

for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 538. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the lowest rate of income tax imposed on taxpayers other than corporations from 15 percent to 12.5 percent, to provide for a carryover basis of property acquired from a decedent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PARKER:

H.R. 539. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax exemption for health risk pools; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RANGEL:

H.R. 540. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the exclusion for amounts received under group legal services plans permanent; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SAXTON:

H.R. 541. A bill to reauthorize the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SAXTON (by request):

H.R. 542. A bill to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Resources.

H.R. 543. A bill to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Estonia; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

H.R. 544. A bill to protect financial institutions from liability for damages caused by failure to remove asbestos from a residential or commercial building in which the financial institution holds a security interest if an accredited asbestos management planner has recommended in-place management of the asbestos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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.

H.R. 545. A bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide for regulation by the Federal Trade Commission of advertisements by air carriers, and for other purposes; 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.

H.R. 546. A bill to amend the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act to provide consumers with additional information concerning octane ratings and requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 547. A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to require that any data relating to the incidence of poverty produced or published by the Secretary of Commerce for subnational areas be corrected for differences in the cost of living in those areas; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 548. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program of research and education regarding menopause and related conditions; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 549. A bill to provide a veterans bill of rights; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ZIMMER (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey):

H.R. 550. A bill to prohibit economic assistance, military assistance, or arms transfers

to the Government of Mauritania until appropriate action is taken to eliminate chattel slavery in Mauritania; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Congress should pass any health care reform initiative that has overwhelming bipartisan support; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. THOMAS:

H. Res. 35. Resolution providing for payment of a lump sum for accrued annual leave to eligible former employees of the House of Representatives; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H. Res. 36. Resolution congratulating the people of India on the occasion of the 48th anniversary of their nation's independence; to the Committee on International Relations.

H. Res. 37. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that aviators who meet the qualification standards of the Air Force's Escape and Evasion Society should be granted recognition for meritorious service by the Department of Defense; to the Committee on National Security.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

Mr. RAMSTAD introduced a bill (H.R. 551) for the relief of Oscar Salas-Velazquez; 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. 5: Ms. HARMAN, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. PARKER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BONO, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MCKEON, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. ROGERS, Mrs. WALDHOLTZ, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. COX, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DREIER, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. GOSS, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. LONGLEY, Mr. FUNDERBURK, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 8: Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. WALKER, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mrs. SEASTRAND, and Mr. MCKEON.

H.R. 10: Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. CREMEANS, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. HUNTER, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. WALKER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. SEASTRAND, and Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.

H.R. 24: Mr. MCHUGH.

H.R. 26: Mr. FOX, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KLINK, and Mr. KNOLLENBERG.

H.R. 27: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. TATE, and Mr. HAYES.

H.R. 28: Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. ROHRABACKER, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas.

H.R. 40: Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HANSEN, Ms. DANNER, Mr. NEY, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. NORWOOD, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 65: Mr. MICA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 77: Mr. HERGER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. HANSEN.

H.R. 78: Mr. NEY and Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 86: Mr. CREMEANS.

H.R. 94: Mr. WOLF, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. CREMEANS, Mr. FOX, Mr. WALSH, Mr. FORBES, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Ms. MOLINARI, and Mr. CANADY.

H.R. 104: Mrs. MYRICK and Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 107: Mr. PASTOR and Mr. GONZALEZ.

H.R. 109: Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MICA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. FOX, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. BUNN of Oregon, Mr. NEY, Mr. WYNN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. TORRES, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. WILSON, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. FLANAGAN.

H.R. 125: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. BEVILL, Mr. BUNN of Oregon, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. COBURN, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. NEY, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. Wilson.

H.R. 142: Mr. FORBES, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. DORNAN.

H.R. 218: Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

H.R. 219: Mr. BILBRAY.

H.R. 230: Mr. MCHUGH and Mr. KNOLLENBERG.

H.R. 244: Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. ROHRABACHER.

H.R. 303: Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 342: Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.R. 357: Mr. KLUG, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. ZIMMER, and Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 359: Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. BALLENGER.

H.R. 370: Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. PORTER, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BASS, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DREIER, Mr. LINDER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BONO, Mr. GOSS, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, and Mr. SCHAEFER.

H.R. 372: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mr. HALL of Texas.

H.R. 373: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, and Mr. EMERSON.

H.R. 375: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. ROYCE.

H.R. 386: Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 431: Mr. HILLIARD.

H.R. 436: Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. MANTON, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 450: Mr. CLINGER, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. DREIER.

H.R. 464: Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. CANADY, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 491: Mr. METCALF, Ms. PRYCE, Mr. BUNN of Oregon, Mr. JONES, Mr. FOX, Mr. FORBES, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. NEY, Mr. COBURN, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. REGULA, and Mr. KNOLLENBERG.

H.R. 493: Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 494: Mr. TUCKER.

H.R. 521: Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.J. Res. 1: Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BUNN of Oregon, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr.

GRAHAM, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LONGLEY, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. METCALF, Mr. NEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SOUDER, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. WALKER, and Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.J. Res. 4: Mr. METCALF and Mr. MCCRERY.

H. Res. 15: Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. OBEY, and Ms. MCCARTHY.

H. Res. 28: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BUNN of Oregon, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. STUMP, Mr. FOX, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. COBURN.

AMENDMENTS

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

H.R. 5

OFFERED BY: MR. MORAN

AMENDMENT NO. 1:— In the proposed section 425(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, strike the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and insert “; or”, and add after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) the Federal intergovernmental mandate—

“(i) is also a Federal private sector mandate; and

“(ii) imposes a duty described in section 421(5)(A) on an activity that is not a traditional governmental activity, or would reduce or eliminate an amount of authorization of appropriations of assistance as described in section 421(5)(B) for an activity that is not a traditional governmental activity.

H.R. 5

OFFERED BY: MR. MORAN

AMENDMENT NO. 2:— Insert at the end of section 201 the following:

(d) LEAST BURDENSOME OPTION OR EXPLANATION REQUIRED.—An agency may not issue a rule that contains a Federal mandate if the rulemaking record for the rule indicates that there are 2 or more methods that could be used to accomplish the objective of the rule, unless—

(1) the Federal mandate is the least costly method, or has the least burdensome effect, for—

(A) States, local governments, and tribal governments, in the case of a rule containing a Federal intergovernmental mandate; and

(B) the private sector, in the case of a rule containing a Federal private sector mandate; or

(2) the agency publishes with the final rule an explanation of why the more costly or burdensome method of the Federal mandate was adopted.

H.R. 5

OFFERED BY: MR. MORAN

AMENDMENT NO. 3:— At the end of title II insert the following:

SEC. 206. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

(A) REVIEW OF AGENCY ACTIONS SUBJECT TO REVIEW UNDER OTHER FEDERAL LAW.—If an agency action that is subject to section 201 or 202 is subject to judicial review under any other Federal law (other than chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code)—

(1) any the court of the United States having jurisdiction to review the action under the other law shall have jurisdiction to review the action under sections 201 and 202; and

(2) in any proceeding under paragraph (1), any issue relating exhaustion of remedies, the time and manner for seeking review, venue, or the availability of a stay or preliminary injunctive relief pending review shall be determined under the other law.

(b) LIMITATION ON PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—The second sentence of section 705 of title 5, United States Code (relating to preliminary relief pending review), shall not apply with respect to review under subsection (a)(1) of an agency action, unless process authorized by that sentence is not authorized by the other law under which the action is reviewed.

H.R. 5

OFFERED BY: MR. OWENS

AMENDMENT NO. 4:— In section 301(2), in the matter proposed to be added as a new section 422 to the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, strike “or” after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (6), strike the period at the end of paragraph (7) and insert “; or”, and at the end add the following new paragraph: “(8) provides for protection of the health of individuals with disabilities.

H.R. 5

OFFERED BY: MR. OWENS

AMENDMENT NO. 5:— In section 4, strike “or” after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (6), strike the period at the end of paragraph (7) and insert “; or”, and after paragraph (7) add the following:

(8) provides for protection of the health of individuals with disabilities.

H.J. RES. 1

OFFERED BY: MR. COLEMAN

AMENDMENT NO. 2:— Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

“ARTICLE

“SECTION 1. Total outlays of the operating funds of the United States for any fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts to those funds for that fiscal year plus any operating fund balances carried over from previous fiscal years.

“SECTION 2. Not later than the first Monday in February in each calendar year, the President shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the United States Government for the fiscal year beginning in that calendar year in which total outlays of the operating funds of the United States for that fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts to those funds for that fiscal year.

“SECTION 3. Total receipts shall include all receipts of the United States except those derived from borrowing and total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States except those for repayment of debt principal. The receipts (including attributable interest) and outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, and the Federal Supplemental Medical Insurance Trust Fund shall not be counted as receipts or outlays for purposes of this article.

“SECTION 4. This article shall be implemented and enforced only in accordance with appropriate legislation enacted by Congress, which may rely on estimates of outlays and receipts.

“SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be waived for any fiscal year in which the United

States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House of the Congress, that becomes law. If real economic growth has been or will be negative for two consecutive quarters, Congress may by law waive the article for the current and the next fiscal year.

“SECTION 6. This article shall take effect beginning with fiscal year 2002 or the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever is later.”.

H.J. RES. 1

OFFERED BY: MR. JACOBS

AMENDMENT NO. 3:— Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the following article is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within two years after its submission to the States for ratification:

“ARTICLE —

“SECTION 1. Beginning in fiscal year 1999, the United States Government shall not borrow money or any other thing of value except for the purpose of rolling over its existing debt balance, and shall not issue additional currency except as it reflects additional United States productivity.

“SECTION 2. Beginning in fiscal year 2000, and for the next 39 succeeding fiscal years thereafter, the national debt shall be retired by an amount equal to 2½ percentum of the national debt at the beginning of fiscal year 2000.

“SECTION 3. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”.

H.J. RES. 1

OFFERED BY: MR. OWENS

AMENDMENT NO. 4:— Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

“ARTICLE —

“SECTION 1. Prior to each fiscal year, Congress shall, by law, adopt a statement of receipts and outlays for such fiscal year in which total outlays are not greater than total receipts. Congress may, by law, amend that statement provided revised outlays are not greater than revised receipts. Congress may provide in that statement for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a vote directed solely to that subject in which three-fifths of the whole number of each House agree to such excess. Congress and the President shall ensure that actual outlays do not exceed the outlays set forth in such statement.

“SECTION 2. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall transmit to Congress a proposed statement of receipts and outlays for such fiscal year consistent with the provisions of this Article.

“SECTION 3. Congress may waive the provisions of this Article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The provisions of this Article may be waived for any fiscal year in which the United States faces an imminent and serious military threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority