providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent (Rept. 109–35). Referred to the House Calendar.


Mr. BOEHLERT: Committee on Science. H.R. 1023. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish an awards program in honor of Charles “Pete” Conrad, astronaut and space scientist, for recognizing the outstanding contributions of astro- nauts with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and receiving a craft with the name of the committee.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 749. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to provide expanded access for persons in the field of membership of a Federal credit union to money orders, check cashing, and money transfers. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

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PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. THOMAS:

H.R. 1541. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance energy infrastructure projects in the United States and to encourage the use of certain energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 1542. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 605 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the “Honorale George N. Leighton Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Government Reform.

H.R. 1543. A bill to enhance and improve benefits for members of the National Guard and Reserves who serve extended periods on active duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, Education and the Workforce, Government Reform, Veterans' Affairs, 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. COX (for himself, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Mr. Young of Alaska, Mr. Symons, Mr. Gibson of Texas, Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California, Mr. Weldon of Pennsylvania, Mr. Markey, Mr. Shays, Mr. Deeks, Mr. King of California, Mr. Homan, Mr. Lindner, Mrs. Lowry, Mr. Souder, Ms. Norton, Mr. Tom Davis of Virginia, Ms. Zoe Lofgren of California, Mr. Daniel E. Lungren of California, Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Eshoo, Ms. Pelosi of California, Mr. Langevin, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Meeke of Florida, Mr. Harris, Mr. Jindal, Mr. Keichert, Mr. McCaul of Texas, and Mr. Pascrell): A bill to extend the offshore energy reinvestment program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

H.R. 1542. A bill to provide faster and smarter funding for first responders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. CANNON:

H.R. 1545. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require certain meal replacement and dietary supplement products that qualify for FDA-approved health claims as expenses for medical care; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. THORNBERRY:

H.R. 1546. A bill to provide grants to States for health care tribunals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WOLF (for himself, Mr. Ehlers, and Mr. Boehlert):

H.R. 1547. A bill to preserve mathematics- and science-based industries in the United States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. CARm): A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REYNOLDS (for himself, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Portman, Ms. Pryce of Ohio, Mr. Endors of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Johnson of Connecticut, Mr. Herring, Mr. Ramstad, Mr. Hayworth, Mr. Lewis of Kentucky, Mr. Polley, Mr. Cantor, Ms. Hart, Mr. Chocola, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. McNulty, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Pomroy, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Emanuel, Mr. Boren, Mr. Fossella, Mr. Boustany, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Otter, Mr. Young of Alaska, Mr. Gary G. Miller of California, Mr. Shays, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Fortuno, Mr. Towns, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Burney):

H.R. 1548. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership counseling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. Lantos, and Mr. Menendez):

H.R. 1550. A bill to authorize assistance for the relief of victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami and for the recovery and reconstruction of tsunami-affected countries; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. JINDAL (for himself, Mr. Boustany, Mr. McCrery, Mr. Baker, Mr. Melson, Mr. Jefferson, and Mr. Alexander):

H.R. 1551. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide a domestic offshore energy reinvestment program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. Souders):

H.R. 1552. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that the status of a private nonprofit facility does not preclude the facility from receiving assistance under the Act; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ACKERMANN (for himself, Ms. Ros-Lehtinen, Mr. Pallone, Mr. we
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CROWLEY, Ms. WATSON, and Mr. MENENDEZ:
H.R. 1553. A bill to prohibit the provision of United States military assistance and the sale, lease, transfer of United States military equipment or technology to Pakistan; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BILIRIKIS (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. BONO, Mr. CASE, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. HINCH, Mr. LANGKEVISI, Mr. LEE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. WAXMAN):
H.R. 1554. A bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, 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. BORDALLO (for herself and Mr. CHRISTENSEN):
H.R. 1555. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the cover over of the refundable portion of the earned income credit and the child tax credit to Guam and the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CLAY:
H.R. 1556. A bill to designate a parcel of land located on the site of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Slye S. Calhull Memorial Park” to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. CUBIN:
H.R. 1557. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an election for a special tax treatment of certain S corporation conversions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia:
H.R. 1558. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FORD:
H.R. 1559. A bill to increase the level of funding for partnerships in Character Education Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FORD:
H.R. 1560. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion equivalent of the unified credit allowed against the estate tax to $7,500,000 and to establish a flat estate tax rate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FORD:
H.R. 1561. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for adoption and to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to increase adoption incentives for certain residents of federally assisted housing; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FORD:
H.R. 1562. A bill to protect human health and the environment from the release of hazardous substances by acts of terrorism; to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. GUTKNECHT (for himself, Mr. SCHWARTZ of Michigan, and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts):
H.R. 1563. A bill to establish a Division of Food and Agricultural Science within the National Science Foundation and to authorize funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes; 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. HASTINGS of Washington:
H.R. 1564. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings, lands and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. MURDAUGH (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. Bishop of New York, Mr. POLLONE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. O’BRIEN, Mr. OLIVER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. KIND, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICE of Michigan, Mr. ROSS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. WASHINGTON of Washington, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. CHANDLER, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, and Mr. CASE):
H.R. 1565. A bill to enhance the benefits and protections for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are called or ordered to extended active duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, and Veterans Affairs, 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. ISSA:
H.R. 1566. A bill to provide a technical correction to the Federal preemption of State laws concerning the marking and identification of imitation or toy firearms entering into interstate commerce; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LATOURRETTE:
H.R. 1567. A bill that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide tenant-based rental housing vouchers for certain residents of federally assisted housing; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE):
H.R. 1568. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently reduce estate and gift tax rates to 30 percent, to increase the exclusion equivalent of the unified credit to $10,000,000, and to increase the annual gift tax to $50,000; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LINDER (for himself, Mr. KNIGHT, and Mr. WAXMAN):
H.R. 1569. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LINDER:
H.R. 1570. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to continue the program for revitalizing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LONIANDO (for himself, Mr. SASTROM, Mr. FEHLINGHUYSEN, Mr. FERGUSON, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):
H.R. 1571. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil and gas leases on portions of the Outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of New Jersey; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. POLLONE, Mr. HOLT, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. PASCARELLI):
H.R. 1572. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the coordination of prescription drug coverage provided under State pharmaceutical assistance programs with the prescription drug benefit provided under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committees 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 Mr. MICHAUD (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Ms. BEREKLY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. STRICKLAND, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):
H.R. 1573. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that the increase of $250 per month in the rate of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) payable to a surviving spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on account of service-connected disability or as a result of a service-connected disability shall be paid for so long as there are minor children, rather than only for two years; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. MOORE of Kansas (for himself and Mr. CASE):
H.R. 1574. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 to restore the estate tax and repeal the carryover basis rule and to increase the estate tax unified credit to an amount not less than $3,500,000; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MYRICK (for herself and Mr. SPRATLEY):
H.R. 1575. A bill to authorize appropriate action if the negotiations with the People’s Republic of China regarding China’s undervalued currency and currency manipulation are not successful; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OTTER (for himself and Mr. MURCIE):
H.R. 1576. A bill to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. POMEROY (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HOLT, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. OBEY):
H.R. 1577. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to retain the estate tax with an immediate increase in the exemption, to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PORTER (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLIN, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. HOYER, Mr. PRICE of Ohio, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. MCHENRY):
H.R. 1578. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a real estate stock index investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.
H. Res. 8: Mr. M ARCHANT, Mr. B ARRETT of Georgia, Mr. S HERWOOD, Mr. R OYCE, Mr. K ING of Missouri, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H. Res. 210: A resolution supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day, and recognizing the importance of intellec-
tual property in the United States and worldwide; to the Committee on the Judici-
ary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H. R. 8: Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. BAHRETT of South Carolina, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. DENT, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. SWEENY, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. POR-
ter, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CALVET, and Mr. MURTHA.

H. R. 11: Miss MCMORRIS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DeFazio, and Mr. HAYES.

H. R. 18: Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. TANGREDO, and Mr. DE LA RIVA.

H. R. 36: Mr. KROMI, Mr. PETIT, Mr. FRANK, Mr. COHEN, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. R YUN of Kansas, Mr. G IBBONS, Mr. DREIER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. KUCINICH:

H. R. 193: A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Garner, North Carolina; to the Committee on Government Reform.

H. Res. 207: A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of FarmHouse Fraternity, Inc; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H. Con. Res. 127: Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Re-
public of Liberia, to the United States for St-
rella Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious viola-
tions of international humanitarian law; to the Committee on International Relations.

H. Res. 208: A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Basketball team on winning the 2005 NCAA Championship for basketball; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H. R. 1583. A bill to amend the Internal Rev-
ue Code of 1986, to repeal provisions relat-
ing to qualified tax collection contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. THOM (for himself, Mr. LANGE of Wisconsin, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BURKETT, Mr. HAYES, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SHINSEKI, Mr. HUSKINS, Mr. BATES, Mr. NELSON, Mr. YOUNG of Ohio, Mr. FLORES of Texas, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. TRONE, Mr. G HER, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. SMOAK, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. FENG, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. HAYES, Mr. ORR, Mr. JACOBY, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WOLinsky, Mr. HERSHEY, Mr. NIX, Mr. GARRAPPA, Mr. BURTON of Ohio, Mr. LEONHARDT of Illinois, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SANCHEZ, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. DREIER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. KUCINICH:

H. Con. Res. 129: Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Gov-
ernment of the Russian Federation should issue a clear and unambiguous statement of admission and condemnation of the illegal occupa-
tion and annexation by the Soviet Union from 1940 to 1991 of the Baltic coun-
tries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania; to the Committee on International Relations.

H. Con. Res. 131. A concurrent resolution proposing to the duly constituted authorities of the United States that the na-
tion act as a more effective international partner; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Res. 522. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the sale of the United States Navy (Maine) to the Italian government of the United States of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 152. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of the United States military opera-
tions in Iraq; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Res. 233. A resolution expressing the support for the International Home Furnishings Mar-
ket in High Point, North Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H. Con. Res. 135: Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to make substantial and ad-
curate efforts to cooperate with the International Accounting standard board in order to improve accounting standards and practices; to the Committee on International Relations.

H. Res. 192. A resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Soviet Union, as a party to the United Nations charter, is
not a properly recognized international actor.

H. Res. 129. A resolution supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day, and recognizing the importance of intellec-
tual property in the United States and worldwide; to the Committee on the Judici-
ary.

By Mr. WICKER:

H. R. 1585. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the date provided for the meeting of electors of the President and Vice President of the United States and the date provided for the joint session of Congress held for the counting of electoral votes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Admin-
istration.