

H.R. 4347: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FROST, and Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 4394: Mr. GUTKNECHT.

H.R. 4402: Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. WAMP, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. HANSEN.

H.R. 4404: Mr. GOODE and Mr. METCALF.

H.R. 4489: Mr. McDERMOTT.

H.R. 4508: Mr. JOHN and Mr. BRYANT.

H. Con. Res. 154: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H. Con. Res. 205: Mr. PORTER.

H. Con. Res. 304: Mr. PASCRELL and Mr. SOLOMON.

H. Con. Res. 313: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. PAXON, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. SOLOMON.

H. Res. 212: Mr. STRICKLAND.

H. Res. 460: Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. NEY, and Mr. FORD.

H. Res. 483: Mr. CUMMINGS.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10542. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Servicing of Community and Insured Business Programs Loans and Grants [RIN: 0572-AB23] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10543. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Poultry Improvement Plan; Special Provisions for Ostrich Breeding Flocks and Products [Docket No. 97-043-2] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10544. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods; Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 98-076-1] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10545. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to OMB Control Numbers [OPPTS-00246; FRL-5799-8] received July 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10546. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Avermectin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300613; FRL-6021-2] [RIN: 2070-AB78] received August 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10547. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carfentrazonethyl; Temporary Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300686; FRL-6018-1] [RIN: 2070-AB78] received August 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10548. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Endothall; Ex-

tension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300691; FRL 6020-1] [RIN: 2070-AB78] received August 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10549. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's final rule—Capital; Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Servicing Assets [Regulations H and Y; Docket No. R-0976] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10550. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance [Docket No. FEMA-7689] received July 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10551. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Child Care and Development Fund [RIN: 0970-AB74] received July 28, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

10552. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exemption of commonly-owned motor carriers from equipment identification and receipt requirements applicable to leased and interchanged vehicles [FHWA Docket No. FHWA-97-3050] [RIN: 2125-AE26] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10553. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Head Impact Protections [Docket No. NHTSA-98-3847] [RIN: 2127-AG07] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10554. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Side Impact Anthropomorphic Test Dummy [Docket No. NHTSA-97-3144] [RIN: 2127-AG74] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10555. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities; New York [Region 2 Docket No. NY28-2-180b, FRL-6134-7] received July 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10556. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acquisition Regulation: Administrative Amendments [FRL-6135-5] received July 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10557. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lead; Minor Amendment to the Grant Provision in the Lead-Based Paint Activities Rule [OPPTS-62157; FRL-5796-1] [RIN: 2070-AC64] received July 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10558. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Ohio; Control of Landfills Gas Emissions from Existing Mu-

nicipal Solid Waste Landfills [OH116-1a; FRL-6134-5] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10559. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Pharmaceuticals Production [AD-FRL-6135-6] [RIN: 2060-AE83] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10560. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Organobromine Production Wastes; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Land Disposal Restrictions; Listing of CERCLA Hazardous Substances, Reportable Quantities; Final Rule; Technical Amendment [FRL-6139-6] [RIN: 2050-AD79] received August 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10561. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medical Devices; Reclassification and Codification of Vitamin D Test System [Docket No. 96P-0228] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10562. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations; Conforming Revisions to the Wassenaar Arrangement List of Dual-Use Items and Revisions to Antiterrorism Controls [Docket No. 980619158-8158-01] [RIN: 0694-AB35] received August 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

10563. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Federal Employment Priority Consideration Program for Displaced Employees of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections [RIN: 3206-AI28] received August 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10564. A letter from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Little Tunny Exempted Gillnet Fishery [Docket No. 980717183-8183-01; I.D.072098D] [RIN: 0648-AK35] received August 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

10565. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Visas: Documentation of Non-immigrants and Immigrants—Minor corrections or additions to nonimmigrant visa regulations and deletions of obsolete immigrant visa provisions [Public Notice 2863] received August 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

10566. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oil Spill Financial Responsibility for Offshore Facilities [RIN: 1010-AC33] received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10567. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 96-NM-44-AD; Amendment 39-10682; AD 98-16-06] [RIN: 2120-AA64]

received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10568. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-90-AD; Amendment 39-10686; AD 98-16-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10569. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A310, and A300-600 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-116-AD; Amendment 39-10687; AD 98-16-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10570. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-52-AD; Amendment 39-10683; AD 98-16-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10571. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary for Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Announcement of Availability of Funding for Competitions—Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology (EPSCoT) [Docket No. 980317064-8064-01] (RIN: 0692-ZA01) received July 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

10572. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 98-37] received August 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10573. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Part III—Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous [Rev. Proc. 98-40] received August 5, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10574. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Exporters Note Liable For Harbor Maintenance Fee [T.D. 98-64] (RIN: 1515-AC31) received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10575. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and State Health Care Programs: Fraud and Abuse; Issuance of Advisory Opinions by the OIG (RIN: 0991-AA85) received July 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

10576. 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-1152-2-F] (RIN: 0938-AJ08) received August 3, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

10577. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land through December 31, 1997, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 3504; to the Committee on Agriculture.

10578. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed leg-

islation to assist States in implementing pathogen reduction reforms to their meat and poultry inspection programs; to the Committee on Agriculture.

10579. A letter from the Director, Test, Systems Engineering and Evaluation, Department of Defense, transmitting Notification of intent to obligate funds for test projects for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 1999 Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) Program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2350a(g); to the Committee on National Security.

10580. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Defense Manpower Requirements Report (DMRR) for FY 1999; to the Committee on National Security.

10581. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's annual report on the status and accomplishments of the runaway and homeless youth centers for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5715(a); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

10582. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting the Energy Information Administration's Annual Report to Congress 1997, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 790f(a)(2); to the Committee on Commerce.

10583. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the motor vehicle safety and information programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for fiscal years 1999-2001; to the Committee on Commerce.

10584. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that effective July 19, 1998, the danger pay rate for the Kosovo Province was designated at the 25% level, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5928; to the Committee on International Relations.

10585. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting List of all reports issued or released in June 1998, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10586. A letter from the Chief, Benefits and Investments Branch, Treasury Division, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, transmitting a report on the Annual Federal Pension Plans, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10587. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General, Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the monthly listing of new investigations, audits, and evaluations; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10588. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the report entitled "A Study of Actuarial Alternatives for the DC Pension Plans"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10589. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting in compliance with the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) and the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1998 (IGAA), we are transmitting the Department's 1997 FMFIA Annual Report and the FY 1997 Semi-Annual Report including the Management Report on Final Action for the last 6 months of FY 1997. These reports are contained in the enclosed FY 1997 Accountability Report the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10590. A letter from the Employee Benefits Manager, Farm Credit Bank, transmitting

the Independent Associations' Retirement Plan, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10591. A letter from the Human Resource Assistant, Farm Credit Bank of Texas, transmitting the annual report for the Farm Credit Bank of Texas Thrift Plus Plan for the year ended December 31, 1997, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10592. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report entitled "Information Collection Budget of the United States Government Fiscal Year 1998," pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3504(e)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

10593. A letter from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report on the Salmon Lake Dam, Okanogan Project in Washington, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 509; to the Committee on Resources.

10594. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notice on leasing systems for the Western Gulf of Mexico, Sale 171, scheduled to be held in August 1998, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(8); to the Committee on Resources.

10595. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the annual report entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sales: Evaluation of Bidding Results and Competition" for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(9); to the Committee on Resources.

10596. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 331; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

10597. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting copies of the report of the Attorney General regarding activities initiated pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act during fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1997f; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

10598. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for the restructuring of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

10599. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide the Secretary of the Treasury with authority to prescribe by regulation an alternative interest accounting methodology; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10600. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation providing for an amendment regarding Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands rum excise tax collections; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10601. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Administrative Review Process; Prehearing Proceedings and Decisions by Attorney Advisors; Extension of Expiration Date (RIN: 0960-AE86) received July 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10602. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Uruguay Round Agreements Act with respect to the Rules of Origin for Textile and Apparel Products; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10603. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's mid-year Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 225a; jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Education and the Workforce.

10604. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Land Withdrawal Act, pursuant to Public Law 102-579; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and National Security.

10605. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend titles XI, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security to permit paid staff other than nurse aides and licensed health professionals to provide feeding and hydration assistance to residents in nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs (and to provide special training requirements for such staff), and to establish a program to ensure that such facilities do not employ individuals who have a history of patient or resident abuse or have been convicted of certain crimes; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

10606. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmit-

ting a draft of proposed legislation to establish the District Court of the Virgin Islands as a court under article III of the United States Constitution; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Resources.

10607. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and for other purposes; jointly to the Committees on International Relations, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary.

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#### MEMORIALS

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

389. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 176 memorializing the President and the United States Congress to exercise a stance of uncompromising opposition to religious persecution around the world; to the Committee on International Relations.

390. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of The Mariana Islands,

relative to House Resolution No. 11-65 memorializing the United States Congress to consider the position of the CNMI and to reject Senate Bill 1275 as amended and to require the Commonwealth and Federal Government to consult and negotiate with each other on immigration and labor issues; to the Committee on Resources.

391. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 322 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the Automobile National Heritage Area Act; to the Committee on Resources.

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#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

72. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the City Council of Detroit, Michigan, relative to Resolution 2183 opposing the proposed restrictions on advocacy work of charitable organizations and non-profit groups that do not represent the people like big business; to the Committee on House Oversight.