

10407. 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; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Compensation for Collecting Resource Information [Docket No. 980501115-8160-02; I.D. 032498A] (RIN: 0648-AK86) received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10408. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Trip Limit Changes [Docket No. 971229312-7312-01; I.D. 062698A] received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10409. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 1999 [Docket No. 980713170-8170-01] (RIN: 0651-AA96) received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

10410. A letter from the Secretary, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting the Annual Audit Report of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1997, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(39) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

10411. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendments to the Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards, and New Source Performance Standards for the Organic Pesticide Chemicals Manufacturing Industry—Pesticide Chemicals Point Source Category [FRL-6126-6], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10412. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revisions to Part 1813 of the NASA FAR Supplement [48 CFR Parts 1801, 1812, 1813] received July 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

10413. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Provision of Drugs and Medicines to Certain Veterans in State Homes (RIN: 2900-AJ34) received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

10414. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property [Revenue Ruling 98-36] received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10415. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Reduction in Certain Deductions of Mutual Life Insurance Companies [Revenue Ruling 98-38] received July 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10416. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the report providing an itemized accounting of all non-appropriated funds obligated or expended by the Authority for the quarter, pursuant to Public Law

105—100; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Appropriations.

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. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 513. Resolution Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3736) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrants (Rept. 105-660). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 2921. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct an inquiry into the impediments to the development of competition in the market for multichannel video programming distribution; with an amendment (Rept. 105-661, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 2921. Referral to the Committee on the Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than September 11, 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. BLILEY (for himself and Mr. OXLEY):

H.R. 4353. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 to improve the competitiveness of American business and promote foreign commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GINGRICH (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. DELAY, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. BOEHNER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. WYNN):

H.R. 4354. A bill to establish the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund on behalf of the families of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police; to the Committee on House 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. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. HORN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. GORDON, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. BROWN of California, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MORAN of Vir-

ginia, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. LAMPSON):

H.R. 4355. A bill to encourage the disclosure and exchange of information about computer processing problems and related matters in connection with the transition to the Year 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 4356. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to assure that the full amount deposited in the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund is spent for the purposes for which the Fund was established; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 4357. A bill to establish the Fort Presque Isle National Historic Site in Erie, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Resources.

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

H.R. 4358. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide for equitable duty treatment for certain wool used in making suits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. CASTLE, and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 4359. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to broaden the range of discount window loans which may be used as collateral for Federal reserve notes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. POMBO (for himself and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota):

H.R. 4360. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program under which milk producers and cooperatives will be permitted to enter into forward price contracts with milk handlers; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SHAW (for himself, Mr. BILLRAKIS, Mr. BOYD, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. GOSS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MICA, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. STEARNS, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 4361. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that an organization shall be exempt from income tax if it is created by a State to provide property and casualty insurance coverage for property for which such coverage is otherwise unavailable; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. VENTO:

H.R. 4362. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct Stand Down events and to establish a pilot program that will provide for an annual Stand Down event in each State; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WATT of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. BERMAN):

H.R. 4363. A bill to provide for the restructuring of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mrs. KELLY):

H. Con. Res. 313. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to self-determination for the people of Kosova, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 23: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

H.R. 164: Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 457: Mr. HILLIARD and Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 754: Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 986: Mr. WAMP.

H.R. 1050: Mr. STARK.

H.R. 1063: Mr. BONIOR, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. COOK, and Ms. STABENOW.

H.R. 1126: Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1173: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 1283: Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 1321: Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 1382: Mr. MATSUI and Mr. BALDACCI.

H.R. 1401: Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 1525: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, and Mr. LATHAM.

H.R. 1712: Mr. SUNUNU.

H.R. 1995: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 2224: Mrs. KELLY.

H.R. 2275: Ms. NORTON and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

H.R. 2504: Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H.R. 2701: Mr. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 2723: Mr. FOSSELLA.

H.R. 2733: Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. THORNBERRY, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 2849: Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. YATES, and Mr. UPTON.

H.R. 2921: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 2955: Mr. JACKSON and Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 3001: Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. THURMAN, and Mr. MANTON.

H.R. 3031: Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FROST, Mr. FORD, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. DANNER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 3077: Mr. FROST, Mr. GOODE, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. RAHALL.

H.R. 3248: Mr. JENKINS.

H.R. 3251: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut and Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 3320: Mr. POSHARD.

H.R. 3622: Ms. LEE, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

H.R. 3629: Mr. BENTSEN.

H.R. 3632: Mr. FOSSELLA.

H.R. 3684: Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 3688: Mr. SMITH of Texas.

H.R. 3774: Ms. STABENOW and Mr. WATKINS.

H.R. 3790: Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BEREUER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOWWELL, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. DeGETTE, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Mrs. HINOJOSA, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KASICH, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LUTHER, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. McKEON, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mrs. MORELLA, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OBEY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUINN, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SKEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. TOWNS,

Mr. WYNN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. STARK, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. WELLER, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. TALENT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. OXLEY, Ms. ROSELEHTINEN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. ARMEY, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. METCALF, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. GOSS, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. CAMP, Mr. EHRLICH, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. COX of California, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. PAXON, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. BUYER, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. LEACH, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. SALMON, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. KIM, Mr. THUNE, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. POMBO.

H.R. 3792: Mr. COLLINS and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 3815: Mrs. THURMAN and Mr. HULSHOF.

H.R. 3831: Mr. SHERMAN and Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 3879: Mr. Paxon and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 3956: Mr. HOYER and Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 3976: Mr. THORNBERRY.

H.R. 3995: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 4031: Mr. COYNE and Ms. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 4037: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 4053: Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 4121: Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. MATSUI.

H.R. 4132: Mr. CAMPBELL.

H.R. 4175: Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 4188: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 4196: Mr. WELDON of Florida and Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 4197: Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington and Mr. CALLAHAN.

H.R. 4209: Ms. CARSON.

H.R. 4220: Mr. BISHOP.

H.R. 4224: Mr. STARK.

H.R. 4232: Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. ROGAN, and Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.R. 4235: Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 4246: Mr. BLUNT and Mr. EWING.

H.R. 4283: Mr. LAMPSON and Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 4298: Mrs. FOWLER.

H.R. 4302: Mr. HILLIARD and Mr. STARK.

H.R. 4308: Mr. McGOVERN and Mr. MILLER of California.

H.R. 4309: Mr. McGOVERN and Mr. MILLER of California.

H.R. 4339: Mr. FROST and Mr. MURTHA.

H.R. 4344: Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, and Mr. FORBES.

H. Con. Res. 52: Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. LAMPSON.

H. Con. Res. 251: Mr. GEJDENSON.

H. Con. Res. 295: Mr. PALLONE, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. FROST, Mr. ENGEL, and Ms. KILPATRICK.

H. Con. Res. 304: Mr. GILMAN.

H. Res. 171: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 2801: Mr. STABENOW.

H.R. 3000: Mr. FORD.

H.R. 3396: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H. Res. 375: Mr. FAZIO of California.

AMENDMENTS

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

H.R. 3736

OFFERED BY: Mr. WATT OF NORTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT No. 2: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Workforce Improvement and Protection Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN SKILLED FOREIGN WORKERS; TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN H-2B NONIMMIGRANTS.

Section 214(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (1)(A) to read as follows:

"(A) under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b), subject to paragraph (5), may not exceed—

"(i) 95,000 in fiscal year 1998;

"(ii) 105,000 in fiscal year 1999;

"(iii) 115,000 in fiscal year 2000; and

"(iv) 65,000 in fiscal year 2001 and any subsequent fiscal year; or";

(2) by amending paragraph (1)(B) to read as follows:

"(B) under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) may not exceed—

"(i) 36,000 in fiscal year 1998;

"(ii) 26,000 in fiscal year 1999;

"(iii) 16,000 in fiscal year 2000; and

"(iv) 66,000 in fiscal year 2001 and any subsequent fiscal year.";

(3) in paragraph (4), by striking "years." and inserting "years, except that, with respect to each such nonimmigrant issued a visa or otherwise provided nonimmigrant status in each of fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000 in excess of 65,000 (per fiscal year), the period of authorized admission as such a nonimmigrant may not exceed 4 years."; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) The total number of aliens described in section 212(a)(5)(C) who may be issued visas or otherwise provided nonimmigrant status during any fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 1999) under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) may not exceed 5,000.".

SEC. 3. PROTECTION AGAINST DISPLACEMENT OF UNITED STATES WORKERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 212(n)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(n)(1)) is amended by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following:

"(E)(i) Except as provided in clause (iv), the employer has not laid off or otherwise displaced and will not lay off or otherwise displace, within the period beginning 6 months before and ending 90 days following the date of filing of the application or during the 90 days immediately preceding and following the date of filing of any visa petition supported by the application, any United States worker (as defined in paragraph (3)) (including a worker whose services are obtained by contract, employee leasing, temporary help agreement, or other similar means) who has substantially equivalent qualifications and experience in the specialty occupation, and in the area of employment, for which H-1B nonimmigrants are sought or in which they are employed.

"(ii) Except as provided in clause (iii), in the case of an employer that employs an H-1B nonimmigrant, the employer shall not place the nonimmigrant with another employer where—

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

(Omitted from the Record of July 29, 1998)

H.R. 1515: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.