

are rotting away in the jails of Tibet, and these political prisoners, their cases should be raised.

Third, efforts to open Tibet to the international press and human rights groups must go forward. As long as the Chinese continue to exercise power away from the public scrutiny, brutal excesses will continue.

Asia Watch should go in. The American Red Cross, the ICRC, the Swiss Red Cross, religious groups, different people should all ask for the opportunity to go and visit Tibet, see if the people in Beijing are being true when they say that Tibet is open and you can travel.

You should ask to travel. You should ask for a visa. You should ask for a permit and see if you are able to go.

Fourth, I urge my colleagues in the House and in the Senate to make every effort to travel to Tibet. Congressional delegations traveling into Tibet could very well make a difference. Even though they may have a Chinese handler with them, the very nature of an American Member of Congress or a Western member of the parliament coming in, being there, walking through the markets, walking through the town, being seen, sends a message to the Tibetan people that the people of the West and the people of the United States care.

I urge my colleagues in the House and in the Senate to adopt a prisoner of conscience and contact the People's Republic of China time and time again on his or her behalf.

When Perm Camp 35 in the Soviet Union existed during the dark days of communism, we went in and met with the prisoners. The prisoners told us they knew when a family in the United States or the West adopted them and wrote to them. They knew about it. Sometimes the letters got to them, sometimes they just got to the warden. If the warden knew that 10 or 20 letters a week or a day were coming in for prisoner X or Y, the warden was careful how they treated that prisoner. If it never got to the Perm Camp, but it got to Moscow, then the word came forth from the Communist official, be careful what you do to prisoner X or Y.

So we in the Congress and the American people should adopt prisoners of conscience and write to them and send them messages and try to visit them, send them magazines, write to the Chinese Government, write to the Chinese Embassy here in Washington, because we have to let the world know.

If you can imagine you are in the darkest, most dingy place almost on the Earth and nobody cares, you wonder, does anybody care? So by adopting these prisoners of conscience, as we did in the Soviet Union in the 1970's and 1980's, we make a difference.

Just talk to Natan Scharanski, who was so courageous, in Perm Camp 35. He knew the West was thinking of him, was praying for him, was remembering him. He was so proud and so bold and encouraged that when he got out of

Perm Camp 35, on the bridge in Berlin going from East to West Berlin, the Communist officials told him to walk straight across the bridge. What did Scharanski do? He walked this way and then that way, and he zigged and zagged, because he was a free man, and he remembered that the people of the West stood with him, and we should stand with the prisoners of conscience in Tibet.

Sixth, we urge a strong effort that officials from the International Committee of the Red Cross, the ICRC, and the American Bureau of Prisons visit the Tibetan prisons to observe the condition and treatment of prisoners and urge and push for improvements.

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If the Chinese want to come into our prisons, fine, let them come into ours, and we will go into theirs.

Seventh, I urge the administration and the press for representatives from the free world to attend the trials of Tibetans accused of political crimes, as has been done in Eastern Europe and elsewhere.

During the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe we would send an American representative of the American Embassy who would go and sit in the courtroom, be at the trial, which would put some restraint on the Communist officials.

Eighth, I urge religious leaders of all denominations around the world to pressure the Peoples Republic of China for permission to visit Tibet.

Last, I urge the administration and others to press the Chinese Government to engage in negotiations and in dialogue with the Dalai Lama concerning the future of Tibet, and to give the people of Tibet their freedom.

I close by saying to the Chinese Government, 5½ million Tibetans are of absolutely no threat to 1.2 billion Chinese.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BALLENGER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 10:30 a.m., on account of personal reasons.

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

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes each day, on September 9 and 10.

Mr. PAUL, 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. FILNER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. COYNE.

Mr. POSHARD.

Ms. BROWN of Florida.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. FARR.

Mr. BORSKI.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. MOAKLEY.

Mr. PALLONE.

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

Mr. HANSEN.

Mrs. KELLY.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. CAMP.

Mr. PACKARD.

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

Mr. PALLONE.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. HOYER.

Mr. TORRES.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 8, 1997, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4809. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions [Docket No. 96-070-2] received August 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4810. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Removal of Regulated Area [Docket No. 97-085-1] received August 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4811. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Upland Cotton Marketing Year Transition Procedure for Import

Quotas—received August 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4812. A letter from the General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—CCC Facility Guarantee Program (FGP) (Commodity Credit Corporation) [Workplan Number 96-001] (RIN: 0551-AA35) received August 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4813. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Action Reporting [DFARS Case 97-D013] received August 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

4814. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Incorporation, Organization, and Conversion of Federal Mutual Associations (Office of Thrift Supervision) [No. 97-83] (RIN: 1550-AB06) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4815. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Baseline Requirements for Gasoline Produced by Foreign Refiners [FRL-5883-3] (RIN: 2060-AH48) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4816. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Telephone Number Portability [CC Docket No. 95-116, RM-8535] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4817. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace; Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended [CC Docket No. 96-61] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4818. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act [16 CFR Part 305] received August 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4819. 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. 89F-0176] received August 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4820. 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: Adhesives and Components of Coatings [Docket No. 92F-0261] received August 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4821. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—New Drug Applications and Abbre-

viated New Drug Applications; Editorial Amendments [21 CFR Part 314] received August 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4822. 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 in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Selenium [Docket No. 86F-0060] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4823. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Specific Requirements on Content and Format of Labeling for Human Prescription Drugs; Addition of "Geriatric Use" Subsection in the Labeling [Docket No. 89N-0474] (RIN: 0910-AA25) received September 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4824. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Final Policy Statement on the Restructuring and Economic Deregulation of the Electric Utility Industry [10 CFR Part 50] received August 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4825. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Chemical Process Safety at Fuel Cycle Facilities [NUREG-1601] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4826. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-35), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4827. A letter from the Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Reporting and Procedures Regulations: Consolidation of Information Collections; Annual Reports on Blocked Assets and Retained Transfers; Reports on Rejected Transfers; Reports on Litigation; Procedure for Releasing Funds Believed to Have Been Blocked due to Mistaken Identity; Procedure for Removal from the Lists of Blocked Persons and Vessels [31 CFR Parts 500, 501, 505, 515, 535, 536, 550, 560, 575, 585, 590, 595, and 596] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4828. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide National Aeronautics and Space Administration [48 CFR Chapter 1] received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4829. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Modification of Existing Contracts under FARA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 96-606; Item XIX] (RIN: 9000-AH44) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4830. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting

the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Modification of Existing Contracts under FASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 94-723; Item XVIII] (RIN: 9000-AC90) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4831. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Year 2000 Compliance (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 96-607; Item XVII] (RIN: 9000-AC90) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4832. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Independent Government Estimates-Construction (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 97-005; Item XVI] (RIN: 9000-AH63) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4833. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Local Government Lobbying Costs (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 96-003; Item XV] (RIN: 9000-AH35) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4834. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Foreign Differential Pay (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 96-012; Item XIV] (RIN: 9000-AH43) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4835. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Designation of Hong Kong (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 97-019; Item XIII] (RIN: 9000-AH68) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4836. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Executive Order 12933, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Certain Contracts (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 94-610; Item XII] (RIN: 9000-AH62) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4837. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 95-028; Item XI] (RIN: 9000-AH34) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4838. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting

the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Economically Disadvantaged Individuals (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 97-008; Item X] (RIN: 9000-AH65) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4839. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Certificate of Competency (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 96-002; Item IX] (RIN: 9000-AH66) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4840. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; ADP/Telecommunications Federal Supply Schedules (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 96-602; Item VIII] (RIN: 9000-AH29) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4841. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Service Contracting (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 95-311; Item VII] (RIN: 9000-AH14) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4842. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; New FAR Certificates (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-1; FAR Case 96-329; Item VI] (RIN: 9000-AH67) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4843. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Environmentally Sound Products (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 92-054A; Item V] (RIN: 9000-AG40) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4844. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Automatic Data Processing Equipment Leasing Costs (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 96-010; Item IV] (RIN: 9000-AH41) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4845. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Irrevocable Letters of Credit and Alternatives to Miller Act Bonds (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 95-301; Item III] (RIN: 9000-AC99) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4846. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Gen-

eral Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; FASA and the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 96-601; Item II] (RIN: 9000-AH31) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4847. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Business Process Innovation (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [FAC 97-01; FAR Case 97-006; Item I] (RIN: 9000-AH64) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4848. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Circular 97-01; Introduction (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) [48 CFR Chapter 1] received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4849. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Presidential Management Intern Program (RIN: 3206-AH53) received August 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4850. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Qualification Requirements (General) (RIN: 3206-AH85) received August 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4851. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pipeline Right-Of-Way Applications and Assignment Fees; Requirements for Filing of Lease Transfers (RIN: 1010-AC04) received August 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4852. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulations for the Administration of Special Use Permits on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska (RIN: 1018-AD93) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4853. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (RIN: 1018-AD08) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4854. A letter from the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Financial Assistance for the Pribilof Environmental Restoration Program (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) received August 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4855. A letter from the Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Subsistence Management Regulation for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C & Subpart D—1997-1998 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations; Correcting Amendments (RIN: 1018-AD90) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4856. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Maryland [Docket No. 961210346-7035-02; I.D. 081597C] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4857. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 1997 Management Measures for Nontrawl Sablefish [Docket No. 970520120-7198-02; I.D. 040297A] (RIN: 0648-AJ19) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4858. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; "Other Rockfish" Species Group in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334-7025-02; I.D. 070397D] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4859. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska, Pacific Ocean Perch in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334-7025-02; I.D. 070797A] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4860. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Indiana Regulatory Program [SPATS No. IN-127-FOR; State Program Amdt. No. 95-5] received September 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4861. A letter from the Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Religious Beliefs and Practices [BOP 1011-F] (RIN: 1120-AA17) received August 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4862. A letter from the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Nonimmigrant Classes; Treaty Aliens; E Classification [INS 1427-93] (RIN: 1115-AC51) received August 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4863. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Clean Vessel Act Pumpout Symbol, Slogan and Program Crediting (RIN: 1018-AC67) received August 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4864. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Regulations Governing United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Treasury Notes, and Treasury BONDS—State and Local Government Series [Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 3-72] received August 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4865. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rules and Regulations [Rev. Proc. 97-41] received August 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4866. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability [Rev. Proc. 97-42] received August 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4867. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, first-out inventories [Rev. Rul. 97-37] received August 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4868. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property [Rev. Rul. 97-36] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4869. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations; Requests for Certain Determination Letters and Applications for Recognition of Exemption [Announcement 97-89] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4870. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index (Health Care Financing Administration) [BPD-820-F] (RIN: 0938-AG93) received August 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on 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:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 901. A bill to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands; with an amendment (Rept. 105-245). 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. DELAHUNT:

H.R. 2411. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas:

H.R. 2412. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the religious worker visa programs and to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to modify the effective date for certain paperwork changes in the employer sanctions programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2413. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act; title 18, United States Code; the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; and the Immigration Act of 1990 to make tech-

nical corrections to such statutes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 2414. A bill to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. CONDIT:

H.R. 2415. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act concerning the effect of administrative orders on civil penalty actions; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HEFLEY:

H.R. 2416. A bill to provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the U.S. Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island:

H.R. 2417. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to fight fraud by hospitals under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD (for

herself, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DIXON, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 2418. A bill to extend the National Bone Marrow Donor Program, and to establish a provision regarding the bone marrow registry and persons of mixed ancestry; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. REYES:

H.R. 2419. A bill to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to decrease the requisite blood quantum required for membership in the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SANFORD:

H.R. 2420. A bill to permit the transportation of passengers between U.S. ports by certain foreign-flag vessels and to encourage U.S. flag vessels to participate in such transportation; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 2421. A bill to repeal the Military Selective Service Act; to the Committee on National Security.

H.R. 2422. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for findings of presumptive disability under title II of such act in the same manner and to the same extent as is currently applicable under title XVI of such act; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. TOWNS:

H.R. 2423. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to disseminate to the public information relating to fraud, abuse, and quality of care in nursing homes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Ms. WOOLSEY:

H.R. 2424. A bill to recognize businesses which show an exemplary commitment to participating with schools to enhance educators' technology capabilities and to make every student technologically literate; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. FOX of

Pennsylvania, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. WELLER, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. BOB SCHAFER, Mr. COOK, Mr. RYUN, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. PORTER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. FOLEY):

H. Con. Res. 146. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the terrorist bombing in Jerusalem on September 4, 1997; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. ALLEN:

H. Con. Res. 147. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a postage stamp should be issued commemorating Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. FAZIO of California:

H. Res. 221. Resolution designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 2425. A bill for the relief of Lawrence E. Hall, Jr. and Nancy T. Hall; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REYES:

H.R. 2426. A bill for the relief of Vince Munoz, Governor of the Tribal Council of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and all other enrolled members of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Res. 222. Resolution for the relief of Vince Munoz, Governor of the Tribal Council of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and all other enrolled members of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo; 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. 66: Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 108: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 164: Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. HYDE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HOYER, Mr. STARK, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. NEY, Mr. MAS-CARA, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. DIXON, and Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 176: Mr. KUCINICH.

H.R. 198: Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 336: Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 404: Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. SEN-SENRENNER, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 444: Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 561: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 594: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. CAMP, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 610: Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 612: Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 619: Mr. NADLER and Mr. DIXON.

H.R. 712: Mr. DELLUMS.

H.R. 735: Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 755: Mr. COBURN and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 834: Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

H.R. 836: Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DICKS, Mr.