

cannot eliminate the shortcomings that always occur when the state assumes authority over others and when the will of one nation is forced on another, whether or not it is done with good intentions.

I realize that all conservatives are not neoconservatives, and all neocons do not necessarily agree on all points, which means that in spite of their tremendous influence, most Members of Congress and those in the administration do not necessarily take their marching orders from the AEI or Richard Perle. But to use this as a reason to ignore what neoconservative leaders believe, write about and agitate for with amazing success, I might point out, would be at our own peril.

This country still allows open discourse, though less every day, and we who disagree should push the discussion and expose those who drive our policies. It is getting more difficult to get fair and balanced discussion on the issues because it has become routine for the hegemony to label those who object to preemptive war and domestic surveillance as traitors, unpatriotic, and un-American. The uniformity of support for our current foreign policy by major and cable news networks should concern every American. We should all be thankful for C-SPAN and the Internet.

Michael Ledeen and other neoconservatives are already lobbying for war against Iran. Ledeen is pretty nasty to those who call for a calmer, reasoned approach by calling those who are not ready for war cowards and appeasers of tyrants. Because some urge a less militaristic approach to dealing with Iran, he claims they are betraying America's best traditions.

I wonder where he learned American history. It is obvious that Ledeen does not consider the Founders and the Constitution part of our best traditions. We were hardly encouraged by the American revolutionaries to pursue an American empire. We were, however, urged to keep the Republic that they so painstakingly designed.

If the neoconservatives retain control of the conservative, limited-growth movement in Washington, the ideas once championed by the conservatives of limiting the size and scope of government will be a long-forgotten dream.

The believers in liberty ought not deceive themselves. Who should be satisfied? Certainly not conservatives, for there is no conservative movement left. How about liberals? Should they be satisfied? They are pleased with the centralization of education and medical programs in Washington and support many of the administration's proposals, but none of the liberals should be pleased with the steady attack on civil liberties of all American citizens and the now-accepted consensus that preemptive war for almost any reason is an acceptable policy for dealing with all the conflicts and problems of the world.

In spite of the deteriorating conditions in Washington, with loss of personal liberty, a weak economy, exploding deficits and perpetual war, followed by nation-building, there are still quite a number of us who would relish the opportunity to improve things in one way or another. Certainly a growing number of frustrated Americans from both the right and the left are getting anxious to see this Congress do a better job. But first Congress must stop doing a bad job.

We are at a point where we need a call to arms, both here in Washington and across the country. I am not talking about firearms. Those of us who care need to raise our arms and face our palms out and begin waving and shouting, "Stop. Let us stop this. Enough is enough." It should include liberals, conservatives and independents. We are all getting a bum rap from the politicians who are pushed by the polls and controlled by special interest money.

One thing is certain: No matter how morally justified programs and policies seem, the ability to finance all the guns and butter being promised is limited, and those limits are becoming more apparent every day. Spending, borrowing and printing money cannot be the road to prosperity. It has not worked in Japan, and it is not working here. As a matter of fact, it has never worked at the present time throughout history.

A point is always reached where government planning, spending and inflation run out of steam. Instead of these old tools reviving an economy, as they do in the early stages of economic interventionism, they eventually become a problem. Both sides of the political spectrum must one day realize that limitless government intrusion in the economy, in our personal lives and the affairs of other nations cannot serve the best interests of America.

This is not a conservative problem, nor is it a liberal problem, it is a government intrusion problem that comes from both groups, albeit for different reasons. The problems emanate from both camps who champion different programs for different reasons. The solution will come when both groups realize that is not merely a single-party problem, or just a liberal or just a conservative problem.

Once enough of us decide we have had enough of all these so-called good things that the government is always promising, or, more likely, when the country is broke and the government is unable to fulfill its promises to its people, we can start a serious discussion on the proper role of government in a free society. Unfortunately, it will be some time before Congress gets this message that the people are demanding true reform. This requires that those responsible for today's problems are exposed and their philosophy of pervasive government intrusion is rejected.

Let it not be said that no one cared, that no one objected once it is realized

that our liberties and wealth are in jeopardy. A few have, and others will continue to do so, but too many, both in and out of government, close their eyes to the issue of personal liberty and ignore the fact that endless borrowing to finance endless demands cannot be sustained.

True prosperity can only come from a healthy economy and sound money. That can only be achieved in a free society.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. DELAURO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCGOVERN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIND, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BURGESS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, July 16.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, July 17.

Mrs. BLACKBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, July 17.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOBSON, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 14, 2003, at 10:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3092. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 02-05, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

3093. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Deletion of

Federal Prison Industries Clearance Exception [DFARS Case 2003-D006] received June 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3094. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Reporting Requirements Update [DFARS Case 2003-D002] received June 30, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3095. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Minimum Funding Under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program [Docket No. FR-4825-1-01] (RIN: 2577-AC43) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3096. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Deregulation for Small Public Housing Agencies [Docket No. FR-4753-F-02] (RIN: 2577-AC34) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3097. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3098. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's plans regarding the remaining 700 MHz auctions, and describes the progress made by the Commission in the digital television transition and other spectrums, pursuant to Public Law 107-195 (116 Stat. 715); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3099. A letter from the Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review — Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 [MB Docket 02-277]; Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers [MM Docket 01-235]; Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets [MM Docket 01-317]; Definition of Radio Markets [MM Docket 00-244]; Definition of Radio Markets for Areas Not Located in an Arbitron Survey Area [MB Docket 03-130] Received July 10, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3100. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 10-03 which informs of an intent to sign a Project Agreement between the United States and Israel concerning a Smart Adaptive Fin (SAF) Prototype Study, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

3101. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 08-03 which informs of intent to sign Amendment Number One to the Tactical Communications Post 2000 Memorandum of Understanding (TACOMS Post 2000 MOU) between the United States, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

3102. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 11-03 which informs of an intent to sign a Project Agreement between the United States and Singapore concerning Protective Suit Development and Evaluation Technologies, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

3103. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 09-03 which informs of intent to sign Amendment Number One to the Project Arrangement between the United States and the United Kingdom concerning the Radar Frequency Interferometer (RFI) User Data Module (UDM) for the Apache Longbow helicopter, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

3104. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements transmitted to the Congress after expiration of the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3105. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the semi-annual report to Congress on Audit Follow-up for the period October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3106. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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3108. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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3117. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3118. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period of October 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3119. A letter from the Director, Peace Corps, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3120. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, AICW, Virginia [CGD05-03-059] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received July 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3121. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Lake Huron, Harrisville, MI [CGD09-03-228] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3122. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Saginaw River, Bay City, MI [CGD09-03-229] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3123. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zones; Charleston Harbor, Cooper River, SC [COTP Charleston-03-105] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3124. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Marblehead Fourth of July Fireworks, Marblehead, Massachusetts [CGD01-03-023] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3125. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Boston 4th of July Fireworks-Charles River, Boston, Massachusetts [CGD01-03-050] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3126. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Tribute to the Troops, 4th of July Fireworks, Salem, Massachusetts [CGD01-03-069] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received July 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3127. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Distributions of Interest in a Loss Corporation from Qualified

Trusts [REG-108676-03] (RIN: 1545-BC00) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3128. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Deadline for Allocating Private Activity Bond State Ceiling Among Issuing Authorities Under Section 146(e) (Notice 2003-41) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3129. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Substantiation of Intellectual Expenses [TD 9064] (RIN: 1545-BB20) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3130. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 6038—Returns required with respect to controlled foreign partnerships [TD 9065] (RIN: 1545-BA77) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3131. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Returns Regarding Payments of Remuneration for Services and Direct Sales (Rev. Rul. 2003-66) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3132. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Minimum Funding Standards (Rev. Rul. 2003-83) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3133. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Outbound Liquidations into Foreign Corporations [TD 9066] (RIN: 1545-BA79) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3134. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Distribution of stock and securities of a controlled corporation (Rev. Rul. 2003-79) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3135. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Distribution of Stock and Securities of a Controlled Corporation (Rev. Rul. 2003-74) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3136. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Low-Income Housing Credit (Rev. Rul. 2003-77) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3137. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous (Notice 2003-46) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3138. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, 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. 2003-50) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3139. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Extension of Time to Elect Mid-quarter Convention Relief Under Notice 2001-70 and Notice 2001-74 (Notice 2003-45) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to

5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3140. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous (Rev. Proc. 2003-46) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3141. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Membership Organizations (Rev. Rul. 2003-73) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3142. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Accelerated Cost Recovery System (Rev. Rul. 2003-81) received July 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. TAYLOR of North Carolina: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2691. A bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-195). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. House Concurrent Resolution 159. A resolution declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day (Rept. 108-196). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2595. A bill to restore the operation of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program during fiscal year 2003 to the scope of that program as in effect on September 30, 2002 (Rept. 108-197). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2357. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish standards of access to care for Veterans seeking health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 108-198). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1516. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania; with amendments (Rept. 108-199). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 2692. A bill to authorize appropriations for activities under the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 for fiscal years 2004 through 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. GILCHREST (for himself and Mr. POMBO):

H.R. 2693. A bill to reauthorize the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. FERGUSON (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. SOUDER):

H.R. 2694. A bill to establish a program to transfer surplus computers of Federal agencies to schools and nonprofit community-based educational organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Ms. HART:

H.R. 2695. A bill to designate Pennsylvania State Route 60 and United States Routes 22 and 30 as part of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. RENZI (for himself, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. PEARCE, and Mr. TANCREDO):

H.R. 2696. A bill to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. BARRETT of South Carolina:

H.R. 2697. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional personal exemption for certain dependents with long-term care needs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. FLETCHER, and Mr. WALDEN of Oregon):

H.R. 2698. A bill to provide for a system of health insurance certificates to increase the number of Americans with health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. GILLMOR, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. OTTER, Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, Ms. DUNN, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. PETRI, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TERRY, Mr. ISSA, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. KOLBE, and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 2699. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COX (for himself, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. ISSA, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. POMEROY):

H.R. 2700. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the methodology by which payment for orphan drugs and biologicals is made under program prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia:

H.R. 2701. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend to additional military retirees with service-connected disabilities the special compensation authority provided for certain retirees with combat-related disabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.