

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7464. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Salvage and Firefighting Equipment; Vessel Response Plans (Coast Guard) [USCG 98-3417] (RIN: 2115-AF60) received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7465. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Colorado River, Bluewater Marina to La Paz County Park, Parker, AZ [COTP San Diego, 98-001] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7466. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; Revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; Temporary Traffic Signals (Federal Highway Administration) [FHWA Docket No. FHWA-97-2314] (RIN: 2125-AD45) received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7467. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting the Administration's list of the foreign aviation provided services in the preceding fiscal year, pursuant to Public Law 103—305, section 202; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7468. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the 1997 Annual Report of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), U.S. Department of Commerce, pursuant to Public Law 100—418, section 5131(b) (102 Stat. 1443); to the Committee on Science.

7469. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, transmitting the Institute's final rule—Precision Measurement Grants [Docket No. 971201285-7285-01] (RIN: 0693-ZA18) received February 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

7470. A letter from the the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting the proceedings of the 79th National Convention of the American Legion, held in Orlando, Florida from September 2, 3 and 4, 1997 as well as a report on the Organization's activities for the year preceding the Convention, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 49; (H. Doc. No. 105—214); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7471. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters [Rev. Proc. 98-21] received February 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7472. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Classification of taxes collected by the Internal Revenue Service [Rev. Proc. 98-18] received February 11, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7473. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit for abatement; determination of correct tax liability [Rev. Proc. 98-23] received February 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7474. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule—Conversion to the Euro by Members of the European Union [Announcement 98-18] received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7475. A letter from the Program Manager, Pentagon Renovation, Department of Defense, transmitting certification that the total cost for the planning, design, construction, and installation of equipment for the renovation of the Pentagon will not exceed \$1,118,000,000, pursuant to Public Law 105—56, section 8070; jointly to the Committees on National Security and Appropriations.

7476. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the military requirements and costs of NATO enlargement pursuant to the FY98 Department of Defense Authorization and Appropriations Acts and the FY98 Military Construction Appropriations Act; jointly to the Committees on National Security and Appropriations.

7477. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals: Federal Fiscal Year 1998 [HCFA-2005-NC] (RIN: 0938-A139) received February 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

7478. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a report authorizing the transfer of up to \$100M in defense articles and services to the Government of Bosnia-Herzegovina, pursuant to Public Law 104—107, section 540(c) (110 Stat. 736); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

7479. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on allocation of funds the Executive Branch intends to make available from funding levels established in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1998 as enacted in Public Law 105-118, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2413(a); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

7480. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting notice of adoption of amendments to regulations under section 303 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 for publication in the Congressional RECORD, pursuant to Public Law 104—1, section 303(b) (109 Stat. 28); jointly to the Committees on House Oversight and Education and the Workforce.

7481. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting notification of the actions the Secretary has taken regarding security measures at Port-au-Prince International Airport, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44907(d)(3); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and International Relations.

7482. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Salary Equivalency Guidelines for Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and Occupational Therapy Services [HCFA-1808-F] (RIN: 0938-AG70) received February 10, 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. LEACH. Committee on Banking and Financial Services. H.R. 3116. A bill to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-417). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2460. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices; with an amendment (Rept. 105-418). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Committee on Rules. House Resolution 366. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2181) to ensure the safety of witnesses and to promote notification of the interstate relocation of witnesses by States and localities engaging in that relocation, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-419). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MCINNIS. Committee on Rules. House Resolution 367. Resolution The title of this measure is not available (Rept. 105-420). 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. GOODLING (for himself, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. TALENT):

H.R. 3246. A bill to assist small businesses and labor organizations in defending themselves against government bureaucracy; to ensure that employees entitled to reinstatement get their jobs back quickly; to protect the right of employers to have a hearing to present their case in certain representation cases; and, to prevent the use of the National Labor Relations Act for the purpose of disrupting or inflicting economic harm on employers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. NEY (for himself, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. SAWYER, and Mr. HALL of Ohio):

H.R. 3247. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide a safe harbor under the anti-kickback statute for hospital restocking of certain ambulance drugs and supplies; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. PITTS (for himself, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HILLEARY, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. TALENT, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. RYUN, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROYCE, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. COOK, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BAKER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SNOWBARGER,

Mr. LARGENT, Mr. DICKEY, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. BASS, Mr. MCINTOSH, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 3248. A bill to provide dollars to the classroom; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MICA (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. LEACH, and Mr. FORD):

H.R. 3249. A bill to provide for the rectification of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on 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. DICKEY:

H.R. 3250. A bill to designate a highway by-pass in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "Wiley A. Branton, Sr. Memorial Highway"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. FORD, Mr. WYNN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. MORELLA, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. FILLNER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 3251. A bill to modify the conditions that must be met before certain alternative pay authorities may be exercised by the President with respect to Federal employees; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut:

H.R. 3252. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an advisory board to review requests for waivers of eligibility requirements for burial in Arlington National Cemetery submitted to the Secretary of the Army; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MANTON:

H.R. 3253. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for murders of armored car crew members; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RIGGS:

H.R. 3254. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to clarify the requirements relating to reducing or withholding payments to States under that Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself and Mr. HOUGHTON):

H.R. 3255. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require universal product numbers on claims forms submitted for reimbursement of durable medical equipment and other items under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. SOLOMON:

H.R. 3256. A bill to establish an index of economic freedom to evaluate on an annual basis the level of economic freedom of countries receiving United States development assistance and to provide for a phase-out of that assistance based on the index, and for other purposes; 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.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. OBEY, Mr. PETRI, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KLUG, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. KIND of Wisconsin):

H. Con. Res. 223. Concurrent resolution honoring the sesquicentennial of Wisconsin statehood; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. COMBEST, and Mr. DOOLEY of California):

H. Res. 365. A resolution regarding the bill S. 1150, the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization Act of 1998; considered under suspension of the rules and agreed to.

MEMORIALS

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

250. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, relative to Resolutions supporting the "Charter for Change" in Northern Ireland and recommending due consideration of its principles as part of the Anglo-Irish peace process; to the Committee on International Relations.

251. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Guam, relative to Resolution No. 196 calling upon Congress to expedite the return of the unused Federal land to the people of Guam and calling for the closure of the wildlife refuge overlay in Guam and the return of lands included therein to the people of Guam for immediate transfer to the original landowners; to the Committee on Resources.

252. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to urging the Congress of the United States to take action on the comprehensive multiyear transportation funding legislation; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII,

Mr. METCALF introduced A bill (H.R. 3257) for the relief of Richard W. Schaffert; 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. 23: Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. DIXON, Mr. FORD, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 45: Mr. CLYBURN and Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 54: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 192: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

H.R. 198: Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 334: Mr. BLUNT.

H.R. 339: Mr. LINDER.

H.R. 371: Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. MATSUI.

H.R. 372: Mr. JACKSON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 450: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 611: Mr. STRICKLAND and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 715: Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 716: Mr. DELAY and Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 758: Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 815: Mr. BOEHLERT and Mr. TURNER.

H.R. 859: Mr. SANDLIN.

H.R. 883: Mr. HILLEARY.

H.R. 884: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 900: Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 919: Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 979: Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. OLVER, and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

H.R. 981: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

H.R. 1023: Mr. QUINN and Mr. ETHERIDGE.

H.R. 1036: Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 1063: Mr. PEASE, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. TALENT, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, and Mr. SANDLIN.

H.R. 1114: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1126: Mr. MANZULLO and Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H.R. 1151: Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. GREEN, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 1166: Mr. MCINTYRE and Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H.R. 1173: Mr. PALLONE, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. COSTELLO, and Mr. BENTSEN.

H.R. 1176: Mr. ROEMER.

H.R. 1231: Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. RAHALL.

H.R. 1283: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey and Mr. GIBBONS.

H.R. 1356: Mr. ENGEL, Mr. METCALF, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. WYNN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Mr. BARCIA of Michigan.

H.R. 1361: Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 1371: Mr. NETHERCUTT and Mr. HUNTER.

H.R. 1375: Mr. ROYCE, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. WEXLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 1387: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 1401: Mr. SHAW.

H.R. 1415: Mr. LEACH.

H.R. 1432: Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 1481: Ms. STABENOW and Mr. SAWYER.

H.R. 1515: Mr. WEXLER.

H.R. 1518: Mr. PAUL.

H.R. 1524: Mr. CANNON and Mr. COOK.

H.R. 1539: Mr. HAMILTON.

H.R. 1549: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1595: Mr. DELAY and Mr. SNOWBARGER.

H.R. 1601: Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. DINGELL.

H.R. 1608: Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 1679: Mr. BILBRAY.

H.R. 1689: Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. FORD, and Mr. MCCREARY.

H.R. 1690: Mr. COBLE.

H.R. 1766: Mr. BAESLER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. DEUTSCH, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. FROST, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GILCREST, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. GORDON, Mr. GOSS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. STARK, Mr. TALENT, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. YATES, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. MCNULTY.

H.R. 1812: Mr. ISTOOK and Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 1872: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 1951: Ms. DANNER and Mr. HAMILTON.

H.R. 1972: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 2019: Mr. PORTER, Mr. BAKER, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. BLILEY.

H.R. 2070: Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 2094: Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 2145: Mr. POMBO and Mr. SOLOMON.