

## DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2685. The Committee on Commerce discharged from further consideration. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

## TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2685. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than December 22, 1995.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 2829. A bill to prohibit funding by U.S. Government agencies of the participation of certain officials of the Chinese Government in international conferences, programs, and activities until the Chinese Government releases certain individuals imprisoned or detained on religious grounds; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. HORN):

H.R. 2830. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a House of Representatives election limitation on contributions from persons other than in-State individual residents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, Commerce, and Government Reform and Oversight, 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. FORBES:

H.R. 2831. A bill to authorize establishment of a Department of Veterans Affairs ambulatory care facility in Brookhaven, NY; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. MARTINI):

H.R. 2832. A bill to transfer the Federal Aviation Administration Eastern Regional Office to Union County, NJ; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself and Mrs. THURMAN):

H.R. 2833. A bill to amend the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930, to require that perishable agricultural products be labeled or marked as to their country of origin; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KLINK:

H.R. 2834. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve accountability and reform certain programs; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 2835. A bill to reduce the risk of mercury pollution through use reduction, increased recycling, and reduction of emissions into the environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. ROUKEMA:

H.R. 2836. A bill to provide increased access to health care benefits, to provide increased portability of health care benefits, to provide increased security of health care benefits, to increase the purchasing power of individuals and small employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Economic and Educational Opportunities, and 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. SCHROEDER:

H.R. 2837. A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services for the peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2838. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide congressional authorization for State and local flow control authority over solid waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 2839. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a medication evaluation and dispensing system for Medicare beneficiaries, to improve the quality of pharmaceutical services received by our Nation's elderly and disabled, and to reduce instances of adverse reactions to prescription drugs experienced by Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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. LIVINGSTON:

H.J. Res. 136. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. DEUTSCH:

H.J. Res. 137. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H. Con. Res. 125. Concurrent resolution expressing the Sense of Congress that the President should suspend the proposed sale of the Army Tactical Missile System to the Government of the Republic of Turkey until that government takes significant and concrete steps to end the military occupation of Cyprus, lift its blockade of Armenia, cease its ongoing campaign against the Kurdish people, and demonstrate progress on the protection of human and civil rights within Turkey; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. DORNAN:

H. Con. Res. 126. Concurrent resolution to establish a joint committee to oversee the conduct of Operation Joint Endeavor/Task Force Eagle; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H. Con. Res. 127. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Canada should join the United States in promoting economic growth and job creation by eliminating tolls along the St. Lawrence Seaway, and in maximizing the free movement of goods and commerce through the St. Lawrence Seaway; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall with-

in the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. KAPTUR:

H. Con. Res. 128. Concurrent resolution to establish a Commission on Women's Art in the U.S. Capitol; to the Committee on House Oversight.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 519: Mr. DORNAN.

H.R. 534: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. ROTH, Mr. COOLEY, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 773: Mr. MINGE.

H.R. 783: Mrs. SEASTRAND and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 1161: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

H.R. 1560: Mr. THORNTON and Mr. STARK.

H.R. 1757: Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MOAKLEY, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H.R. 1950: Mr. MARKEY, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. MCINTOSH.

H.R. 1951: Mrs. CLAYTON.

H.R. 2009: Mr. OLVER and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 2246: Mr. GEJDENSON and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 2247: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. COYNE, and Mr. QUILLLEN.

H.R. 2306: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 2372: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. LARGENT, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2411: Mr. SOLOMON.

H.R. 2416: Mr. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 2566: Mr. BILBRAY.

H.R. 2579: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. BONO.

H.R. 2655: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 2672: Mr. SCHUMER.

H.R. 2688: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 2690: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. COOLEY, Mr. STUMP, Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. THOMPSON, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. DELLUMS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. FARR, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Mr. MCHUGH.

H.R. 2691: Mr. THOMPSON, Ms. FURSE, Mr. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 2701: Mr. MCDADE.

H.R. 2716: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mrs. SCHROEDER.

H.R. 2740: Mr. BACHUS, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. BENTSEN.

H.R. 2745: Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. MINGE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. RICHARDSON, and Ms. DELAULO.

H.R. 2759: Mr. CALVERT and Mr. KLINK.

H.R. 2769: Ms. MOLINARI and Mr. GILLMOR.

H.R. 2778: Mr. JACOBS, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Mr. NEY, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. HYDE, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CANADY, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 2785: Mr. VENTO and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2807: Mr. MCHUGH.

H. Con. Res. 47: Mr. LATOURETTE.

H. Con. Res. 102: Mr. JACOBS and Mr. ZIMMER.

H. Res. 315: Mr. LIVINGSTON and Mr. BATEMAN.

## DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1834: Mr. FORBES.

## THE LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1995

## NOTICE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE AND THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, Public Law 104-65, was signed by the President on December 19, 1995, and takes effect on January 1, 1996. The Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act of 1946 (2 USC 261 et seq.) is repealed on January 1, and certain other laws that regulate lobbying activities are amended, including the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22 USC 611 et seq.) and the 1989 Byrd Amendment (31 USC 1352).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, forms, and instructions concerning the Lobbying Disclosure Act, contact the House Legislative Resource Center, 1036 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, (202) 225-1300, or the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, (202) 224-0758.

## DESCRIPTION OF LAW

In general, the Lobbying Disclosure Act ("Act") establishes broad requirements that individuals and entities who seek to influence the Federal government register with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and disclose their clients, issues, fees, and interests of foreign entities. All registrations and reports filed under the Act are public records. The key provisions of the Act are summarized below; however, lobbyists, their employers, clients, and other interested persons should always consult the full text of the new law.

## REGISTRATION

The Act requires registration of: 1) **lobbying firms** that employ **lobbyists** for **clients**; and 2) **organizations** that employ **in-house lobbyists**. Registration with both the Secretary and the Clerk is required no later than 45 days after a lobbyist first makes a **lobbying contact** or is employed or retained to do so, **whichever is earlier** (e.g., a lobbyist who has a retainer agreement with a client in effect on January 1, 1996, must register on or before February 14, 1996). **Lobbying firms must file separate registrations for each client**, subject to limited exceptions.

**NOTE:** Individuals and organizations currently registered under the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act should file their final quarterly reports under the former law with the Clerk and the Secretary by January 10, 1996, to prevent a gap in the records. However, registrations under the former law will no longer be effective, and all lobbyists active after January 1, 1996, must register under the new Lobbying Disclosure Act.

Registration forms and instructions will be available from the House Legislative Resource Center and the Senate Office of Public Records in early January 1996.

## REPORTS

**Lobbying firms** are required to file semiannual reports of income, and **organizations** employing **in-house lobbyists** are required to file semiannual reports of expenditures, by **August 14** (covering the period January 1 thru June 30) and **February 14** (covering the period July 1 thru December 31). **The first reports under the new Act will be due by August 14, 1996. Lobbying firms must file separate reports for each client.** Forms and instructions will be available from the House Legislative Resource Center and the Senate Office of Public Records.

## MAIN DEFINITIONS

A **LOBBYIST** is an individual who is employed or retained for compensation to make more than one **lobbying contact**, and whose **lobbying activities** constitute at least 20 percent of his or her services performed for that **client** during a six month period.

A **LOBBYING FIRM** means a person or entity that has one or more employees who are **lobbyists** on behalf of a **client**, other than that person or entity, and also includes a self-employed individual.

A **CLIENT** is any person or entity that employs another person for financial or other compensation to conduct **lobbying activities** on behalf of that person or entity. A person or entity whose employees act as **lobbyists** on its own behalf is both the **client** and employer of such individuals. In the case of a coalition or association that employs or retains other persons to conduct **lobbying activities**, the client is the coalition or association, not its individual members. Under the Act, there is no requirement that coalitions or associations disclose contributions or dues from the individual membership of such groups.

A **LOBBYING CONTACT** means any oral or written communication (including an electronic communication) to a **covered executive branch official or a covered legislative branch official** that is made on behalf of a **client** with regard to:

- (i) the formulation, modification, or adoption of Federal legislation (including legislative proposals);
- (ii) the formulation, modification, or adoption of a Federal rule, regulation, Executive order, or any other program, policy, or position of the United States Government;
- (iii) the administration or execution of a Federal program or policy (including the negotiation, award, or administration of a Federal contract, grant, loan, permit, or license); or
- (iv) the nomination or confirmation of a person for a position subject to confirmation by the Senate.

The law provides for 19 specific exceptions from the definition of **lobbying contacts** (e.g. for contacts that are not considered lobbying, are routine in nature, are inherently confidential, are subject to formal procedural safeguards, or are the subject of a separate public record).

**LOBBYING ACTIVITIES** are **lobbying contacts** and efforts in support of **lobbying contacts**, including preparation and planning activities, research and other background work that is intended at the time it is performed for use in contacts and coordination with the **lobbying activities** of others.

**COVERED EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS** include the President, Vice President, employees of the Executive Office of the President, Level I-V of the Executive Schedule, Members of the Uniformed Services at a pay grade above 0-7, or any officer or employee in a position of a confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character.

**COVERED LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS** include Members of the House of Representatives and Senate, their staffs, elected officers of either House of Congress, committee and leadership staff, joint committee staff, a working group

or caucus organized to provide legislative services or other assistance to Members of Congress, and all legislative employees required to file Financial Disclosure Reports under the Ethics in Government Act.

#### IDENTIFICATION OF CLIENTS

Any lobbyist making an *oral lobbying contact* with a **covered legislative branch official** or **covered executive branch official** is required, on request of the official, to state whether his or her **lobbying firm** or organization is registered, to identify the client, and to disclose any foreign interest regulated by the Act. A lobbyist making a *written lobbying contact* to a covered official for foreign interests regulated by the Act must disclose that fact in the writing.

#### EXEMPTIONS

A **LOBBYING FIRM** is exempt from registration with respect to a particular **client** if total income from that **client** for **lobbying activities** does not exceed or is not expected to exceed \$5,000 in a six month period.

An **ORGANIZATION** whose employees engage in **lobbying activities** on its own behalf is exempt from registration if total expenses in connection with **lobbying activities** do not exceed or are not expected to exceed \$20,000 in a six month period.

#### PENALTIES

Whoever knowingly fails to—

- (1) correct a defective filing within 60 days after notice of such a defect by the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, or
- (2) fails to comply with any other provision of the Act,

**is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$50,000.**

**KELLY D. JOHNSTON**  
Secretary of the Senate

**ROBIN H. CARLE**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives