

up those processes of FDA reform, which we think is legislation whose time has arrived.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to note that the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. BLILEY], chairman of the Committee on Commerce, has appointed a fellow Pennsylvanian, Mr. GREENWOOD, to head up the FDA reform effort. With him working on this effort will in fact be the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BARTON], the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. KLUG], and the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. BURR], in fact working not only on medical devices, but pharmaceuticals and foods as well.

Mr. Speaker, I can tell the Members from testimony in my town and my county seat in Norristown, PA, that we had just in June 1995 many witnesses, patients, doctors, hospitals, discussing the need for speeding up the approval process for FDA in drugs and medical devices. We had patients with ALS, with AIDS, with cancer, with epilepsy, to name a few.

In each of these cases, the patients have said that while they are waiting for a cure or they are waiting for a vaccine to help extend their lives, to improve the quality of those lives, to extend the years of those lives, they need to have the Congress, working with the White House, make sure we do what we can, working with the FDA, to make sure that we speed up the process.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that the main job of the Food and Drug Administration is to protect us, to look out to make sure that drugs are not only safe but they are efficacious, that they are effective, for what they were intended. I know in my travels in Montgomery County and in parts of Delaware Valley, PA, and in other parts of the country, we need to make sure that we work together in a teamwork fashion to make the kinds of innovations in FDA, working with the agency, to make sure that we can speed up the process, whether it is from a personnel point of view, allowing us to use outside companies for the testing, or working with international harmonization, whereby we allow some of the clinical trials and testings from other countries whose results we can verify as being accurate, we can apply that understanding and that research to speed up the process for the approval.

Mr. Speaker, we are a long way in this process already by the fact that many bills have been filed, and I was pleased to work with my colleagues to introduce the bills that I have thus far in Congress.

But beyond the health care benefits of living longer and living better, Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of my colleagues that there are many jobs now in the pharmaceutical, biotech, and FDA field for which we need to make sure we keep the process moving and to speed up the FDA reform, because, Mr. Speaker, if we do not speed up the process and we do not make the accurate and appropriate reforms, not only will the discoveries go

overseas about medical devices and drugs, but the jobs will go overseas as well. America has worked too hard, done too much right, and been too creative and been too smart in their approach to the discoveries of these important drugs and medical devices to let it slip through our fingers now.

By working together, the Congress and the White House, the private and the public sector, patients and hospitals, we can, in fact, have FDA reform achieved in this Congress, in this session, which will improve the quality of life for our constituents, and make sure we keep the jobs here as well, to improve America and to improve our communities.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. STOKES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today through Friday, March 29, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of official business.

Mr. WALKER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. RADANOVICH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and the balance of the week, on account of a death in the family.

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. BRYANT of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GORDON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GRAHAM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, on March 20.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EHLERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes each day, on March 19 and 20.

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. BRYANT of Texas) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Ms. PELOSI.

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. LANTOS, in two instances.

Mrs. KENNELLY.

Mr. FROST.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. PASTOR.

Mr. SABO.

Mr. WATERS.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Mr. ORTIZ.

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

Mrs. VUCANOVICH.

Mr. MCINTOSH.

Mr. BAKER of California.

Mr. COMBEST.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. NETHERCUTT.

Mr. GOODLICH in two instances.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. FAWELL.

Mr. WELDON of Florida.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 78. Joint resolution to grant the consent of the Congress to certain additional powers conferred upon the Bi-State Development Agency by the States of Missouri and Illinois.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1494. An act to provide an extension for fiscal year 1996 for certain programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following day present to the President, for his approval, a bill and joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

On March 15, 1996:

H.R. 2036. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide needed flexibility, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 163. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 20, 1996, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2258. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the quarterly reports in accordance with sections 36(a) and 26(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, the March 24, 1979 report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the seventh report by the Committee on Government Operations for the first quarter of fiscal year 1996, October 1, 1995—December 31, 1995, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2259. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2260. A letter from the Director of Communications, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2261. A letter from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2262. A letter from the Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2263. A letter from the Acting Chairman, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2264. A letter from the President, National Park Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 19n and 19dd(f); to the Committee on Resources.

2265. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Southeast Alaska Public Lands Information Center, Hydaburg Branch" report to Congress, April 1995, pursuant to Public Law 99-664, section 11(f) (100 Stat. 4309); to the Committee on Resources.

2266. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the 1994 annual report on the activities and operations of the Department's Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 529; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. CLINGER: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. National Drug Policy: A Review of the Status of the Drug War (Rept. 104-486). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

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. BERMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. KING, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. FORBES):

H.R. 3107. A bill to impose sanctions on persons exporting certain goods or technology that would enhance Iran's ability to explore for, extract, refine, or transport by pipeline petroleum resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Ways and Means, 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. BENTSEN (for himself and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 3108. A bill to permit the construction of flood control projects by non-Federal interests; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GEJDENSON:

H.R. 3109. A bill to amend the Export Administration Act of 1979 with respect to exports to terrorist countries; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. GREENWOOD:

H.R. 3110. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for disclosure by the Social Security Administration of Social Security account numbers and other records pursuant to judgments, decrees, or orders issued by courts of competent jurisdiction; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. KENNELLY:

H.R. 3111. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of frequent flyer mileage awards; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey):

H.R. 3112. A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 relating to sediments decontamination technology; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey):

H.R. 3113. A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 relating to cost sharing for creation of dredged material disposal areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. ROUKEMA (for herself, Mr. PETRI, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MILLER of California, and Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey):

H.R. 3114. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to issue guidance as to the application of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to insurance company general accounts; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, 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. SCHROEDER (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. MARKEY):

H.R. 3115. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require ingredient labeling for malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. TRAFICANT:

H.R. 3116. A bill to provide for the phase-out of existing private sector development enterprise funds for foreign countries and to prohibit the establishment of, or the support for, new private sector development enterprise funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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. RIGGS (for himself, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. METCALF, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. COBURN, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. COOLEY):

H.J. Res. 164. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide 8-year terms of offices for judges of Federal courts other than the Supreme Court; 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. 52: Mr. FAZIO of California.

H.R. 218: Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. EHRLICH, and Mr. CLEMENT.

H.R. 462: Mr. WILLIAMS.

H.R. 528: Mr. HAYWORTH.

H.R. 784: Mr. ROBERTS and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H.R. 822: Mr. CAMP and Mr. NEUMANN.

H.R. 910: Mr. JEFFERSON and Mrs. CLAYTON.

H.R. 957: Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.R. 972: Mr. CRAMER and Mr. CHRISTENSEN.

H.R. 973: Mr. BONIOR.

H.R. 1023: Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. FAZIO of California.

H.R. 1078: Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 1148: Mr. SANDERS.

H.R. 1179: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CLAY, Mr. WAMP, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. WYNN, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. DELLUMS, and Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 1464: Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 1499: Mr. MCINTOSH.

H.R. 1619: Mr. RAHALL, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. SHAW.

H.R. 1627: Mr. NEY.

H.R. 1684: Mr. LEVIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. JONES, Mr. UPTON, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. CAMP, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. HOYER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KLINK, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MINGE, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ORTIZ, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. POMBO, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. POSHARD, Ms. PRYCE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROSE, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. VOLKMER, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. WISE, and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.