

Mr. ETHERIDGE. It actually accentuates the fact that there is considerable need. It is going to continue. We have just passed the tax credits and other things for young people to make it beyond high school. But the point is that we now have an opportunity to go back and rework that foundation. No house is ever stronger than the foundation you put under it. We have a chance to really strengthen that foundation, provide for some infrastructure needs that are badly needed, and I would agree with the gentlewoman from Connecticut. All these things are important and we must do them. But certainly children being able to read, compute, do math, safety, those are givens. We all agree that has to be done. But I hope we can now do some of the same things for the other needs that our K-12 children have that we were able to force together for those beyond high school and provide that dream of an educational opportunity. I think to do it we have to keep reminding people that the job is not finished, that we did not get done just because we went home in July and took a break. We have got a lot yet to do. It is going to be here next week, next month, next year. Until we get the job done, we are going to still be there knocking on that door, and the children are waiting for us to take that action.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleagues joining me tonight. As I said, we talked about the need for national standards last week. We talked about school construction needs tonight. There are a lot more educational priorities that we as Democrats are going to be discussing over the next few weeks.

Ms. DELAURO. I think that it is not each of the individual pieces, but it is where our values and our priorities lie as a country. I think we truly are in a defining moment about who we are and what we stand for. I do not think we can do enough in terms of the kind of commitment that we can have to these standards and values. I think it will set a tone and a direction for what the 21st century is going to be about. We talk a lot about bridges and all that, we can do it in hardware, software and so forth, but that is not the point. The point is fundamentally what kind of time and effort and resources do we commit to providing the opportunity for our youngsters, our kids, to really learn, to be able to expand their minds with what we are learning about zero to 3 and when kids start to learn. These are exciting times, I think, for us, exciting times for us to serve where we can truly make a contribution to a future generation, because so many did it for us.

Mr. PALLONE. The gentlewoman is just talking about equal opportunity, and that is what it is all about. We want any kid regardless of where he or she is to be able to have the equal opportunity. They will not be able to unless we encourage some kind of stand-

ards and at the same time we improve the infrastructure.

I want to thank both my colleagues for joining me and the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. LOWEY] before. We are going to continue pressing this education issue over the next few weeks and over this Congress.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HOUGHTON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 7 p.m., on account of illness.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official business.

Mr. RANGEL (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of business in the district.

Mr. GONZALEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Ms. CARSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of illness.

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

Mr. COYNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RANGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, 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. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. SHERMAN.

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. ROEMER.

Mr. ENGEL.

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

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

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. FORBES.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 9, 1997, at 9 a.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:

4871. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Potato Research and Promotion Plan; Suspension of Portions of the Plan; Amendments of the Regulations Regarding Importers' Votes; and Clarification of Reporting Requirements [FV-96-703IFR] received September 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4872. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—1997 Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports [CN-97-003] received September 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4873. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Tennessee Valley Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA-97-09] received September 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4874. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyridate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300527; FRL-5736-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4875. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300533; FRL-5738-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4876. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Coat Proteins of Watermelon Mosaic Virus-2 and Zucchini Yellow Mosaic Virus and the Genetic Material necessary for its production; Exemption from the requirement of a tolerance [OPP-300537; FRL-5739-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4877. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Chlorfenapyr; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300529; FRL-5737-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4878. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Coat Protein of Papaya Ringspot Virus and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production; Exemption from the requirement of a tolerance [OPP-300538; FRL-5739-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4879. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Coat Protein of Cucumber Mosaic Virus and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300539; FRL-5739-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4880. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting the CBO's Sequestration Update Report for FY 1998, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-587); to the Committee on Appropriations.

4881. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification of intent to study a commercial or industrial type function performed by 45 or more civilian employees for possible outsourcing, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on National Security.

4882. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Use of Test and Evaluation Installations by Commercial Entities," pursuant to Public Law 103-160, section 846(a) (107 Stat. 1723); to the Committee on National Security.

4883. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report waiving the application of the survivability tests to the F-22 program, pursuant to Public Law 104-106, section 2366(c); to the Committee on National Security.

4884. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Data Universal Numbering System Number [DFARS Case 97-D019] received September 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

4885. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to the People's Republic of China, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4886. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Morocco, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4887. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's annual report for the 1996 calendar year, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1422b; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4888. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the fiscal year 1995 Annual Report of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 671(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4889. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 1996 annual report on the Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2541-1(i); to the Committee on Commerce.

4890. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 1993 Annual Report to Congress on progress in conducting environmental remedial action at federally-owned or operated facilities, pursuant to Public Law 99-499, section 120(e)(5) (100 Stat. 1669); to the Committee on Commerce.

4891. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Depart-

ment of Energy, transmitting a report entitled "Electricity Prices in a Competitive Environment: Marginal Cost Pricing of Generation Services and Financial Status of Electric Utilities"; to the Committee on Commerce.

4892. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana [IN83-1a; FRL-5882-6] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4893. 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; State of Missouri [MO 032-1032; FRL-5877-3] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4894. 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; State of Missouri [MO 030-1030; FRL-5877-2] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4895. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources and Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Large Municipal Waste Combustion Units [AD-FRL-5879-4] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4896. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—List of Regulated Substances and Thresholds for Accidental Release Prevention [FRL-5881-8] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4897. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Air Quality: Revision to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds—Exclusion of 16 Compounds [FRL-5880-9] (RIN: 2060-AG70) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4898. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Report to Congress for 1995 pursuant to the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1337(b); to the Committee on Commerce.

4899. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report on the nondisclosure of safeguards information for the quarter ending June 30, 1997, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2167(e); to the Committee on Commerce.

4900. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Use of Fixed Neutron Absorbers at Fuels and Materials Facilities [Regulatory Guide 3.70] received September 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4901. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a report proposing to delay the submission of the National Energy Policy Plan until April 1, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce.

4902. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 1996 Annual Report on the AIDS Research Loan Repayment Program; to the Committee on Commerce.

4903. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the semi-

annual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997, and the semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4904. A letter from the Manager, Employee Benefits/Payroll, AgriBank, transmitting the annual report disclosing the financial condition of the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the Seventh Farm Credit District, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4905. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List [97-016] received September 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4906. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Report on Accountability for 1996; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4907. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act [FRL-5483-4] received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4908. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4909. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting a monthly listing of new investigations, audits, and evaluations; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4910. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Acquisition Regulation; Truth in Negotiations Act and Related Changes (RIN: 3206-AH45) received September 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4911. A letter from the Director, Financial Services, Library of Congress, transmitting activities of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission Fund for the first nine months of the fiscal year 1997, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, section 804 (102 Stat. 4610); to the Committee on House Oversight.

4912. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Royalty Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

4913. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Public Land Records (Bureau of Land Management) [WO-420-1050-00-24-1A] (RIN: 1004-AC 81) received September 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4914. 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; Scallop Fishery; Closure in Registration Area O [Docket No. 970613138-7138-01; I.D. 082897C] received September 5, 1997, pursuant

to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4915. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable 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; Sablefish Trip Limit Changes South of 36 degrees N. Lat. [Docket No. 961227373-6373-01; I.D. 082797F] received September 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4916. 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; Scallop Fishery; Closure in Registration Area H [Docket No. 970613138-7138-01; I.D. 082897B] received September 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4917. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures [Docket No. 970730185-7206-02; I.D. 070797B] (RIN: 0648-AJ13) received September 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4918. A letter from the Program Director, National Fund for Medical Education, transmitting the Fund's audited financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1996, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(34) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4919. A letter from the Accounting Administrative Supervisor, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, transmitting their report and financial audit for the year ending February 28, 1997, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(66) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4920. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of the Army, transmitting a report on the authorization of a deep-draft navigation project at Chignik Harbor, Alaska, pursuant to Public Law 104-303, section 101(b)(1); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4921. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Regulated Navigation Area Regulations; Lower Mississippi River [CGD08-97-008] (RIN: 2115-AE84) received August 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4922. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise (Federal Highway Administration) [FHWA Docket No. 96-26; FHWA-97-2348] (RIN: 2125-AD97) received August 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4923. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-124-AD; Amdt. 39-10104; AD 97-17-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4924. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. Model 214ST Helicopters (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-SW-27-AD;

Amdt. 39-10108; AD 97-17-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4925. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-80 Series Airplanes and Model MD-88 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-53-AD; Amdt. 39-10110; AD 96-23-07 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4926. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Realignment of VOR Federal Airways in the vicinity of Helena, AR (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-31] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4927. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Class D Airspace; Glenview, IL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4928. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Ely, MN (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-12] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4929. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace, Aurora, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-ACE-15] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4930. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-167-AD; Amdt. 39-10099; AD 97-16-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4931. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Grand River, MI (Coast Guard) [CGD09-97-008] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received August 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4932. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; San Pedro Bay, CA (Coast Guard) [COTP Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA; 97-005] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received August 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4933. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Hood Canal, WA (Coast Guard) [CGD13-95-011] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received August 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4934. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Op-

eration Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Florida (Coast Guard) [CGD07-97-020] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received August 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4935. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the Civilian Separation Pay Program during Fiscal Year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5597 nt.; jointly to the Committees on National Security and Government Reform and Oversight.

4936. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a report to notify that the Department will require an additional 45 days to transmit the implementation plan for addressing the issues raised in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 97-1 concerning the safe storage of uranium-233 material, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e); jointly to the Committees on National Security and Commerce.

4937. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Annual Report to the Congress on activities of the Department of Energy in response to recommendations and other interactions with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286e(b); jointly to the Committees on Commerce and National Security.

4938. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, United States Enrichment Corporation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide additional funding for continued predeployment activities relating to the Atomic Vapor Laser Isotopic Separation Technology for the Enrichment of Uranium; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and the Budget.

4939. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a report authorizing the transfer of up to \$100M in defense articles and services to the Government of Bosnia-Herzegovina, pursuant to Public Law 104-107, section 540(c); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

4940. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on intent to obligate funds for additional program proposals for purposes of Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund activities, pursuant to Public Law 104-208, title II; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

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. TALENT: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 2261. A bill to reauthorize and amend the programs of the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-246). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

[Omitted from the Record of September 5, 1997]

H.R. 10. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than September 30, 1997.