

transit, the region has the second longest mean commuting time in the country. The dollar cost of congestion in the region is the highest in the country based on wasted time and fuel—and it is getting worse. I know this hardly comes as a shock to Members that live and travel around the region, but these figures dramatize the desperate need for major transportation improvements.

No single element of the regional transportation system is more critical than the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge which crosses the Potomac River on interstate 95. Anyone that drives in this region knows that a problem at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge can create gridlock throughout the entire Washington region. This 35-year-old bridge is the only federally owned bridge in the National Highway System.

Built to carry 75,000 vehicles per day, the bridge now carries 152,000 vehicles per day and 17,000 heavy trucks each day. The heavy traffic load on the bridge has shortened the bridges useful life span to roughly 10 years. If action is not taken to replace this vital bridge, this region and every driver or trucker trying to go north or south through the Mid-Atlantic on I-95 could be affected. We are talking about rerouting truck traffic or reducing the number of lanes on the bridge to extend the life of the bridge. The traffic and economic impact on this region of reducing the already congested traffic flow on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge would be devastating.

The Federal Highway Administration has estimated that it will cost somewhere around \$1.7 billion to replace this federally-owned bridge.

This is one project critical to my region. I know many Members have their own essential regional transportation projects. We need the Shuster-Oberstar-Petri-Rahall amendment to the budget resolution if we are going to get the money desperately needed to accomplish these projects of national importance. I urge all Members to support this critical amendment.

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

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

Mr. HANSEN, for 5 minutes, today and May 21.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today and May 21.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes each, day on May 21 and 22.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. MARTINEZ.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. MCGOVERN.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. HOYER.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Mr. PAYNE.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. MANTON.

Mr. ORTIZ.

Mr. FORD.

Ms. HARMAN.

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

Mr. EWING.

Mr. BOEHNER.

Mrs. ROUKEMA.

Mr. HOUGHTON.

Mr. PAUL.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. GRAHAM.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. WOLF.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Wednesday, May 21, 1997, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3368. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of May 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 105—84); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3369. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—De Novo Applications for a Federal Savings Association Charter [No. 97-48] (RIN: 1550-AA76) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3370. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 95F-0163] received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3371. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; 1,3-Butylene Glycol [Docket No. 87G-0351] received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3372. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of

Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medical Devices; Establishment of a Performances Standard for Electrode Lead Wires and Patient Cables [Docket No. 94N-0078] received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3373. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Informal Small Entity Guidance [10 CFR Part 2] (RIN: 3150-AF68) received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3374. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Venezuela (Transmittal No. 18-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3375. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Venezuela (Transmittal No. 17-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3376. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to France (Transmittal No. 10-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3377. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to France (Transmittal No. 11-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3378. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-15), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3379. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-16), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3380. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-13), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3381. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3382. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997; and the semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3383. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

3384. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pipeline Right-Of-Way Applications and Assignment Fees; Requirement for Filing of Lease Transfers [30 CFR Part 250 and 256] (RIN: 1010-AC04) received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3385. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Operation of U.S.M.S. "North Star" Between Seattle, Washington, and Stations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Other Government Agencies, Alaska (Bureau of Indian Affairs) [25 CFR Part 142] (RIN: 1076-AD66) received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3386. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Islands Subarea [Docket No. 961107312-7021-02; I.D. 051297A] received May 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3387. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospace Technologies of Australia, Nomad N22 and N24 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95-CE-100-AD; Amdt. 39-10022; AD 97-10-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3388. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-90-AD; Amdt. 39-10023; AD 97-10-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3389. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-283-AD; Amdt. 39-10024; AD 97-10-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3390. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), Ltd. Model 1125 Westwind Astra Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-96-AD; Amdt. 39-10018; AD 97-10-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3391. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA) Model CN-235 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-144-AD; Amdt. 39-10019; AD 97-10-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3392. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA) Model CN-235 Series Airplanes

(Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-138-AD; Amdt. 39-10020; AD 97-10-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3393. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Model 4101 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-168-AD; Amdt. 39-10021; AD 97-10-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3394. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Territory and Airspace of Afghanistan (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 2774; Special Flight Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 67] (RIN: 2120-AG40) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3395. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Temporary Establishment of Class D Airspace; Anchorage International Airport, Alaska (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AAL-3] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3396. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Omaha, NE; Correction (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ACE-21] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3397. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Class D and E2 Airspace; Lawrenceville, GA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ASO-12] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3398. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28904; Amdt. No. 402] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3399. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone—Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD09-97-012] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3400. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Security Zone; Coast Waters Adjacent to South Florida (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07-96-013] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3401. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations; Fort Meyers Beach, FL (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07-97-010] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

92. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Montana, relative to House Joint Resolution 12 urging Congress to enact legislation to allow disabled military retirees concurrent receipt of full longevity retirement benefits and service-connected disability compensation; to the Committee on National Security.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

13. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Council of the District of Columbia, relative to Council Resolution 12-97, "Sense of the Council on Amending the Charter Resolution of 1997"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

14. Also, a petition of the Council of the District of Columbia, relative to Council Resolution 12-116, "Memorandum of Understanding on the President's National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Plan Emergency Resolution of 1997"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 153. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 408) to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-103). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 1377. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income savings; with an amendment (Rept. 105-104). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 956. A bill to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-105 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 Committee on Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 956 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATIONS OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 956. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than May 20, 1997.