

States for temporary assistance for needy families; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCDADE (for himself and Mr. SAXTON):

H. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued to mark the 85th anniversary of the dedication of the Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct, now known as the Nicholson Viaduct, in Nicholson, PA; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. FAZIO of California:

H. Res. 148. Resolution designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

84. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2003 urging Congress and the President of the United States to oppose the rules proposed by the Bureau of Land Management to expand its criminal law enforcement authority; to the Committee on Resources.

85. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Maine, relative to a joint resolution memorializing the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to provide support for critical highway improvements through northern Maine from Houlton to Fort Kent; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

86. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, relative to House Resolution 415 petitioning the U.S. Congress to repeal estate and gift tax laws; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. KANJORSKI (by request):

H.R. 1617. A bill for the relief of Charmaine Bieda; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MEEHAN:

H.R. 1618. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certification of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the fisheries for the vessel *Nawnsense*; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 7: Mr. CALLAHAN and Mr. CALVERT.  
H.R. 15: Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. VENTO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. HILLIARD, and Mr. MORAN of Kansas.  
H.R. 27: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 40: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.  
H.R. 108: Mr. THOMAS.  
H.R. 127: Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FARR of California, and Mr. BAESLER.

H.R. 143: Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BONO, Mr. ROGAN, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. COX of California.

H.R. 192: Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. DIXON, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. HORN.

H.R. 216: Mr. KLUG.

H.R. 234: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 305: Mr. ENGEL and Mr. PITTS.

H.R. 347: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 367: Mr. WAMP.

H.R. 399: Mr. STUMP.

H.R. 402: Mr. FALCOMA-VAEGA.

H.R. 409: Mr. MASCARA, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HORN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Mr. BARCIA of Michigan.

H.R. 414: Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. DIXON, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. HORN.

H.R. 418: Mr. FARR of California and Mr. BALDACC.

H.R. 475: Mr. PICKETT, Mr. COMBEST, and Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 483: Mr. CLAY.

H.R. 519: Mr. TALENT.

H.R. 529: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. BAKER, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. DREIER, and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 530: Ms. DANNER.

H.R. 536: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

H.R. 674: Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. PACKARD.

H.R. 741: Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. CRAPO.

H.R. 768: Mr. JOHNSON of Connecticut and Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 820: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 836: Mr. SANCHEZ, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 859: Mr. BEREUTER, Ms. DANNER, and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 871: Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 872: Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. FALCOMA-VAEGA, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. GOODE, Mr. KIM, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MINGE, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. SPRATT.

H.R. 910: Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 921: Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. KLINK, and Mr. RAMSTAD.

H.R. 947: Mr. BONO.

H.R. 964: Mr. PITTS.

H.R. 965: Mr. TRAFICANT and Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 983: Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 991: Mr. HOLDEN.

H.R. 993: Mr. KIM, Mr. SKEEN, and Mr. BLUNT.

H.R. 1004: Mr. WALSH, Mr. BRADY, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 1016: Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 1033: Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 1037: Mr. WELLER.

H.R. 1054: Ms. ESHOO, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. STARK, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. GALLEGLY, and Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 1060: Mr. KIM and Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 1068: Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. WELLER.

H.R. 1069: Mr. BALDACC, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 1070: Mr. MANTON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. BALDACC.

H.R. 1071: Mr. MARTINEZ.

H.R. 1076: Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 1101: Mr. GRAHAM and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1104: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, and Ms. CARSON.

H.R. 1118: Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 1134: Mr. HILLIARD and Mr. BISHOP.

H.R. 1164: Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 1169: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. FARR of California, and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1172: Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 1175: Mr. McKEON and Mr. BROWN of California.

H.R. 1206: Mr. LAFALCE.

H.R. 1218: Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 1220: Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 1227: Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 1231: Mr. FARR of California, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BISHOP.

H.R. 1263: Mr. YATES and Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.

H.R. 1279: Mr. BLILEY and Mr. PICKETT.

H.R. 1280: Mr. BOEHNER and Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina.

H.R. 1285: Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 1288: Mr. GOODLATTE and Mr. DELUMS.

H.R. 1298: Mr. WEXLER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MCHALE, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. HILL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. FROST, Mr. GREEN, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 1301: Ms. DELAURO, Mr. THOMPSON, and Mr. TORRES.

H.R. 1310: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H.R. 1320: Mr. FARR of California.

H.R. 1336: Mr. FLAKE and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 1340: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

H.R. 1350: Mr. MCCOLLUM and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 1352: Mr. FILNER, Mr. BALDACC, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1355: Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. CARSON, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 1369: Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 1375: Mr. WATKINS and Mr. SKEEN.

H.R. 1377: Mr. CLAY, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. FORD, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. DELLUMS.

H.R. 1379: Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 1382: Mr. FROST, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. McDERMOTT.

H.R. 1416: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. FROST, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. TIERNEY, Mrs. NORTHUP, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 1420: Mr. CLEMENT and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 1458: Mr. BAKER and Mr. SKEEN.

H.R. 1462: Mr. LAFALCE.

H.R. 1475: Mr. KASICH.

H.R. 1496: Ms. MOLINARI.

H.R. 1503: Mr. SKEEN.

H.R. 1504: Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. MARTINEZ.

H.R. 1509: Mr. CARDIN.

H.R. 1510: Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

H.R. 1515: Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. METCALF, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. COMBEST, and Mr. SKEEN.

H.R. 1538: Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. COOK, and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 1549: Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 1559: Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. POMBO, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. RILEY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GOODLING, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. NEUMANN, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H.R. 1560: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BAKER, Mr. SKELTON, and Mr. LIVINGSTON.

H.R. 1572: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. MANTON, and Mr. DELUMS.

H.R. 1580: Mr. SOLOMON and Mrs. KELLY.

H.J. Res. 75: Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. OXLEY, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. WHITE, Mr. SPRATT, and Mr. SABO.

H. Con. Res. 65: Mr. ENGEL, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. OLVER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. GALLEGLY, and Mr. MCINNIS.

H. Con. Res. 75: Mr. HUTCHINSON and Mr. MCCRERY.

H. Res. 15: Ms. DELAURO.  
 H. Res. 96: Mr. PORTER, Mr. DELLUMS, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Ms. ROYBAL-AL-LARD, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.  
 H. Res. 144: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BAKER, and Mr. SKELTON.

#### DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

H.R. 1053: Mr. PALLONE.

#### AMENDMENTS

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

H.R. 1469

OFFERED BY: MR. GOODLING

AMENDMENT No. 16: Page 2, after line 23, insert the following new section:

PROHIBITION OF FUNDS FOR NEW NATIONAL TESTING PROGRAM IN READING AND MATHEMATICS

SEC. 3003. None of the funds made available in this or any other Act for fiscal year 1997 or any prior fiscal year for the Fund for the Improvement of Education under the heading "DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—Education Research, Statistics, and Improvement" may be used to develop, plan, implement, or administer any national testing program in reading or mathematics.

H.R. 1469

OFFERED BY: MR. GOODLING

AMENDMENT No. 17: Page 2, after line 23, insert the following new section:

PROHIBITION OF FUNDS FOR NATIONAL TESTING PROGRAM IN READING AND MATHEMATICS

SEC. 3003. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to develop, plan, implement, or administer any national testing program in reading or mathematics.

H.R. 1469

OFFERED BY: MR. GOODLING

AMENDMENT No. 18: Page 51, after line 23, insert the following new section:

PROHIBITION OF FUNDS FOR NATIONAL TESTING PROGRAM IN READING AND MATHEMATICS

SEC. 3003. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to develop, plan, im-

plement, or administer any national testing program in reading or mathematics.

H.R. 1469

OFFERED BY MR. KENNEDY

AMENDMENT No. 19: Page 28, after line 23, insert the following new chapter:

#### CHAPTER 7A

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM

#### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for "National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism", \$2,000,000, to be derived by transfer from the amount provided in this Act for "Federal Emergency Management Agency—Disaster Relief".

H.R. 1469

OFFERED BY MR. LAHOOD

AMENDMENT No. 20: In the item under the heading "CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM" in title I of the bill, strike out "None of the funds" and all that follows through "That the Secretary" and insert "The Secretary of Agriculture".

H.R. 1469

OFFERED BY: MS. NORTON

AMENDMENT No. 21: Page 51, after line 23, insert the following:

SEC. 3003. (a) Chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding after subchapter V the following:

#### "SUBCHAPTER VI—LEAVE TRANSFER IN DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES

#### "§ 6391. Authority for leave transfer program in disasters and emergencies

"(a) For the purpose of this section—

"(1) 'employee' means an employee as defined in section 6331(a); and

"(2) 'agency' means an Executive agency.

"(b) In the event of a major disaster or emergency, as declared by the President, that results in severe adverse effects for a substantial number of employees, the President may direct the Office of Personnel Management to establish an emergency leave transfer program under which any employee in any agency may donate unused annual leave for transfer to employees of the same or other agencies who are adversely affected by such disaster or emergency.

"(c) The Office shall establish appropriate requirements for the operation of the emergency leave transfer program under sub-

section (b), including appropriate limitations on the donation and use of annual leave under the program. An employee may receive and use leave under the program without regard to any requirement that any annual leave and sick leave to a leave recipient's credit must be exhausted before any transferred annual leave may be used.

"(d) A leave bank established under subchapter IV may, to the extent provided in regulations prescribed by the Office, donate annual leave to the emergency leave transfer program established under subsection (b).

"(e) Except to the extent that the Office may prescribe by regulation, nothing in section 7351 shall apply to any solicitation, donation, or acceptance of leave under this section.

"(f) The Office shall prescribe regulations necessary for the administration of this section."

(b) The analysis for chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

#### "SUBCHAPTER VI—LEAVE TRANSFER IN DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES

"6391. Authority for leave transfer program in disasters and emergencies."

H.R. 1486

OFFERED BY: MR. VENTO

AMENDMENT No. 8: At the end of title XVII insert the following new section:

#### SEC. 1717. REPORTS AND POLICY CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN LAOS.

Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall report to the appropriate congressional committees in the appropriate form on the allegations of persecution and abuse of the Hmong and Laotian refugees who have returned to Laos. The report shall include:

(1) An investigation, including documentation of independent monitors of individual cases of persecution forwarded to the State Department, of the Lao Government's treatment of Hmong and Laotian refugees who have returned to Laos.

(2) The steps the State Department will take to continue to monitor any systematic human rights violations by the Government of Laos.

(3) The actions which the State Department will take to ensure the cessation of human rights violations.