

the form of grants to the State of Alaska for the benefit of rural and Alaska Native villages for the development and construction of water systems to improve conditions in such villages and to provide technical assistance relating to construction and operation of such systems.

(b) **CONSULTATION.**—The Administrator shall consult the State of Alaska on methods of prioritizing the allocation of grants made to such State under this section.

(c) **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**—The State of Alaska may use not to exceed 4 percent of the amount granted to such State under this section for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the activities for which the grant is made.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000. Such sums shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 504. ACQUISITION OF LANDS.

Assistance provided with funds made available under this title may be used for the acquisition of lands and other interests in lands; however, nothing in this title authorizes the acquisition of lands or other interests in lands from other than willing sellers.

SEC. 505. FEDERAL SHARE.

The Federal share of the cost of activities for which grants are made under this title shall be 50 percent.

SEC. 506. CONDITION ON AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

An authorization of appropriations under this title shall be in effect for a fiscal year only if at least 75 percent of the total amount of funds authorized to be appropriated for such fiscal year by section 308 are appropriated.

SEC. 507. DEFINITIONS.

In this title, the following definitions apply:

(1) **ADMINISTRATOR.**—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) **STATE.**—The term "State" means a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

(3) **WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.**—The term "water supply system" means a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption if such system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals and a draw and fill system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption. Such term does not include a for-profit system that has fewer than 15 service connections used by year-round residents of the area served by the system or a for-profit system that regularly serves fewer than 25 year-round residents and does not include a system owned by a Federal agency. Such term includes (A) any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the operator of such system and used primarily in connection with such system, and (B) any collection or pretreatment facilities not under such control that are used primarily in connection with such system.

TITLE VI—DRINKING WATER RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION

SEC. 601. DRINKING WATER RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in addition to—

(1) amounts authorized for research under section 1412(b)(13) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (title XIV of the Public Health Service Act);

(2) amounts authorized for research under section 409 of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996; and

(3) \$10,000,000 from funds appropriated pursuant to this section 1452(n) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (title XIV of the Public Health Service Act), such sums as may be necessary for drinking water research for fiscal years 1997 through 2003. The annual total of the sums referred to in this section shall not exceed \$26,593,000.

SEC. 602. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REVIEW.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator shall assign to the Assistant Administrator for Research and Development (in this section referred to as the "Assistant Administrator") the duties of—

(1) developing a strategic plan for drinking water research activities throughout the Environmental Protection Agency (in this section referred to as the "Agency");

(2) integrating that strategic plan into ongoing Agency planning activities; and

(3) reviewing all Agency drinking water research to ensure the research—

(A) is of high quality; and

(B) does not duplicate any other research being conducted by the Agency.

(b) **REPORT.**—The Assistant Administrator shall transmit annually to the Administrator and to the Committees on Commerce and Science of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report detailing—

(1) all Agency drinking water research the Assistant Administrator finds is not of sufficiently high quality; and

(2) all Agency drinking water research the Assistant Administrator finds duplicates other Agency research.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FORBES (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of helping to coordinate Federal, State, and local search and rescue efforts in the crash of TWA Flight 800.

Mr. MILLER of California (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today through Tuesday, July 23, on account of official 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. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FARR of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DUNCAN, 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. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. GEJDENSON.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. LANTOS.

Ms. DELAURO.

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

Mr. SOLOMON in three instances.

Mr. ALLARD.

Mr. MARTINI.

Mr. THOMAS.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. HORN.

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

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. TEJEDA.

Ms. KAPTUR.

Mrs. MYRICK.

Mr. BATEMAN.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. STUPAK.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

Mr. BISHOP.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

Mr. ENGEL.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois.

Mr. LOBIONDO.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Ms. NORTON.

Ms. PELOSI.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

Mr. HORN.

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 was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 743. An act to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 64. Concurrent resolution to recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 996. An act for relief of Nathan C. Vance, and for other purposes.

S. 1899. An act entitled the "Mollie Beattie Wilderness Area Act."

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 22, 1996, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

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

4188. A letter from the Acting Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on revised estimates of the budget receipts, outlays, and budget authority for fiscal years 1996 through 2002 and other summary information required by statute—received in the U.S. House of Representatives July 16, 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1106(a) (H. Doc. No. 104-247); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4189. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting information on changes and progress in the operations involving regulatory resources for the Office, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1462a(g); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4190. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Administrative Procedures and Sanctions; Annual Reports From States and Nonregulated Utilities on Progress in Considering the Ratemaking and Other Regulatory Standards Under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; Removal of Unnecessary or Obsolete Regulations (10 CFR Parts 205 and 463) received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4191. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Access to Telecommunications Equipment and Services by Persons With Disabilities [CC Docket No. 87-124] received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4192. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cuban Assets Control Regulations; Indirect Financing in Cuba, Civil Penalties (Office of Foreign Assets Control) (31 CFR Part 515) received July 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4193. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Iraqi Sanctions Regulations; Contracts with the Government of Iraq (Office of Foreign Assets Control) (31 CFR Part 575) received July 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4194. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who

Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List (41 U.S.C. Sec. 47(a)(2)) received July 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4195. A letter from the Chairman, First South Production Credit Association, transmitting the annual pension plan report for the plan year ending December 31, 1995, for the Production Credit Association plan, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4196. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Payment of Premiums for Periods of Leave Without Pay or Insufficient Pay (RIN: 3206-AG66) received July 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4197. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Regulations for Areas Administered by the National Park Service and National Park System Units in Alaska (RIN: 1024-AC21) received July 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4198. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (RIN: 1901-AA67) received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4199. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—West Virginia Regulatory Program [WV-075-FOR] received July 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4200. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Missouri Regulatory Program [SPATS No. MO-029-FOR] received July 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4201. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—New Mexico Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan [NM-035-FOR] received July 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4202. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Oklahoma Regulatory Program [SPATS No. OK-018-FOR] received July 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4203. A letter from the Accounting Administrative Supervisor, Daughters of the American Revolution, transmitting the report of the audit of the society for the fiscal year ended February 29, 1996, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(20) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4204. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—to Update Collection Procedures to Provide for Debiting Accounts of Paying Agents of U.S. Savings Bonds and Notes (31 CFR 321) received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4205. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision: Fisher v. Commissioner, 45 F.3d 396 (10th Cir. 1995), rev'g T.C. Memo. 1992-740, reh'g denied, No. 93-9029 (10th Cir. April 7, 1995) [T.C. Docket No. 28630-89], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4206. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule—Action on Decision: Alan K. Lauckner v. United States, 68 F.3d 69 (3d Cir. 1995), aff'g No. 93-1594 (D.N.J. May 4, 1994), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4207. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision: Estate of Clack v. Commissioner, 106 T.C. No. 6 (February 19, 1996), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4208. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters (Revenue Procedure 96-40), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4209. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision: Tele-Communications, Inc. v. Commissioner, 12 F.3d 1005 (10th Cir. 1993), aff'g 95 T.C. 495 (1990) [T.C. Docket No. 268-89], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4210. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision: Richard L. and Fiona Simon v. Commissioner, 68 F.3d 41 (2d Cir. 1995), aff'g 103 T.C. 247 (1994), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4211. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision: Estate of Maria Cristofani, Deceased, Frank Cristofani, Executor, v. Commissioner, Venue: Ninth Circuit, 97 T.C. 74 (1991) [T.C. Docket No. 28538-89] pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4212. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision: William H. Murphy v. Commissioner, 103 T.C. 111 (1994) [T.C. Docket No. 10275-92], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4213. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the sixth annual report for the demonstration and commercial application of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technologies Program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 12006; jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Science.

4214. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Improving Noncomplying Motor Vehicles" for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30169(b); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

4215. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of the Department's intent to use up to \$500,000 to facilitate absentee voting in the September 14 elections by refugees and other Bosnians resident in the United States, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2394-1(a); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

4216. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a letter in writing, dated May 30, 1996, expressing the Board's opposition to H.R. 2942, the Railroad Retirement Amendment Act of 1996; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

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: