

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

invested in employer real property and employer securities, and if not, to protect such employees by applying the same prohibited transaction rules that apply to traditional defined benefit pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R. 819. A bill to require annual, detailed investment reports by plans with qualified cash or deferred arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H.R. 820. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to establish standards for protection of consumers in managed care plans and other health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 821. A bill to provide for an increase in the supplemental security insurance benefit standard for long-term care recipients based on the cost of living adjustment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington:

H.R. 822. A bill to facilitate a land exchange involving private land within the exterior boundaries of Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, WA; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HILLEARY:

H.R. 823. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the airport and airway trust fund excise taxes and to suspend the 4.3-cent general revenue portion of such taxes during the reinstatement period; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HYDE:

H.R. 824. A bill to redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Howard T. Markey National Courts Building"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FROST, Mr. STARK, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, and Mr. JEFFERSON):

H.R. 825. A bill to require the Attorney General to promulgate regulations relating to gender-related persecution, including female genital mutilation, for use in determining an alien's eligibility for asylum or withholding of deportation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NEY (for himself, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BAKER, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 826. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide specific penalties for taking a firearm from a Federal law enforcement officer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 827. A bill to provide for nuclear disarmament and economic conversion in accordance with the District of Columbia Initiative Measure No. 37 of 1993; to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. FATTAH:

H.R. 828. A bill to require States to equalize funding for education throughout the State; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. OLVER:

H.R. 829. A bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to prohibit executive agencies from awarding contracts that contain a provision allowing

for the acquisition by the contractor, at Government expense, of certain equipment or facilities to carry out the contract, if the principal purpose of such provision is to increase competition by establishing an alternative source of supply for property or services; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. PETRI:

H.R. 830. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to require that collections of information that ask a respondent to specify a racial classification or ethnic classification from among a list of classifications shall provide an opportunity for the respondent to specify, respectively, "multiracial" or "multiethnic"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. REGULA (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. HANSEN):

H.R. 831. A bill to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to the State of Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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. STEARNS:

H.R. 832. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program of research and education regarding menopause and related conditions; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 833. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study regarding Fort King, FL; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina:

H.R. 834. A bill to permit the current refunding of certain tax-exempt bonds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. THURMAN (for herself, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. GOSS, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BOYD, Mr. FOLEY, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 835. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the Federal medical assistance percentage used under the Medicaid Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FORBES:

H. Con. Res. 24. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued in recognition of the services rendered by this Nation's volunteer firefighters; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado (for himself, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. MCINNIS, and Mr. BOB SCHAEFFER):

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution providing for acceptance of a statute of Jack Swigert, presented by the State of Colorado, for placement in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. SHIMKUS:

H. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution relating to the treatment of Social Security under any constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. BLILEY:

H. Res. 74. Resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Commerce in the 105th Congress; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. GOODLING:

H. Res. 75. Resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Edu-

cation and the Workforce in the 105th Congress; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. PORTER:

H. Res. 76. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China as it relates to China's position in the international community and encouraging the United States, in conjunction with other members of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, to work with China to promote the improvement of human rights; to the Committee on International Relations.

## MEMORIALS

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

20. By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the Senate of the State of New Hampshire, relative to Senate Resolution No. 1: recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Paul E. Tsongas, former U.S. Senator; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

21. Also, memorial of the Senate of the State of South Dakota, relative to Senate Resolution No. 2: urging the passage of a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution; 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. 14: Mr. LATHAM, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 17: Mr. ACKERMAN and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 18: Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. FORBES, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. FAZIO of California, and Mr. TALENT.

H.R. 21: Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CAMPBELL.

H.R. 40: Mr. SERRANO and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 41: Mr. BAKER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 45: Mr. NADLER and Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 54: Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 58: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. MINGE, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. VENTO, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 69: Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 96: Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 127: Mr. MASCARA, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. WELLER, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. EHRLICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mrs. FOWLER.

H.R. 141: Mr. DELLUMS and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

H.R. 165: Mr. OLVER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HORN, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 166: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ.

H.R. 167: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ.

H.R. 168: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ.

H.R. 180: Ms. BROWN of Florida.

H.R. 218: Mr. BAKER, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 235: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. PORTER, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. STARK, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, and Mr. SAXTON.