from apprenticeship programs is much lower in union programs than it is in non-union

The protections provided by the Davis-Bacon Act to wages and benefits are especially important to minority employees. As former Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall has observed, "the workers most often victimized by unscrupulous contractors are the minority workers, whether he or she is Black, Hispanic, a native American or an undocumented worker. . . Davis-Bacon is an integral part of ensuring a decent life for the hardworking men and women in the construction industry."

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3448, SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT, AND H.R. 1227, EMPLOYEE COMMUTING FLEXIBILITY ACT

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104–590) on the resolution (H. Res. 440) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3448) to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of workers, and for other purposes, and for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1227) to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MOLINARI (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and for the balance of the week, on account of maternity leave.

Mr. ROHRABACHER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of plane problems.

Mr. McNulty (at the request of Mr. Gephardt) for today, on account of personal business.

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

Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BATEMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. Shadegg, for 5 minutes, on May 22.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. GORDON in 10 instances.

Mr. Barrett of Wisconsin.

Mr. Lipinski.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

Mr. Matsui.

Mr. FAZIO of California in two instances.

Mr. UNDERWOOD in two instances.

Mr. Baesler.

Mr. Andrews.

Mr. Manton.

Mr. MASCARA.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. Stokes in two instances.

Mr. SCHUMER.

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

Ms. Ros-Lehtinen.

Mr. HOKE

Mr. Young of Alaska.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.

Mr. CASTLE.

Mr. Solomon in two instances.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

Mr. SHAW.

Mr. PORTMAN.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 22, 1996, at 10 a m

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3098.A letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Business and Industrial Loan Program—Audit requirements (RIN: 0570–AA11) received May 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3099. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his request to make available appropriations totaling \$189,264,000 in budget authority to the Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior, and to designate the amounts made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107 (H. Doc. No. 104–219); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3100. A letter from the Mayor, District of Columbia, transmitting the District of Columbia Government's report on Anti-Deficiency Act violations for fiscal year 1995 covering the period October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

3101. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Report to Congress: The International Cooperative Research and Development Program," pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2350(f)(1); to the Committee on National Security

3102. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Direct Submission of Vouchers to Disbursing Office (DFARS Case 96-D007) received May 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

3103. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Institutions of Higher Education (DFARS Case 96-D305) received May 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Society.

National Security.

3104. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Ambi-

ent Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides (Sulfur Dioxide) (FRL-5508-5) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to

the Committee on Commerce.

3105. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Washington SIP (FRL-5506-3) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3106. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—North Carolina SIP (FRL-5505-4) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3107. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Kentucky; Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Program (FRL-5508-2) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3108. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Oxo-Alkyl Acetates; Tolerance Exemption (FRL-5359-4) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3109. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Maleic Hydrazide, Oryzalin, Hexaninone, Streptomycin; Tolerance Actions (FRL-4996-1) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3110. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticides; Stay of Effective Date for Order Revoking Certain Food Additive Regulations (FRL-5372-2) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3111. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the Agency's final rule—Idaho SIP (FRL-5449-2) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3112. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tennessee; Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Programs (FRL-5508-3) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3113. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tennessee; Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Programs (FRL-5508-4) received May 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3114. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (16 CFR Part 303) received May 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3115. A letter from the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, transmitting the Board's report entitled "Report to the U.S. Congress and the Secretary of Energy—1995 Findings and Recommendations," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10268; to the Committee on Commerce.

3116. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report on the continued deployment of U.S. forces, including the response by those forces to several isolated attacks on the American Embassy complex on April 30, 1996, and May 6, 1996 (H. Doc. No. 104–218); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

3117. A letter from the Librarian of Congress, transmitting the report of the activities of the Library of Congress, including the Copyright Office, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 139; to the Committee on House Oversight.

3118. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Final Determination of Threatened Status for the California red-legged frog (RIN: 1018-AC34) received May 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3119. A letter from the Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Texas Closure (I.D. 050896B) received May 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3120. A letter from the Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmiting the Service's final rule—Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Shallow-water Species Fishery by Vessels using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 960129018–6018–01; I.D. 051096D] received May 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3121. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rules—(1) Indiana Regulatory Program (recodification of State law) [IN-132-FOR], (2) Texas Regulatory Program (road systems and others) [TX-029-FOR], (3) Indiana Regulatory Program (remining and others) [IN-133-FOR], and (4) Hopi Tribe Abandoned Mine Reclamation Plan [HO-003-FOR], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3122. A letter from the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services report entitled "The Validity and Use of Evidence Concerning Battering and Its Effects in Criminal Trials," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 14013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3123. A letter from the Chairman, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting the 1995 annual report of the activities of the Commission, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3124. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the initial estimate of the applicable percentage increase in inpatient hospital payment rates for Federal fiscal year [FY] 1997, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 4002(g)(1)(B) (104 Stat. 1388–36; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3125. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report on the potential health and environmental effects from the use of magnetic levitation [MAGLEV] for railroad transportation, pursuant to Public Law 101–549, section 820 (104 Stat. 2699); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

3126. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Secretary's memorandum of justification for transfer of defense articles and services to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, pursuant to Public Law 104–107, section 540(b) (110 Stat. 736); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE 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. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3134. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3d Avenue, Portland, OR, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse", and for other purposes (Rept. 104–587). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure H.R. 3029. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse" (Rept. 104–588). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 153. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (Rept. 104–589). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 440. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3448) to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of workers, and for other purposes, and for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1227) to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicle (Rept. 104–590). 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. STUMP (for himself, Mr. Mont-GOMERY, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 3495. A bill to extend the time for the submission of the final report of the Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

H.R. 3496. A bill to make certain Federal Facilities available to qualified assistance organizations for use as temporary shelters for homeless individuals during nonbusiness hours; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Ms. DÜNN of Washington (for herself, Mr. White, Mr. Nethercutt, Mr. Tate, Mrs. Smith of Washington, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dicks, and Mr. Hastings of Washington):

H.R. 3497. A bill to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. MAT-SUI, Mr. MINGE, and Mr. REED):

H.R. 3498. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow companies to donate scientific equipment to elementary and secondary schools for use in their educational programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself and Mrs. KENNELLY):

H.R. 3499. A bill to temporarily suspend the duty on certain lead fuel test assemblies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RIGGS:

H.R. 3500. A bill to amend the act to establish a Redwood National Park in the State of California, to increase efficiency and cost savings in the management of Redwood National Park by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to enter into agreements with the State of California to acquire from and provide to the State goods and services to be used by the National Park Service and the State of California in the cooperative management of lands in Redwood National Park and lands in Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, and Proprieces.

By Mr. UNDERWOOD:

H.R. 3501. A bill to amend the Organic Act of Guam to provide the government of Guam the opportunity to acquire excess real property in Guam, and to release lands from a condition on disposal by Guam; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, and National Security, 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.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII,

Mr. COBLE introduced a bill (H.R. 3502) for the relief of D&S International, Inc.; 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. 218: Mr. Fox and Mr. GILLMOR.

H.R. 350: Mr. BUYER.

H.R. 351: Mr. FUNDERBURK and Mrs. ROU-KEMA.

H.R. 561: Mr. JACKSON Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. KANJORSKI, and Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 858: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. HARMON, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, and Mr. MARTINI.