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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 25, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROSCOE G. BARTLETT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate, offered the following prayer:

Eternal and dependable Creator, giver of the abundant harvest, the refuge of all who flee to You, the helper of those in need and the one sure resource in times of trouble, Lord, thank you for harmonizing the world with seasons and climates, sowing and reaping, color and fragrance.

We praise You, for You are the substance that sustains us in each of life's seasons. In time's rapid passing, remind us of life's brevity and teach us to number our days.

Lord, thank You for all the beauty in our world, for the loveliness of Earth

and sea and sky. Thank You for great music and great books, for prose and poetry. Thank You for the nobility You have placed in human hearts, for our military people who love their country until even self is forgotten. Thank You for the Members of this body, who struggle with complex issues and labor for a world at peace. Thank You for loved ones, without whom life would never be the same.

Lord, thank You also for obstacles, delays, challenges, trials, and even enemies that make us stronger. Above all, thank You for Your gift of salvation. Accept this our sacrifice of Thanksgiving and praise, for the sake of Your glorious name. Amen.

NOTICE

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ROBERT W. NEY, *Chairman.*

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THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills and concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 421. An act to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1367. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a loan repayment program regarding the provision of veterinary services in shortage situations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1683. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1821. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation.

H.R. 3349. An act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004.

H. Con. Res. 69. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Althea Gibson should be recognized for her ground breaking achievements in athletics and her commitment to ending racial discrimination and prejudice within the world of sports.

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of Ralph Bunche as one of the great leaders of the United States, the first African-American Nobel Peace Prize winner, an accomplished scholar, a distinguished diplomat, and a tireless campaigner of civil rights for people throughout the world.

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 100. An act to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

H.R. 622. An act to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1006. An act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

H.R. 1012. An act to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 339. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 33. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites.

S. 391. An act to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes.

S. 425. An act to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota.

S. 434. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes.

S. 435. An act to provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, and for other purposes.

S. 452. An act to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and for other purposes.

S. 551. An act to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

S. 610. An act to amend the provision of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 714. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

S. 811. An act to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1003. An act to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River.

S. 1279. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area.

S. 1499. An act to adjust the boundaries of Green Mountain National Forest.

S. 1522. An act to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, and for other purposes.

S. 1531. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1537. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery.

S. 1567. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 1929. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to extend the mental health benefits parity provisions for an additional year.

S. 1947. An act to prohibit the offer of credit by a financial institution to a financial institution examiner, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 77. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress supporting vigorous enforcement of the Federal obscenity laws.

S. Con. Res. 82. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of Ralph Bunche as one of the great leaders of the United States, the first African-American Nobel Peace Prize winner, an accomplished scholar, a distinguished diplomat, and a tireless campaigner of civil rights for people throughout the world.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1) "An Act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2622) "An Act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 1768) "An Act to extend the national flood insurance program."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-201, as amended by Public Law 105-275, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints Dr. Daniel Botkin, of California, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, vice Susan Barksdale Howorth, of Mississippi.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE ROSCOE G. BARTLETT OF MARYLAND TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON TODAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following Communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 25, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROSCOE G. BARTLETT to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA OR HONORABLE MAC THORNBERRY TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS UNTIL THE DAY THE HOUSE CONVENES FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 108TH CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 25, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions until the day the House convenes for the second session of the 108th Congress.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1315

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland) at 1 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2673, CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Mr. YOUNG of Florida submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 2673) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural De-

velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

[The conference report will be available in Book II of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.]

COMMENTS REGARDING CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2673

(Mr. OBEY asked and was given permission to speak out of order for 7 minutes.)

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this time to comment on the legislation just filed. The legislation just filed would complete the work of the Committee on Appropriations and the Congress on a number of appropriation bills which were not able to get through the system one by one, as is the usual process. But in the process of putting together this omnibus appropriation bill, the House has, I think, reached a new low in terms of its willingness to reflect the will of the membership.

We elect in this country 535 people to come to this Congress, 435 of them in this institution; and the idea is that those Members are supposed to vote on various issues, and after those Members have voted, then a conference committee between the Senate and the House is supposed to iron out whatever differences remain between the House and the Senate in the consideration of that legislation.

That is really not what happened on this legislation this year. Time and time again, the conferees simply disregarded the will of Members of both Houses, went into a back room, and decided on their own, without consulting anybody but themselves and the White House, that they were going to cut the cards a different way and deal a new hand to everyone.

So we find, for instance, that in the legislation just filed, even though both Houses of Congress in public, on-the-record votes made the decision to try to scale back the expansion of the ability of large businesses in the communications industry to own television stations, despite the fact that both branches of the Congress voted to put a 35 percent cap on the percentage of American homes that should be reachable by any one corporate entity in the television business, despite that fact, the conferees produced legislation just filed at this moment which changes that cap and raises it to 39 percent. No votes taken in either House to do that, just an arbitrary judgment because the White House said, "If you do not do it our way, we are going to hold our breath and turn blue."

So the conferees caved and went against the position of both Houses. I think that is a national scandal. This is a backroom deal to strengthen the hands of the national media giants against local control of television. It allows ABC and NBC to acquire additional stations up to the new 39 percent

limit, and it takes Fox and CBS off the hook so that they do not have to divest as they would have had to if the will of the House and the Senate had prevailed.

I am also concerned about what has happened here with the across-the-board cut that is being provided in this legislation because, as I understand the impact of that cut, that is going to mean a reduction of \$178 million in crucial veterans medical care; and it is going to, as I understand it, severely hamper the VA in its ability to reduce the backlog in handling cases brought to them by veterans. It now takes about 157 days to process a veteran's claim; and this across-the-board cut in the operations of the VA will, I am afraid, result in seeing those delays expanded rather than contracted.

I also want to take just a moment to point out that this institution has engaged in a very questionable practice with respect to congressional earmarks. In the past, there is no question that Congress had provided significant numbers of earmarks. But in the past 4 or 5 years, in my view, that has gotten incredibly out of control. There is nothing wrong with Congress deciding to take a reasonable number of projects through earmarks in order to give this institution an opportunity to define what activities it considers to be very important; but when the practice explodes to such a degree that virtually every university hires a lobbyist to try to obtain funds through the political process rather than the process of peer review, then the Congress abandons all pretext of taxpayers' moneys being used in rational fashion.

The other problem, Mr. Speaker, is that when earmarks change in character from being a convenience to Members to a weapon in the hands of the majority party to punish Members of the minority party who oppose those appropriation bills, then we have, I think, fundamentally corrupted the appropriations process of the House, and I think it becomes a source of shame for the House in many ways. We have had a huge explosion in the amount of Member-directed earmarks over the past 4 or 5 years; and I would say that when that is accompanied by the idea that Members will be punished if they vote on the basis of substance, then I think this Congress ceases to be a body which can earn the respect of the American people. It seems to me that if we are going to allow earmarks to be used as a partisan threat, then what we will do is eliminate the ability of the appropriations process to be considered on the merits, and the only thing Members will be focused on will be their local pork projects rather than the broader welfare of the country; and I think that will demean the process of the Congress and demean the American people in the process.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland). Pursuant to

clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1521

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland) at 3 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair lays before the House the following privileged message from the Senate.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment:

Page 1, line 2, strike out all after "*concurring*," over to and including line 3 on page 3 and insert: *That when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Tuesday, November 25, 2003, through the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until such day and time as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; that when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on any day from Monday, November 24, 2003, through the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, on a motion offered by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or stand recessed or adjourned until such day and time as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.*

The Senate amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 391. An act to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 425. An act to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 434. An act to authorize the Secretary of agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 435. An act to provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, and for other pur-

poses; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and in addition to the Committee on Resources 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.

S. 452. An act to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 551. An act to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and in addition to the Committee on Resources 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.

S. 714. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1003. An act to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1279. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and in addition to the Committee on Energy and 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.

S. 1499. An act to adjust the boundaries of Green Mountain National Forest; to the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 1531. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall; to the Committee on Financial Services.

S. 1947. An act to prohibit the offer of credit by a financial institution to a financial institution examiner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Con. Res. 77. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress supporting vigorous enforcement of the Federal obscenity laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary and in addition to the Committee on Energy and 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.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 421. An act to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1367. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a loan repayment program regarding the provision of

veterinary services in shortage situations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1683. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1821. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation.

H.R. 1828. An act to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, and stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international security problems it has caused in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1904. An act to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2115. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2417. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3038. An act to make certain technical and conforming amendments to correct the Health Care Safety Net Amendments of 2002.

H.R. 3140. An act to provide for availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3166. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Old Tappan Road in Tappan, New York, as the "John G. Dow Post Office Building".

H.R. 3185. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 38 Spring Street in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Hugh Gregg Post Office Building".

H.R. 3349. An act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004.

H.R. 3419. An act to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African History and Culture, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 189. An act to authorized appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, and for other purposes.

S. 579. An act to reauthorize the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes.

S. 1152. An act to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1156. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance provision of health care for veterans, to authorize major construction projects and other facilities matters for the Department of Veterans

Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1768. An act to extend the national flood insurance program.

S. 1895. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through March 15, 2004, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reports that on November 21, 2003 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 23. To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

H.R. 1588. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2744. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the "David Bybee Post Office Building."

H.R. 2754. Making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3175. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the "Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 3182. To reauthorize the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3379. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as

the "Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building".

H.J. Res. 79. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 339 and at the designation of the majority leader, without objection, the House stands adjourned to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 8, 2003, for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 339, the House adjourned until Monday, December 8, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5625. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Veterinary Services User Fees; Fee for Use of Animal Ramp at Miami International Airport [Docket No. 02-041-2] received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5626. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Interstate Movement of Swine Within a Production System; Inspection of Swine [Docket No. 02-069-2] received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5627. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Possession, Use, and Transfer of Biological Agents and Toxins [Docket No. 02-088-3] (RIN: 0579-AB47) received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5628. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Prompt Disaster Set-Aside Consideration and Primary Loan Servicing Facilitation (RIN: 0560-AG56) received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5629. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Dried Prunes Produced in California; Temporary Suspension of the Prune Reserve and the Voluntary Producer Prune Plum Diversion Provisions [Docket No. FV03-993-2 FIR] received November 4, 2003, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5630. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General and the classified annex for the period April 1, 2003 — September 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5631. A letter from the Deputy Director (Administration), FinCEN, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Amendments to the Bank Secrecy Act Regulations; Definition of Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers in Commodities as Financial Institutions; Requirement that Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers in Commodities Report Suspicious Transactions (RIN: 1506-AA44) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5632. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "To establish a permanent, indefinite appropriation to allow the Department of the Treasury to reimburse financial institutions directly for services they provide as depositories and financial agents of the United States"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5633. A letter from the Senior Paralegal (Regulations), Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance: Interim Capital Treatment of Consolidated Asset-Backed Commercial Paper Program Assets [No. 2003-48] (RIN: 1550-AB79); Department of the Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency [Docket No. 03-21] (RIN: 1557-AC76); Federal Reserve System [Regulations H and Y; Docket No. R-1156]; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (RIN: 3064-AC74) received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5634. A letter from the Acting General Counsel/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7817] received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5635. A letter from the Acting General Counsel/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determination [Docket No. FEMA-D-7545] received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5636. A letter from the Acting General Counsel/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5637. A letter from the Acting General Counsel/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5638. A letter from the Acting General Counsel/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5639. A letter from the Acting General Counsel/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5640. A letter from the Acting General Counsel/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rescission of Final Flood Elevation Determination [Docket No. FEMA-7772] received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5641. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland

Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance [Docket No. FEMA-7768] received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5642. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Open Competition and Government Neutrality Towards Government Contractors' Labor Relations on Federal and Federally Funded Construction Projects [Docket No. FR-4695-F-02] (RIN: 2501-AC98) received October 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5643. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Kazakhstan pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5644. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to the Kingdom of the Netherlands pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5645. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5646. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Azerbaijan pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5647. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Algeria pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5648. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities & Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Commission Guidance on Rule 3b-3 and Married Put Transactions [Release No. 34-48795] received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5649. A letter from the General Counsel, Institute of Museum and Library Services, transmitting the Institute's final rule — Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants) (RIN: 3137-AA14) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5650. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the Endowment's final rule — Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirement for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants) (RIN: 3135-AA18 and 3135-AA-19) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5651. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting the Endowment's final rule — Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants) (RIN: 3136-AA25 and 3136-AA26) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5652. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Rules on Filings, Issuances, Computation of Time, and Electronic Means of Record Retention (RIN: 1212-AA89) received November 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5653. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5654. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Kentucky: Permit Provisions for Jefferson County, Kentucky [KY145-200339(a); FRL-7582-6] received October 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5655. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Common Rule on Governmentwide Debasement and Suspension (Non-Procurement) and Government Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace — received October 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5656. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Disapproval of State Implementation Plan Revisions, Antelope Valley, Butte County, Mojave Desert, and Shasta County Air Quality Management Districts and Kern County Air Pollution Control District [CA 140-0415; FRL-7583-5] received October 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5657. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Colorado: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7586-9] received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5658. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Minor Changes to Decommissioning Trust Fund Provisions (RIN: 3150-AH32) received November 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5659. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and defense articles to Saudi Arabia (Transmittal No. DDTC 097-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5660. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations; Iraqi Sanction Regulations; Foreign Terrorist Organizations Sanctions Regulations; Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Sanctions Regulations. — received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

5661. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Asset Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removal of Certain Provisions of the Iraqi Sanctions Regulations;

Interpretive Guidance — received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

5662. A letter from the Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Automated Export System Mandatory Filing for Exports (Reexports) of Rough Diamonds [Docket Number 030820208-3208-01] (RIN: 0607-AA39) received October 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

5663. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants) (RIN: 1400-AB83) received November 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

5664. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act: Implementation — received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5665. A letter from the OGE Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule — Implementation of Office of Government Ethics Statutory Gift Acceptance Authority (RIN: 3209-AA21) received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5666. A letter from the Director, SHRP/ CPPP/SWSG, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the San Francisco, CA, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area (RIN: 3206-AK26) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5667. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Disclosure of Information Regulations (RIN: 3245-AE94) received November 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5668. A letter from the Vice Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Multicandidate Committees and Biennial Contribution Limits [Notice 2003-19] received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

5669. A letter from the Vice Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Party Committee Telephone Banks [Notice 2003-20] received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

5670. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Kentucky Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Plan [K Y-239-FOR] received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5671. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Recalculation and Enforcement (RIN: 1029-AC07) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5672. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Locating, Recording, and Maintaining Mining Claims or Sites [WO-620-1430-00-24 1A] (RIN: 1004-AS31) received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5673. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs (RIN: 1024-AC69) received November 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5674. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction [Docket 001005281-0369-02; I.D. 102803B] received November 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5675. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Mexico [Docket No. 021122286-3036; I.D. 101403B] received November 4, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5676. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 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; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Trip Limit Adjustments; Corrections [Docket No. 021209300-3048-02; I.D. 100303B] received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5677. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fraser River Sockeye and Pick Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders [I.D. 101603B] received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5678. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure of the Fishery for Pacific Sardine North of Pt. Arena, California [Docket No. 0330612150-3214-02; 102003A] received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5679. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 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; Whiting Closure for the Catcher/Processor Sector [Docket No. 021209300-3048-02; I.D. 101003F] received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5680. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure [Docket No. 001005281-0369-02; I.D. 111203A] received November 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5681. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Availability of Grants Funds for Fiscal Year 2004 [Docket No. 030602141-3271-04] received November 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5682. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Statement for the Construction of an Office/Laboratory/Classroom Facility for the Canaan Valley Institute. [Docket Number: 031110276-3276-01] received November 20, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5683. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Exempted Fishing Activities [Docket No. 021113274-3267-02; I.D. 031501A] received November 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5684. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Framework Adjustment 3 [Docket No. 030912231-3266-02; I.D. 090403A] (RIN: 0648-AR43) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5685. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, 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; Vessel Monitoring Systems and Incidental Catch Measures [Docket No. 03043016-3258-02; I.D. 040103C] (RIN: 0648-AQ58) received November 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5686. A letter from the Executive Director, American Chemical Society, transmitting the Society's annual report for the calendar year 2002 and the comprehensive report to the Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society on the examination of their books and records for the year ending December 31, 2002, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(2) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5687. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services, CIS, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Adding and Removing Institutions to and From the List of Recognized American Institutions of Research [CIS No. 2131-03] (RIN: 1615-AA72) received October 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5688. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Common Rule on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants) (RIN: 1121-AA57) received November 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5689. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Seaway Regulations and Rules: Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalty (RIN: 2135-AA16) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5690. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Canaveral Barge Canal, Cape Canaveral, Brevard County, FL [CGD07-02-160] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5691. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operating Regulation; St. Croix River, Prescott, WI [CGD08-03-045] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5692. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Mississippi River, Iowa and Illinois [CGD08-03-042] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5693. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulated Navigation Area; Port Everglades Harbor, Fort Lauderdale, FL [CGD07-03-069] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5694. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulated Navigation Area; Des Plaines River, Joliet, Illinois [CGD09-03-214] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5695. A letter from the FMCSA Regulatory Officer, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Limitations on the Issuance of Commercial Driver's Licenses With a Hazardous Materials Endorsement [Docket No. FMCSA-2001-11117] (RIN: 2126-AA70) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5696. A letter from the Attorney, Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Reporting Requirements for Disability-Related Complaints [Docket No. OST-2003-11473] (RIN: 2105-ADO4) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5697. A letter from the Attorney, RSPA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Applicability of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to Loading, Unloading, and Storage [Docket No. RSPA-98-4952 (HM-223)] (RIN: 2137-AC68) received October 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5698. A letter from the Attorney, OST, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Preemption in Air Transportation; Policy Statement Amendment [Docket No. OST-2003-15592] (RIN: 2105-AA46) received November 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5699. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Government Property — Instructions for Preparing NASA Form 1018 (RIN: 2700-AC73) received November 18, 2003, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

5700. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Policy and Research, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Small Business Government Contracting Programs (RIN: 3245-AF07) received November 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

5701. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Small Business Size Standards; Facilities Support Services (Including Base Maintenance) (RIN: 3245-AF03) received November 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Small Business.

5702. A letter from the Director, Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Accelerated Payments Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty Program (RIN: 2900-AL22) received June 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

5703. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Veterans Education: Increases Allowances for the Educational Assistance Test Program (RIN: 2900-AL52) received November 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

5704. A letter from the Assistant Chief, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Bennett Valley Viticultural Area (2002R-009T) [T.D. TTB-6; Notice No. 963] (RIN: 1513-AA36) received November 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5705. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Return of Partnership Income [TD 9094] (RIN: 1545-BC01) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5706. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Return of Partnership Income [TD 9094] (RIN: 1545-BC01) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5707. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Tax forms and instructions. (Rev. Proc. 2003-85) received November 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5708. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — General Electric Co. & Subs. v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo. 1995-306, Rev'd in part, vacated in part, and remanded, 245 F.3d 149 (2d Cir.2001) [T.C. Dkt. No. 14715-92] received November 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5709. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Losses of Timber following an Epidemic Attack of Southern Pine Beetle — received November 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5710. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Transfers to Provide for Satis-

faction of Contested Liabilities [TD 9095] (RIN: 1545-BA91) received November 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5711. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Low-Income Housing Credit (Rev. Rul. 2003-117) received November 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5712. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Transfers to Trusts to Provide for the Satisfaction of Contested Liabilities [Notice 2003-77] received November 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5713. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2003-122) received November 19, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5714. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Coordinated Issue Telecommunications Industry Universal Service Fund Reimbursements — received October 28, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5715. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Treatment of Loans with Below-Market Interest Rates (Rev. Rul. 2003-118) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5716. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Rev. Proc. 2003-84) received November 17, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5717. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Review of National Coverage Determinations and Local Coverage Determinations [CMS-3063-F] (RIN: 0938-AK60) received October 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy 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. YOUNG of Florida: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2673. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-401). Ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATIONS OF REFERRED BILLS PURSUANT TO RULE XII

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following actions were taken by the Speaker:

[Omitted from the Record of November 21, 2003]

H.R. 180. Referral to the Committee on Rules extended for a period ending not later than January 31, 2004.

H.R. 1081. Referral to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, and House Administration for a period ending not later than January 31, 2004.

H.R. 1856. Referral to the Committees on Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure extended for a period ending not later than January 31, 2004.

H.R. 2120. Referral to the Committee on Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than January 31, 2004.

H.R. 2802. Referral to the Committee on Government Reform extended for a period ending not later than January 31, 2004.

H.R. 3358. Referral to the Committee on the Budget extended for a period ending not later than January 31, 2004.

S. 523. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than January 31, 2004.

S. 1233. Referral to the Committee on the Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than January 31, 2004.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mr. EMANUEL introduced A bill (H.R. 3650) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to curtail the use of tax shelters, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

230. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 66 memorializing the United States Department of Homeland Security to locate its Midwestern headquarters at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Macomb County; to the Committee on Homeland Security (Select).

231. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No.135 memorializing the United States Congress to enact legislation to provide Michigan a more equitable share of federal transit funding and increased funding for bus projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

232. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 65 memorializing the United States Congress to enact the Armed Forces Tax Relief Act of 2003; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

233. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Florida, relative to House Memorial No. 429 memorializing the Congress of the United States to all actions necessary to resolve the fate of Captain M. Scott Speicher, United States Navy, MIA-Captured; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and International Relations.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 285: Mr. LATOURETTE and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 806: Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 857: Mr. GERLACH, Mr. BELL, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 871: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 1372: Mr. MCINNIS.
 H.R. 1532: Mr. BECERRA, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. BELL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. MEEHAN.
 H.R. 1563: Mr. GALLEGLY, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.
 H.R. 1749: Ms. SLAUGHTER.
 H.R. 2135: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.
 H.R. 2239: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. MEEHAN.
 H.R. 2246: Mr. ALLEN Mr. SERRANO, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Ms. DEGETTE.
 H.R. 2405: Mr. BAIRD.
 H.R. 2470: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.
 H.R. 2771: Mrs. LOWEY.
 H.R. 3055: Mr. TERRY, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. HOUGHTON.
 H.R. 3125: Mr. KLINE.
 H.R. 3263: Mr. SCHIFF.
 H.R. 3299: Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. FROST, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. COOPER.
 H.R. 3344: Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.
 H.R. 3474: Mr. FARR.
 H.R. 3484: Mr. DOYLE, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. PASCRELL.
 H.R. 3539: Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. CASE, and Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 3582: Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN.
 H.R. 3587: Mr. FILNER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.
 H.R. 3633: Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. GOSS, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. HYDE.
 H. Con. Res. 192: Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Texas, and Ms. CARSON of Indiana.
 H. Con. Res. 304: Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, and Mr. TIERNEY.
 H. Con. Res. 311: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
 H. Con. Res. 318: Mr. KING of New York, Mr. WELLER, Mr. GOODE, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.
 H. Con. Res. 371: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

PETITIONS, ETC.

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

46. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, NY, relative to Resolution No. 526 of 2003 petitioning the United States Congress to pass legislation extending Medicare cost-sharing; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

47. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 528 of 2003 petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency to rescind rules relaxing the requirement that older power plants and industrial complexes be required to install advanced pollution control devices during any expansions and modifications; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

48. Also, a petition of Mr. John Thomas Redder and Mrs. Keiko Redder, Embassy of the United States, Tokyo, Japan, relative to petitioning for Mrs. Redder's right to assume the surname of the husband at the time of marriage in accordance with Article 750 of the Civil Code of Japan; to the Committee on International Relations.

49. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 529 of 2003 expressing support for the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2003, H.R. 962; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.