

spoke so eloquently of the color-blind Constitution. Since that time, we have made much progress in reducing prejudice and discrimination in America. But we are far, far from the goal of a society in which individuals are treated as individuals and where irrelevant biological characteristics are treated as irrelevant.

As we mark the 100th anniversary of the shameful Plessy decision, we should turn our attention again to the principles so forcefully stated by Justice Harlan in his renowned dissent. Those principles find expression here in this Congress in the Equal Opportunity Act.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we reaffirm the principles of equality before the law and nondiscrimination. We can do so clearly and unequivocally by passing the Equal Opportunity Act and ending the odious system of race and gender preferences established by the Federal Government. We can recognize once and for all that each American has the right to be treated by our government, not as a member of a particular race or gender group, but as an individual American citizen, equal in the eyes of the law.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MANZULLO (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 3 p.m., on account of a family emergency.

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. ABERCOMBIE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RICHARDSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DICKEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on May 21.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. BORSKI.

Ms. PELOSI.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. MORAN.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. TORRES in two instances.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Mr. BARCIA in two instances.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. STOKES.

Mrs. MALONEY in three instances.

Mr. CLYBURN in two instances.

Mr. TOWNS in three instances.

Mr. VISLOSKY.

Mr. UNDERWOOD in three instances.

Mr. GORDON in 10 instances.

Mr. KLECZKA.

Mr. FAZIO of California in two instances.

Mrs. THURMAN.

Ms. HARMAN.

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. LANTOS.

Ms. SLAUGHTER.

Mr. WARD.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. COLEMAN.

Ms. ESHOO.

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

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. GREENWOOD.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. LAZIO of New York.

Mr. DORNAN.

Mr. GEKAS.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. WALSH.

Mr. LAHOOD.

Mr. HORN.

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

Mr. THOMAS.

Mr. NETHERCUTT.

Mrs. KELLY.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. SHAW.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. STEARNS.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. MCDADE.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1836. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge; and

H.R. 1743. An act to amend the Water Resources Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 20, 1996, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3036. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—RUS Specification for Aerial Service Wires (7 CFR Part 1755.700-.704) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3037. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting amendments to the fiscal year 1997 appropriations requests for the Department of Agriculture [USDA], pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(b) (H. Doc. No. 104-215); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3038. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's selected acquisition reports [SAR's] for the quarter ending March 31, 1996, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2432; to the Committee on National Security.

3039. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cargo Preference: Available U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (RIN: 2133-AB25) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

3040. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Workers Protection Act (RIN: 1215-AA93) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3041. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of Section 273(d)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996—Dispute Resolution Regarding Equipment Standards [GC Docket No. 96-42] received May 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3042. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules to Implement a Vanity Call Sign System [PR Docket No. 93-305] received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3043. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Trade Regulation Rule on Misbranding and Deception as to Leather Content of Waist Belts (16 CFR Part 405) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3044. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting an update to the PLO Commitments Compliance Act report on March 1, 1996, pursuant to Public Law 104-107, section 604(b)(1) (110 Stat. 756); to the Committee on International Relations.

3045. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Bosnian Serb-Controlled Areas of the Republic of

Bosnia and Herzegovina Sanctions Regulations: Suspension of Sanctions Against the Bosnian Serbs (31 CFR Part 585) received May 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

3046. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Affirmative Action Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors For Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era; Invitation to Self-Identify; Interim Rule with Request for Comments (RIN: 1251-AA62) received May 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3047. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Individuals with Disabilities (RIN: 1215-AA76) received May 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3048. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Flaring or Venting Gas and Burning Liquid Hydrocarbons (Minerals Management Service) (RIN: 1010-AB96) received May 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3049. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) Contest (Fish and Wildlife Service) (RIN: 1018-AD71) received May 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3050. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for the Marbled Murrelet (Fish and Wildlife Service) (RIN: 1018-AC33) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3051. A letter from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting the Attorney General's report entitled "Report on Federal Recordkeeping Relating to Domestic Violence," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 14015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3052. A letter from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting the Attorney General's report entitled "Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Antistalking Legislation," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 14039; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3053. A letter from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting the Attorney General's report entitled "The Violence Against Women Act of 1994: Evaluation of the STOP Block Grants to Combat Violence Against Women," pursuant to section 40291 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3054. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's 1995 annual report on the recommendations received from the National Transportation Board regarding transportation safety, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1906(b); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3055. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. PA31, PA31P, and PA31T Series Airplanes; (Docket No. 9-CE-62-AD) (RIN: 2120-AA64)

received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3056. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. Models PA31, PA31-300, PA31-325, and PA31-350 Airplanes (Docket No. 90-CE-63-AD) (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3057. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus A320-111, -211, -212, and -231 Series Airplanes (Docket No. 95-NM-198-AD) (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3058. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 and DC-9-80 Series Airplanes, Model MD-88 Airplanes, and C-9 (Military) Series Airplanes (Docket No. 94-NM-92-AD) (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3059. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes (Docket No. 95-NM-191-AD) (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3060. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10, -15, and -30 Series Airplanes and KC-10 (Military) Airplanes (Docket No. 95-NM-108-AD) (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3061. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aviat Aircraft Inc., Models S-1S, S-1T, S-2A, S-2S, and S-2B Airplanes (Docket No. 96-CE-20-AD) (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3062. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc., Models PA31T, PA31T1, PA31T2, and PA31T3 Airplanes (Docket No. 90-CE-61-AD) (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3063. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Capital Leases (RIN: 2132-AA55) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3064. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulation: Quonset Open House, North Kingston, RI (RIN: 2115-AE46) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3065. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Long Beach Harbor, CA (RIN: 2115-AA97) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3066. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Adoption of Industry Standards (RIN: 2115-AF09) received May 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3067. A letter from the Under Secretary for Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Agency Guidance for the Acquisition of Modular Metric Construction Products (RIN: 0693-XX18) received May 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

3068. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Notice 96-31—Received May 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3069. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, United States Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Prohibited/Restricted Merchandise; Enforcement of Foreign Assets Control Regulations (RIN: 1515-AB91) received May 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3070. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterans Education: Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty, 1995-96 (RIN: 2900-AH79) received May 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly, to the Committees on National Security and Veterans' Affairs.

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:

[Omitted from the Record of May 15, 1996]

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3415. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury (Rept. 104-576, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker: The Committee on Commerce discharged from further consideration; H.R. 3415 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted May 16, 1996]

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2909. A bill to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands (Rept. 104-579). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 436. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3415) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury