

that we see that the functions are appropriately assigned and then revised. That is exactly what you are proposing, not any destruction, not any unnecessary elimination, but an improvement, and you can do more with less, just a totally different approach.

So again, I commend you. I have enjoyed working with you. I have a proposal that we are trying to reach a consensus on because we know there are some good things in the Department of Commerce, particularly in trade, where so many people have said, let's save the trade functions. We have a joint proposal which we hope to introduce later this week that saves all of the elements. It actually will spend less money, and it will provide us with the mechanism so that the United States can compete in the decades ahead in a new arena where most of the jobs are created, where most of the opportunities are in exports and in trade, and provide us with the tools to do the jobs.

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So, we are working together and have, in fact, come up with a plan to salvage the most important elements. The other elements, as I understand it, will all be examined, looked at, by the appropriate committees.

So I cannot tell you from the bottom of my heart, from the bottom of the heart of everybody I talk to when I go home, around the country, how encouraged we are by what you are doing. Do not give up. Do not let them throw roadblocks in front of you. Continue, and continue on a responsible, reasonable course like you have, and you can make a change, and you can make changes that will be worthy of being remembered by future generations, just as that little edict up there commands each of us who have the honor and privilege of serving here.

So I thank both of you for your leadership for the other 71 freshmen. I thank the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH] for his leadership, and the others on this issue and the others who have spoken here tonight.

Mr. TIAHRT. I suppose we get a little closer to the time. I want to allow the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CHRYSLER] to close up his convincing story on the elimination of the Department of Commerce.

Mr. CHRYSLER. Well, I will only say to my good friend, JOHN MICA from Florida, that in the words of Winston Churchill we will never, never, never, never, never give up and you know, if we had a Department of Commerce that was a true voice for businesses, what that Department of Commerce would be taking about is eliminating the \$550 billion worth of regulations that are put onto American businesses that make us uncompetitive in the rest of the world. We would also be dealing with this litigious society that we live in with some true, meaningful tort reform.

I mean in today's litigious society we would not even bring penicillin and/or

aspirin to market; that is how bad things have gotten, and of course, most importantly, as we are doing, working to balance the budget, to create capital for businesses, and I think, and you look at the 163 job-training programs in the Departments of Labor and Education, of which they only want to claim about 70 because the rest of them have never created a job, and in fact one of them are spending about a half-million dollars for each job that they create, and I mean I said just give a person the money, why are you wasting their time here if they are going to spend that much money?

But I would like to see that consolidated down to about three job-training programs. I would like to see one of those job-training programs specifically work toward helping and training entrepreneurs because for every entrepreneur we can train and make successful, we can create 5, 6, 10, or maybe even 100, or certainly in my own case 1,200 new jobs. That is the way to create jobs. That is what a Department of Commerce should be doing to help the business community. That is the kind of government we want to create.

Mr. TIAHRT. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH].

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. I think my summation, Mr. Speaker, would be to the American people that, look, these are politicians down here. If the American people decide this is important, those of people that might be viewing this tonight, you know, call your Representatives in Congress, give them some encouragement, because we need the will of the American people to make sure we accomplish this giant task.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be here with this delegation, and I just hope the American people feel that it is important that we bring down the size of this overbloated Government, that we support this initial step of doing such things as closing one of the least useful departments at State government.

Mr. TIAHRT. I yield to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MICA] for any closing remarks.

Mr. MICA. Again I salute you. This is just the beginning of the story. The rest of the story, as Paul Harvey would say, is that 19 agencies of Federal Government dealing in trade and export, spending \$3 billion, and in fact you are creating a nucleus for many, many more potential savings in government and, again, trying to make an inroad.

The hardest thing to do around here, I have always found, is to present a new idea, but you have a new idea, you have a new approach. I commend you, and I urge you to go forward, and we can do a lot better, not only with the Department of Commerce, but with the rest of this huge government bureaucracy.

Mr. TIAHRT. I just want to thank the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MICA] for coming down and bringing this very important issue to the American pub-

lic, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH], also the other gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CHRYSLER], and I want to thank the gentlewoman from Idaho [Mrs. CHENOWETH].

You know the American public needs to know that this is an historical event. The elimination of a Cabinet-level agency has never occurred before in the United States. We are about to make history once again in the 104th Congress, so stay tuned.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BACHUS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 3:45 p.m., on account of family matters.

Mr. FORBES (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 3:30 p.m., on account of illness.

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 Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALOMAVEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MONTGOMERY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. OBERSTAR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOKE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LONGLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CRAPO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOEKSTRA, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

Mrs. MALONEY, in two instances.

Mr. MFUME.

Mr. CLYBURN.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. ANDREWS.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. OBEY.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Ms. HARMAN.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCINNIS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

Mr. NUSSLE.

Mr. MARTINI.

Mrs. SEASTRAND.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. QUINN.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 26, 1995, at 10 a.m.

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. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. H.R. 1162. A bill to establish a deficit reduction trust fund and provide for the downward adjustment of discretionary spending limits in appropriation bills; with amendments (Rept. 104-205, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. QUILLEN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 201. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2099) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-206). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. HAYES, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. WILSON, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. FROST, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mrs. CUBIN):

H.R. 2106. A bill to provide for the energy security of the Nation through encouraging the production of domestic oil and gas resources in deep water on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HANSEN:

H.R. 2107. A bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to improve the quality of visitor services provided by Federal land management agencies through an incentive-based recreation fee program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. FLANAGAN, Mr. WALSH, and Miss COLLINS of Michigan):

H.R. 2108. A bill to permit the Washington Convention Center Authority to expend revenues for the operation and maintenance of the existing Washington Convention Center and for preconstruction activities relating to a new convention center in the District of Columbia, to permit a designated authority of the District of Columbia to borrow funds for the preconstruction activities relating to a sports arena in the District of Columbia and to permit certain revenues to be pledged as security for the borrowing of such funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. GUTIERREZ:

H.R. 2109. A bill to amend title 42, United States Code, and title 15, United States Code, to establish provisions to assist low income families and seniors in the event of severe heat emergencies; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, 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 (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. WHITE, Mr. BUNN of Oregon, Mr. TATE, Mr. METCALF, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. COOLEY):

H.R. 2110. A bill to provide leadership, improved efficiencies, and regulatory clarity for Department of Energy waste management and environmental restoration efforts at the Hanford Reservation and certain other Defense Nuclear Facilities; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on National Security, and 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 Mr. MILLER of California:

H.R. 2111. A bill to designate the Social Security Administration's Western Program Service Center located at 1221 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA, as the "Francis J. Hagel Building"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

H.R. 2112. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit per diem payments by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to State veterans homes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STUPAK (for himself, Ms. FURSE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. KLINK, Mr. KEEHAN, Mrs. SCHROEDER, and Miss COLLINS of Michigan):

H. Res. 202. Resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that Members who change political parties repay certain funds to the political party from which the change of affiliation was made; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. STUPAK (for himself, Ms. FURSE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. SCHROEDER, and Miss COLLINS of Michigan):

H. Res. 203. Resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide that the House may declare vacant the office of any Member who publicly announces a change in political party affiliation; to the Committee on Rules.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

Mr. ACKERMAN introduced a bill (H.R. 2113) to renew and extend patents relating to certain devices that aid in the acceleration

of bodily tissue healing and reduction of pain; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 26: Mr. SCHAEFER.

H.R. 250: Mr. MILLER of California Ms. MCKINNEY, and Mr. REYNOLDS.

H.R. 394: Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. SISISKY, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. PRYCE, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. BASS, and Mr. LINDER.

H.R. 662: Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

H.R. 743: Mr. KOLBE, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mr. HERGER.

H.R. 789: Mr. RADANOVICH and Mr. BROWNBACK.

H.R. 899: Mr. HUNTER, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1023: Mr. HOUGHTON.

H.R. 1066: Mr. LIVINGSTON.

H.R. 1083: Mr. GEKAS.

H.R. 1161: Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 1162: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. GOSS, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mrs. CUBIN, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 1201: Ms. FURSE, Mr. WARD, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. STUDDS, and Mr. GEJDENSON.

H.R. 1300: Mr. HOEKSTRA.

H.R. 1384: Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 1448: Ms. MOLINARI, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. POMBO, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 1539: Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 1540: Mr. BISHOP, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CANADY, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. EHLERS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MONTGOMERY and Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 1651: Mr. ZIMMER.

H.R. 1735: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. DEUTSCH, and Mr. BOUCHER.

H.R. 1767: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 1968: Ms. PRYCE.

H.R. 1978: Mr. MATSUI, Mr. WHITE, and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 2060: Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

H.R. 2100: Mr. CANADY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. SHAW, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Ms. ROSELEHTINEN, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. MATSUI, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. GILLMOR.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 2002

OFFERED BY: Mr. NADLER

AMENDMENT No. 31: At the end of the bill, add the following new title:

TITLE V

ADDITIONAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 501. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for improvements to the Miller Highway in New York City, New York.

H.R. 2076

OFFERED BY: Mr. ALLARD

AMENDMENT No. 43: Page 47, strike lines 1 through 6, relating to the Under Secretary