)}$: H.R. 4219. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make certain changes related to payments for graduate medical education under the Medicare Program; 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 Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington (for herself, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ED-

WARDS, and Ms. RIVERS): H.R. 4220. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code. to repeal the recently enacted provisions of law that limit the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide compensation and treatment for smoking-related illnesses suffered by veterans of the Armed Forces; 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. COBLE (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. SENSEN-BRENNER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and

Mr. CHABOT): H.R. 4221. A bill to amend Rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. NORWOOD, GANSKE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr.

ACKERMAN): H.R. 4222. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans and managed care plans under the Medicare and Medicaid Programs provide coverage for hospital lengths of stay as determined by the attending health care provider in consultation with the patient; referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Ways and Means, 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. FAZIO of California: H.R. 4223. A bill to assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide for the control of drainage, storm, flood and other waters as part of water-related integrated resource management, environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed, California; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. FROST: 2. 4224. A bill to ensure safety in public schools by increasing police presence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island: H.R. 4225. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish liability for individuals practicing medicine without a license in connection with a group health plan; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. McINNIS: H.R. 4226. A bill to establish a matching grant program to help State and local juris-

dictions purchase bullet resistant equipment for use by law enforcement departments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 4227. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 concerning liability for the sale of certain facilities for residential use; referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. NUSSLE:

H.R. 4228. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an election for MedicareChoice organizations to exclude payment for the provision of abortion services under the Medicare Program; referred 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. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. HOYER):

H.R. 4229. A bill to authorize a Federal grant program to local governments to better enable them to protect public safety against fire and fire-related hazards; to the Committee on Science

By Mr. RADANOVICH:

H.R. 4230. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving the El Portal Administrative Site of the Department of the Interior in the State of California; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself and Mr. MILLER of California):

H.R. 4231. A bill to require employers to notify local emergency officials, under the appropriate circumstances, of workplace emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SCARBOROUGH (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. Skeen):

H.R. 4232. A bill to provide that Executive Order 13083, relating to the constitutional division of governmental responsibilities between the Federal Government and the States and the application of federalism principles to Federal agency actions, shall have no force or effect; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

H.R. 4233. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require the reporting of information to the chief law enforcement officer of the buyer's residence and a minimum 72-hour waiting period before the purchase of a handgun; to the Committee on the Judici-

By Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. STRICK-LAND, and Mr. BAESLER):

H.R. 4234. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a plan to ensure that all amounts accrued on the books of the United States Enrichment Corporation for the disposition of depleted uranium hexafluoride will be used to treat and recycle depleted uranium hexafluoride; referred to the Committee on Commerce, 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. GALLEGLY (for himself and Mr. Ackerman):

H. Res. 502. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives congratulating the people of Colombia for completing free and democratic elections on June 21, 1998, congratulating the Presidentelect on his victory, and calling on the new government and all other parties to the current conflict in Colombia to renew their efforts to end the guerrilla and paramilitary violence which continues to pose a serious threat to democracy as well as economic and social stability in Colombia; to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

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

374. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 72 memorializing the Congress of the United States to Take Certain Actions Regarding The Implementation Of The Food Quality Protection Act Of 1996; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 27: Mr. SUNUNU.

H.R. 40: Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.

H.R. 339: Mr. Sununu. H.R. 372: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 716: Mr. HOEKSTRA.

H.R. 754: Mr. MANTON.

H.R. 814: Ms. LEE and Ms. JACKSON-LEE. H.R. 857: Mrs. BONO and Mr. ADERHOLT.

H.R. 1009: Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. PETERSON

of Pennsylvania. H.R. 1126: Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. LEWIS

of California, Mr. Poshard, Mr. Edwards, Ms. McKinney, and Mr. Stenholm.

H.R. 1140: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 1147: Mr. TALENT. H.R. 1231: Mr. KLINK, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. GOODLATTE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. GALLEGLY

H.R. 1376: Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 1407: Mr. HOSTETTLER.

H.R. 1524: Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 1891: Mr. PAXON. H.R. 2313: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 2397: Mr. COYNE, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. DANNER, and Mr. HALL of Ohio.

H.R. 2483: Mr. McInnis, Mr. Royce, and Mr. CRAPO.

H.R. 2504: Mr. McNulty. H.R. 2523: Mr. Costello.

H.R. 2699: Mr. FORD, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, and Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 2800: Mr. NEY and Mr. SOUDER. H.R. 2848: Mr. MARTINEZ and Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 2891: Mr. PORTMAN.

H.R. 2914: Ms. LEE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. McCarthy of Missouri, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mr. Jackson.

H.R. 2936: Mr. SHAYS and Mr. LEACH.

H.R. 2955: Mr. McGovern.

H.R. 3008: Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. GREEN, Mr. HORN, Mr. NEY, and Mrs. CUBIN.

H.R. 3126: Mr. CLYBURN.

H.R. 3166: Mr. ISTOOK. H.R. 3205: Ms. CARSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. TURNER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 3259: Mr. EVANS. H.R. 3262: Mr. CARDIN.

H.R. 3279: Mr. TOWNS and Mr. PASCRELL

H.R. 3342: Mrs. MINK of Hawaii and Mr. ACKERMAN

H.R. 3410: Mr. McInnis and Mr. Bunning of Kentucky.