

President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; House Calendar No. 132. House Report No. 106-231.

By Mr. COX:

H.R. 2491. A bill to amend section 213 of the National Housing Act to authorize trusts to hold memberships in nonprofit cooperative ownership housing corporations that own properties with mortgages insured under such section; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. LAZIO):

H.R. 2492. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise Medicare payment policy with respect to home health services furnished 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 Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. WALSH, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. SWEENEY, and Mr. REYNOLDS):

H.R. 2493. A bill to declare as citizens of the United States certain women who lost citizenship solely by reason of marriage to an alien prior to September 22, 1922; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOSTETTLER (for himself, Mr. GOODLING, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PITTS, Mr. BUYER, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. STUMP, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. BALDACCI, and Mr. GARY MILLER of California):

H.R. 2494. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a religious exemption from providing identifying numbers for dependents to claim certain credits and deductions on a tax return; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LIPINSKI:

H.R. 2495. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue regulations to limit the number of pieces of carry-on baggage that a passenger may bring on an airplane; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ORTIZ:

H.R. 2496. A bill to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. TANCREDO, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. GOODE):

H.R. 2497. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income gain on the sale or exchange of farmland which by covenant is restricted to use as farmland and to exclude the value of such farmland from estate taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. COOK, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mrs.

MORELLA, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SANDLIN, and Mr. WEINER):

H.R. 2498. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WEINER (for himself, Mr. HYDE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. RIVERS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. STARK, Mr. KING, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LARSON, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. LEE, and Mr. CAPUANO):

H.R. 2499. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the operation of certain aircraft not complying with stage 4 noise levels; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. WOOLSEY:

H.R. 2500. A bill to establish demonstration projects to provide family income to respond to significant transitions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COOK:

H. Con. Res. 151. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Federal funding for elementary and secondary teacher training be used first for activities to advance science, mathematics, and engineering education for elementary and secondary teachers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MASCARA (for himself, Mr. WAMP, and Mr. ACKERMAN):

H. Con. Res. 152. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that urgent action is needed to limit the hardship endured by senior citizens when meeting their prescription drug needs; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GARY MILLER of California:

H. Con. Res. 153. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Federal funding for elementary and secondary teacher training be used first for science scholarships for elementary and secondary teachers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, 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. KUYKENDALL (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. FOLEY, Ms. DUNN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. SAXTON, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. COOK, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. ESHOO, and Ms. NORTON):

H. Res. 244. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the United States Women's Soccer Team and its winning performance in the 1999 Women's World Cup tournament.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, private bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. LEE:

H.R. 2501. A bill for the relief of Geert Botzen; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 2502. A bill for the relief of Lawrence Williams; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

33. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Puerto Rico Bar Association Board of Directors, relative to Resolution No. 34 petitioning the President of the United States to cease the target practices of the United States of North America at the island of Vieques and adjacent water bodies; to the Committee on Armed Services.

34. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, relative to Resolution No. 208 petitioning Congress to enact legislation prohibiting the physical destruction of the American Flag by Constitutional Amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

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OFFERED BY MR. CONYERS

(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS EXERCISE.

(a) GENERAL RULE.—Except as provided in subsection (b), a government shall not substantially burden a person's religious exercise—

(1) in a program or activity, operated by a government, that receives Federal financial assistance; or

(2) in any case in which the substantial burden on the person's religious exercise affects, or in which a removal of that substantial burden would affect, commerce with foreign nations, among the several States, or with Indian tribes;

even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability.

(b) EXCEPTION.—A government may substantially burden a person's religious exercise if the government demonstrates that application of the burden to the person—

(1) is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and

(2) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

(c) REMEDIES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the United States to deny or withhold Federal financial assistance as a remedy for a violation of this Act. However, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to deny, impair, or otherwise affect any right or authority of the Attorney General or the United States or any agency, officer, or employee thereof under other law, including section 4(d) of this Act, to institute or intervene in any action or proceeding.

SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

(a) PROCEDURE.—If a claimant produces prima facie evidence to support a claim alleging a violation of the Free Exercise