

188. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Stemme GmbH & Co. Models S10, S10-V, and S10-VT Sailplanes [Docket No. 2003-CE-58-AD; Amendment 39-13730; AD 2004-14-21] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

189. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-120 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2003-NM-105-AD; Amendment 39-13694; AD 2004-13-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

190. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Ocean Disposal; Designation of a Dredged Material Disposal Site in Rhode Island Sound [FRL-7848-2] received December 17, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

191. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's FY 2003 report entitled, "Implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act" required under Section 23(a)(2) of the Act; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Armed Services.

192. A letter from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting a copy of the Commission's "Report to the Congress: Growth in the Volume of Physician Services," fulfilling the Congressional request of Section 606(b) of the Medicare Modernization Act; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

193. A letter from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting a copy of the Commission's "Report to the Congress: Impact of Resource-Based Practice Expense Payment for Physician Services," fulfilling the Congressional request of Section 606(a) of the Medicare Modernization Act; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

194. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 7(a) of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-45), a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2005-14 suspending the limitation on the obligation of the State Department Appropriations contained in sections 3(b) and 7(b) of that Act for six months as well as the periodic report provided for under Section 6 of the Act covering the period from June 16, 2004 to the present; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

195. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the Department of State's intent to initiate the FY 2005 International Military Education and Training funds for Iraq, pursuant to Pub. L. 108-199, Title III; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

196. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a copy of the Board's appeal letter to OMB regarding the initial determination of the FY 2006 budget request, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 1113; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of January 4, 2005]

By Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. GALLEGY, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. ISSA, Mrs. BONO, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. DREIER):

H.R. 19. A bill to require employers to conduct employment eligibility verification; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. BARTLETT of Maryland:

H.R. 44. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish an independent panel to assess the homeland security needs of the National Capital Region; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. EHLERS:

H.R. 50. A bill to provide for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Science, 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.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 58. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish at least one Border Patrol unit for the Virgin Islands of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

H.R. 91. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to first responders, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and 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.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 101. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to require the arbitration of initial contract negotiation disputes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 102. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the use of unexpended universal service funds in low-income schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 103. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide a 50 percent discount in flood insurance rates for the first 5 years that certain low-cost properties are included in flood hazard zones; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 104. A bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the families of deceased law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 105. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt elementary and secondary schools from the fee imposed on employers filing petitions with respect to non-immigrant workers under the H-1B program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 106. A bill to require the Surface Transportation Board to consider certain issues when deciding whether to authorize the construction of a railroad line; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 107. A bill to deem the nondisclosure of employer-owned life insurance coverage of employees an unfair trade practice under the Federal Trade Commission Act, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota:

H.R. 130. A bill to amend the General Education Provisions Act to clarify the definition of a student regarding family educational and privacy rights; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 153. A bill to provide increased rail and public transportation security; referred to the Committee on Homeland Security 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.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 154. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to reimburse State and local governments and Indian tribes for certain costs relating to the mobilization of Reserves who are first responder personnel of such governments or tribes; referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, 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. MILLENDER-MCDONALD:

H.R. 163. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out an empty shipping container sealing pilot program to encourage shipping container handlers to seal empty shipping containers after they have unpacked them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD:

H.R. 173. A bill to prevent and respond to terrorism and crime at or through ports; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, and Homeland Security, 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. REGULA:

H.R. 189. A bill to provide for the retention of the name of Mount McKinley; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SWEENEY:

H.R. 226. A bill to strengthen and expand scientific and technological education capabilities of associate-degree-granting colleges through the establishment of partnership arrangements with bachelor-degree-granting institutions; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SWEENEY (for himself, Mr. MCHUGH, and Mr. BOEHLERT):

H.R. 227. A bill to reduce acid deposition under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SWEENEY:

H.R. 228. A bill to establish a realistic, threat-based allocation of grant funds for first responders; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. TERRY (for himself, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. OSBORNE):

H.R. 232. A bill to authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Nebraska; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H.R. 238. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to designate educational empowerment zones in certain low-income areas and to give a tax incentive to attract teachers to work in such areas; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 239. A bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. PRYCE of Ohio (for herself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DELAY, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAMP, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. WELLER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. KLINE):

H.R. 240. A bill to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Agriculture, and Financial Services, 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. SERRANO:

H.J. Res. 9. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to repeal the twenty-second article of amendment, thereby removing the limitation on the number of terms an individual may serve as President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota:

H. Con. Res. 7. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a Free Enterprise Education Week to encourage schools and businesses to educate students about the free enterprise system; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD:

H. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the National Family Caregiver Support Program should be fully funded continue efforts to provide relief and necessary services to individuals who perform informal or unpaid care for the elderly and care for children under 18 years of age; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia):

H. Con. Res. 10. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness

Month; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H. Con. Res. 11. A concurrent resolution requiring the display of the Ten Commandments in the Hall of the House of Representatives and the Chamber of the Senate; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H. Con. Res. 12. A concurrent resolution requiring the display of the Ten Commandments in the United States Capitol; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H. Con. Res. 13. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Harriet Tubman should have been paid a pension for her service as a nurse and scout in the United States Army during the Civil War; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 19. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should award the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously to Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, David Brown, Laurel Clark, and Ilan Ramon, all of whom died in the destruction of the space shuttle Columbia; to the Committee on Government Reform.

[Submitted January 6, 2005]

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. RANGEL):

H.R. 241. A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami; to the Committee on Ways and Means, considered and passed.

By Mr. EHLERS:

H.R. 242. A bill to authorize appropriations to the Department of Transportation for surface transportation research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, 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.

By Mr. EHLERS:

H.R. 243. A bill to authorize appropriations to the Department of Transportation for surface transportation research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 244. A bill to create a separate DNA database for violent predators against children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 245. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the record of admission for permanent residence in the case of certain aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 246. A bill to prevent children's access to firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 247. A bill to increase the numerical limitation on the number of asylees whose status may be adjusted to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 248. A bill to modify the requirements applicable to the admission into the United States of H-1C nonimmigrant registered nurses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAKER:

H.R. 249. A bill to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States

when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, were conveyed by Public Law 102-562; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. EHLERS:

H.R. 250. A bill to establish an interagency committee to coordinate Federal manufacturing research and development efforts in manufacturing, strengthen existing programs to assist manufacturing innovation and education, and expand outreach programs for small and medium-sized manufacturers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 251. A bill to assist aliens who were transplanted to the United States as children in continuing their education and otherwise integrating into American society; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 252. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals reimbursed under the Medicare system to establish and implement security procedures to reduce the likelihood of infant patient abduction and baby switching, including procedures for identifying all infant patients in the hospital in a manner that ensures that it will be evident if infants are missing from the hospital; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and 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.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 253. A bill to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 254. A bill to provide for the establishment of a task force within the Bureau of Justice Statistics to gather information about, study, and report to the Congress regarding, incidents of abandonment of infant children; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 255. A bill to prevent commercial alien smuggling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 256. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an alternate release date for certain nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 257. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reunify families, permit earned access to permanent resident status, provide protection against unfair immigration-related employment practices, reform the diversity visa program, provide adjustment of status for Haitians and Liberian nationals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 258. A bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to the seven members of the crew of the space shuttle Columbia in recognition of their outstanding and enduring contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 259. A bill to enhance Federal enforcement of hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 260. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements for a child born abroad and out of

wedlock to acquire citizenship based on the citizenship of the child's father, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 261. A bill to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 262. A bill to require the Secretary of Education to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on methods for identifying and treating children with dyslexia in kindergarten through third grade; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BILLIRAKIS:

H.R. 263. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a tax credit for hiring displaced homemakers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire:

H.R. 264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a lump sum contribution to Coverdell education savings accounts whenever the contribution limit is increased; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire:

H.R. 265. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion from gross income for student loan payments made by an employer on behalf of an employee; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida:

H.R. 266. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security beneficiaries against any reduction in benefits; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. CAMP:

H.R. 267. A bill to require amounts remaining in Members' representational allowances at the end of a fiscal year to be used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 268. A bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 269. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 270. A bill to require establishment of an Office of Territorial Affairs in each Executive department and each independent establishment; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 271. A bill to convey certain submerged lands to the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 272. A bill to provide for a land exchange on the island of Saint John, Virgin

Islands, between the National Park Service and the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to facilitate the establishment of a school on the island, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 273. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the cap on the cover over of tax on distilled spirits to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia:

H.R. 274. A bill to impose certain limitations on the receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 275. A bill to amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to allow States and localities to provide primary and preventive care to all individuals; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 276. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to remove the limitation upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits under such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 277. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide comprehensive coverage for childhood immunization; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. KING of Iowa:

H.R. 278. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require voting systems to produce a verifiable paper record of each vote cast and to ensure the security of electronic data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD:

H.R. 279. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to include nurse practitioners and domestic partners within the scope of coverage of the Act and to extend the period of family or medical leave for spouses employed by the same employer; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Government Reform, 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. GARY G. MILLER of California (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. NEY, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. LEACH, Ms. HART, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. TURNER):

H.R. 280. A bill to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. NORWOOD:

H.R. 281. A bill to require a study and report regarding the construction and designation of a new Interstate from Augusta, Georgia to Natchez, Mississippi; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BACHUS, Ms. BERKLEY,

Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. COX, Mr. CROWLEY, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MICA, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. NUNES, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. WELLER, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 282. A bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California:

H.R. 283. A bill to amend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the use of grant funds for bullying and gang prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. SHIMKUS (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 284. A bill to amend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to include bullying and harassment prevention programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. THORNBERRY (for himself and Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California):

H.R. 285. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance cybersecurity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H.R. 286. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States that provide Medicaid prescription drug coverage to cover drugs medically necessary to treat obesity; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H.R. 287. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to assure coverage for legal immigrant children and pregnant women under the Medicaid Program and the State children's health insurance program (SCHIP); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H.R. 288. A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. WATERS:

H.R. 289. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Staff Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the late George Thomas "Mickey" Leland; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 15. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Congress has the sole and exclusive power to declare war; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. KAPTUR):

H. Con. Res. 16. Concurrent resolution congratulating the people of Ukraine for conducting a democratic, transparent, and fair runoff presidential election on December 26, 2004, and congratulating Viktor Yushchenko on his election as President of Ukraine and his commitment to democracy and reform; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD:

H. Con. Res. 17. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the National Academy of Sciences, through the Board on Children, Youth, and Families, should convene an expert panel to recommend the best practices and measures to use in data collection relating to foster care and to research and develop methods for streamlining the application and approval process for moving a child from foster care to a permanent residence; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself and Mr. ENGEL):

H. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. PENCE:

H. Res. 32. A resolution electing Members, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners to standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CLYBURN:

H. Res. 33. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COX (for himself, Mrs. BONO, Ms. WATSON, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. SOLIS, and Mr. SHADEGG):

H. Res. 34. A resolution congratulating the University of Southern California Trojans for their second straight national title; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 35. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning health promotion and disease prevention; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota (for herself and Ms. BORDALLO):

H. Res. 36. A resolution congratulating the College of Saint Catherine in Saint Paul, Minnesota, on its centennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the education and preparation of women as leaders of our communities, our families, and our nation; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself and Mr. ACKERMAN):

H. Res. 37. A resolution commending the people and the Governments of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Kuwait, the State of Qatar, the Sultanate of Oman, and the Republic of Yemen for their political and economic liberalization efforts and expressing hope that progress will continue and that the efforts of these countries will serve as a model for other Arab countries; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia):

H. Res. 38. A resolution expressing support for the accession of Israel to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

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

1. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 68 memorializing the Congress of the United States and the Department of Health and Human Services to establish the NorthEast Detroit Community Health Center as a federally qualified health care center; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 305 memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to designate the River Basin Battlefield as a National Historic Landmark; to the Committee on Resources.

3. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32 memorializing the United States Congress to support and fully fund the National Aeronautics and

Space Administration's Vision for Space Exploration Program; to the Committee on Science.

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. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 290. A bill for the relief of Ahmad Khabaz Taghizadeh and Azammolok Taghizadeh Vatani; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas:

H.R. 291. A bill for the relief of Sharif Kesbeh, Asmaa Sharif Kesbeh, Baol Kesbeh, Noor Sharif Kesbeh, Alaa Kesbeh, Sondos Kesbeh, Hadeel Kesbeh, and Mohanned Kesbeh; 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:

1. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Prince George's County Government, Maryland, relative to Resolution No. CR-60-2004 supporting H.R. 4217 to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Challenge Program, and petitioning the Maryland Delegation to the United States Congress to join and support the efforts to secure passage of H.R. 4217; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 542 of 2004 petitioning the United States Senate to pass, and the United States House of Representatives to introduce and pass, S. 2968—A Bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to address the shortage of influenza vaccine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 543 of 2004 petitioning the United States Congress to introduce and pass appropriate legislation allowing equal federal tax treatment of health benefits for married couples and domestic partners as is addressed in U.S. Senate Bill S. 1702, The Domestic Partner Health Benefits Equity Act, and the United States Congress Bill H.R. 935, The Tax Equity For Health Plan Beneficiaries Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.