

draft of proposed legislation to repeal and streamline a wide range of programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8109. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Assistance Regulations; Acquisition Regulations; Revisions to Rights in Data Regulations (RIN: 1991-AB33) received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8110. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Petroleum Refineries [AD-FRL-5976-3] received March 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8111. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Ambassador Frank Wisner's report on Russian-Iranian missile cooperation; to the Committee on International Relations.

8112. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 1999, pursuant to Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8113. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8114. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule—Amendments to the Office of Government Ethics Rules under the Equal Access to Justice Act (RIN: 3209-AA20) received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8115. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

8116. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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. 980129023-8023-01; I.D. 030498B] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8117. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 971208295-7295-01; I.D. 030998A] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8118. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 971208295-7295-01; I.D. 030698D] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8119. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone

Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 1998 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish [Docket No. 971208297-8054-02; I.D. 112097A] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8120. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 24 [Docket No. 971030259-8039-02; I.D. 101497C] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8121. A letter from the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Periods of Lawful Temporary Resident Status and Lawful Permanent Resident Status to Establish Seven Years of Lawful Domicile [INS No. 1748-96; AG Order No. 2063-96] (RIN: 1115-AE27) received March 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8122. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Taxation of fringe benefits [Revenue Ruling 98-14] received March 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8123. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Low-Income Housing Credit [Revenue Ruling 98-13] received March 16, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8124. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Interest Rate [Revenue Ruling 98-17] received March 17, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8125. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Copyright/Trademark/Trade Name Protection; Disclosure of Information [T.D. 98-2] (RIN: 1515-AB28) received March 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8126. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—General Enforcement Provisions; Removal of Agency Management Regulations [T.D. 98-22] (RIN: 1515-AC02) received March 6, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8127. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Customs Service Field Organization; Designation of Kodiak, Alaska, as a Customs Port of Entry [T.D. 98-24] received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8128. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Publication of Filer Codes [T.D. 98-25] (RIN: 1515-AB27) received March 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

22.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

H. Con. Res. 206. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol

for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

H. Con. Res. 238. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure.

The message also announced that the Senate passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 85. Concurrent resolution calling for an end to the violent repression of the people of Kosovo.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 102-246, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints John W. Kluge, of New York, as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, for a term of five years.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-119, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints A. Mark Neuman, of Illinois, to serve as a member of the Census Monitoring Board, vice Max W. Williams, of Mississippi.

22.5 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2870

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 388):

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2870) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted.