

saying: Did we not used to invent everything? Did not that give America the leverage we needed? Why is it that our standard of living was going down when it was always going up before?

Changing these laws will have dramatic consequences. We cannot expect this Congress just to come to this decision on its own because the lobbyists will be pushing in the wrong direction. The American people must—their voice must be heard. H.R. 400, the Steal American Technologies Act, must be eliminated, it must be defeated, and the Patent Term Restoration Act, my bill, Congressman ROHRABACHER's bill, should pass, and if we do, we can sit and have faith in the future again because we can sit back and know we did our part to ensure that the legal structure which served our country so well for 200 years was maintained and that when there was a brutal attack on that legal structure, we stepped forward to beat back the assault and to protect future generations from loss.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sponsoring my piece of legislation, the Patent Term Restoration Act, and to defeat H.R. 400, the Steal American Technologies Act.

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE JAPANESE PATENT OFFICE AND THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Actions to be taken by Japan:

1. By July 1, 1995, the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) will permit foreign nationals to file patent applications in the English language, with a translation into Japanese to follow within two months.

2. Prior to the grant of a patent, the JPO will permit the correction of translation errors up to the time allowed for the reply to the first substantive communication from the JPO.

3. After the grant of a patent, the JPO will permit the correction of translation errors to the extent that the correction does not substantially extend the scope of protection.

4. Appropriate fees may be charged by the JPO for the above procedures.

Actions to be taken by the U.S.:

1. By June 1, 1994, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will introduce legislation to amend U.S. patent law to change the term of patents from 17 years from the date of grant of a patent for an invention to 20 years from the date of filing of the first complete application.

2. The legislation that the USPTO will introduce shall take effect six months from the date of enactment and shall apply to all applications filed in the United States thereafter.

3. Paragraph 2 requires that the term of all continuing applications (continuations, continuations-in-part and divisionals), filed six months after enactment of the above legislation, be counted from the filing date of the earliest-filed of any applications invoked under 35 U.S.C. 120.

WATARU ASOU,
Commissioner, Japanese Patent Office.

BRUCE A. LEHMAN,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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

Mr. PAPPAS, for 5 minutes, on February 26.

Mr. SESSIONS, for 5 minutes, on February 26.

Mr. GEKAS, 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. RANGEL) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. BERRY.

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. CLAY.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. FATTAH.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. DELLUMS.

Mr. FILNER.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. HOYER.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. KUCINICH.

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

Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

Mr. PETRI.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. SESSIONS.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. CRANE.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. BILBRAY.

Mr. CANADY of Florida.

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

Mr. MILLER of Florida.

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

Mr. STEARNS.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. CONYERS.

Mr. CLEMENT.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. FORD.
Mr. STARK.
Mrs. THURMAN.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1832. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-966-1 FIR] received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1833. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation, case number 95-02, which totaled \$43,170, occurred in the fiscal year 1988 military construction, Air National Guard appropriation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1834. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of February 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 105-46); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1835. A letter from the Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations), Department of Defense, transmitting the Commission's final report on alternative utilization of military facilities, pursuant to Public Law 100-456, section 2819(b)(4) (102 Stat. 2120); to the Committee on National Security.

1836. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's "Major" final rule—Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control (Regulation Y) [Docket Nos. R-0935; R-0936] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1837. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year, if any, and the budget year provided by House Joint Resolution 25, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-578); to the Committee on the Budget.

1838. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Research and Demonstration Project and Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f) GEPA, section 437(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1839. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Projects With Industry, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f) GEPA, section 437(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1840. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the notice of final funding priorities

for the research and demonstration project and the rehabilitation research and training centers, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1841. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Class Exemption for the Receipt of Certain Investment Services by Individuals for Whose Benefit Individual Retirement Accounts or Retirement Plans for Self-Employed Individuals Have Been Established or Maintained [Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97- ; Application D-09707] received February 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1842. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Technical Amendments of Rules Relating to Labor-Management Programs, Labor-Management Standards, and Standards of Conduct for Federal Sector Labor Organizations (RIN: 1215-AB16) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1843. A letter from the Acting Secretary of Energy, transmitting a report on the progress made in carrying out a 5-year program on the cofiring of natural gas with coal in utility and industrial boilers, pursuant to Public Law 102-486, section 2013(c) (106 Stat. 3060); to the Committee on Commerce.

1844. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exemption from Import and Export Requirements for Personal Use (Drug Enforcement Administration) [DEA Number 1461] (RIN: 1117-AA38) received January 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1845. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District [CA-13-0027a; FRL-5688-2] received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1846. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Interim Approval of Operating Permits Program; Delegation of Section 112 Standards; State of Maine [AD-FRL-5689-6] received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1847. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Petroleum Refineries [AD-FRL-5690-9] (RIN: 2060-AD94) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1848. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania Source-Specific VOC and NOx RACT Determinations, and 1990 Base Year Emissions for One Source; Correction [PA 083-4036a, PA 083-4037a, PA 069-4035a; FRL-5690-4] received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1849. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Informa-

tion, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Oregon [OR34-1-6136a, OR51-7266a, OR58-7273a; FRL-5680-3] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1850. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Open Fires, "Once-in, Always-in," and Definition for the Term "Annual" [MD040-3010a and MD048-3011a; FRL-5688-5] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1851. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Washington [WA50-7123a; FRL-5692-8] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1852. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of the Telecommunication Act of 1996: Telemessaging, Electronic Publishing, and Alarm Monitoring Services [CC Docket No. 96-152] received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1853. A letter from the Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines [Docket No. RM96-1-003; Order No. 587-B] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1854. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Iron-Containing Supplements and Drugs: Label Warning Statements and Unit-Dose Packaging Requirements [Docket Nos. 91P-0186 and 93P-0306] received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1855. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Exemption of Acquisition by Registered Public-Utility Holding Companies of Securities of Nonutility Companies Engaged in Certain Energy-Related and Gas-Related Activities; Exemption of Capital Contributions and Advances to Such Companies [Release No. 35-26667; File No. S7-12-95] (RIN: 3235-AG46) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1856. 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 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office [TECRO] in the United States for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-09), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1857. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the fiscal year 1996 report on implementation of the support for East European Democracy Act [SEED] Program, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5474; to the Committee on International Relations.

1858. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Commercial Communications Satellites and Hot Section Technology from State's USML for Transfer to Commerce's

CCL [Public Notice] received February 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

1859. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting a list of all reports issued or released in January 1997, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1860. A letter from the General Counsel, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1861. A letter from the Chair, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting the Board's consolidated semiannual report on activities of the inspector general, and the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act [FEMA] of 1982, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1862. A letter from the Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting the fiscal year 1996 annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act [FMFIA] of 1982, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1863. A letter from FOIA Administrator, Office of the General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1864. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, and the semiannual management report on the status of audit followup 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.

1865. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting an accounting statement covering Federal stewardship property, investments, and responsibilities that was recently recommended by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board [FASAB] and approved in its entirety by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget [OMB], and the Comptroller General, pursuant to Public Law 101-576, section 307 (104 Stat. 2855); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1866. A letter from the Director, Selective Service System, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1867. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment [OST Docket No. OST-97-2116] (RIN: 2105-AC63) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1868. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Relations, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting a copy of the annual Proceedings of the 105th Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 18b; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1869. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 95-7189—United States of America, ex rel. D.J. Findley versus FPC—Boron Employees' Club, et al.); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1870. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 96-3014—United States of America versus Rasheed Adeshina Idowu); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1871. A letter from the Vice President for Government Affairs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation [Amtrak], transmitting the Corporation's 1996 annual report, and fiscal year 1998 legislative report and grant request, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 548(a); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1872. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazardous Materials: Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles in Liquefied Compressed Gas Service; Interim Final Rule (Research and Special Programs Administration) [Docket No. RSPA-97-2133 (HM-225)] (RIN: 2137-AC97) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1873. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR42-3000 and ATR42-320 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-24-AD; Amdt. 39-9933; AD 97-04-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1874. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company (formerly Beech Aircraft Corporation) Models 1900, 1900C, and 1900D Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-CE-06-AD; Amdt. 39-9937; AD 97-04-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1875. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., MU-2B Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-CE-45-AD; Amdt. 39-9938; AD 97-04-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1876. 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-97-AD; Amdt. 39-9917; AD 97-03-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1877. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-802 and AT-802A Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-CE-48-AD; Amdt. 39-9935; AD 97-04-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1878. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95-NM-02-AD; Amdt. 39-9915; AD 97-03-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1879. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A, SAAB 340B, and SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-69-AD; Amdt. 39-9923; AD 97-03-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1880. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Time of Designation for Restricted Area R-4305, Lake Superior, MN (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1881. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Big Rapids, MI, Roben-Hood Airport [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-25] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1882. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Pinckneyville, IL, Pinckneyville-Du Quoin Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-26] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1883. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Monticello, IN, White County Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-21] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1884. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Apalachicola, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-35] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1885. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace; Mount Clemens, MI (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1886. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace; Minot, ND (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-3] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1887. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace; Shreveport Downtown Airport, LA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ASW-01] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1888. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace; Blytheville, AR (Federal

Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-29] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1889. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28804; Amdt. No. 1782] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1890. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28805; Amdt. No. 1783] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1891. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28803; Amdt. No. 1781] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1892. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hazard, KY (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-36] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1893. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Canadigua, NY (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AEA-14] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1894. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Johnstown, NY (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AEA-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1895. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Stuart, VA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AEA-15] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1896. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sonora, TX (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-05] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1897. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Rolla, ND, Rolla Municipal Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-23] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1898. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Carrington, ND, Carrington Municipal Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-20] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1899. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; New Lisbon, WI, Mauston-New Lisbon Union Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-22] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1900. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Eglin AFB, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-34] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1901. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Deland, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-30] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1902. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Passaic River, New Jersey (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD01-95-171] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1903. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Lifesaving Equipment (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 84-069] (RIN: 2115-AB72) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1904. A letter from the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final report on demonstration projects with respect to alternative methods of promoting vocational rehabilitation [VR] and helping Social Security disability insurance [DI] beneficiaries return to work, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1310 note; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1905. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Medical, Dental, Etc. Expenses [Rev. Rul. 97-9] received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1906. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction [TD 8714] (RIN: 1545-AU81) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1907. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction [REG-209830-96] (RIN: 1545-AU27) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1908. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Changes in Account-

ing Period and In Methods of Accounting [Rev. Proc. 97-18] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1909. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's "Major" final rule—Cycling Payment of Social Security Benefits [20 CFR Part 404] (RIN: 0960-AE31) received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1910. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Certification of Lands to Which Indian Water Rights Are Appurtenant That Are Participating in the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project," pursuant to Public Law 102-575, section 211 (106 Stat. 4625); jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and Resources.

1911. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting the Office's report on "Unauthorized Appropriations and Expiring Authorizations" by the Congressional Budget Office as of January 15, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 602(f)(3); jointly, to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations.

1912. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on allocation of funds the executive branch intends to make available from funding levels established in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, as enacted in Public Law 104-208, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2413(a); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

1913. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Military Beneficiaries Medicare Reimbursement Model Project Act of 1997"; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means, National Security, and Commerce.

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. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 624. A bill to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce (Rept. 105-6). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

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. SCHUMER (by request):

H.R. 810. A bill to deter and punish serious gang and violent crime, promote accountability in the juvenile justice system, prevent juvenile and youth crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.

By Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BARR of Georgia,

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COX of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. NEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAMP, and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 811. A bill to restore the term of patents and to provide for the publication of patent applications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 812. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to enable the Patent and Trademark Office to improve the integrity of the U.S. patent system and to further ensure the validity of U.S. patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. RILEY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. STUMP):

H.R. 813. A bill to amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from requiring States to use the metric system with respect to designing, advertising, or preparing documents for Federal-aid highway projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 814. A bill to prevent children from injuring themselves with firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. STARK, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. FROST, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. GANSKE)

H.R. 815. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to assure access to emergency medical services under group health plans, health insurance coverage, and the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, 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.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 816. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain amenities and personal comforts in the Federal prison system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BOB SCHAFER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HILL, and Mr. RADANOVICH):

H.R. 817. A bill to require the appointment of the Chief of the Forest Service by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CONDIT (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. FOGLIETTA):

H.R. 818. A bill to require that employees who participate in cash or deferred arrangements are free to determine whether to be