

5251. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334-7052-02; I.D. 092297D] received September 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5252. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to establish a uniform, workable administrative process by which those States and local governments that claim R.S. 2477 rights-of-way across Federal land can have the appropriate Federal land manager make binding determinations of their existence and validity; to the Committee on Resources.

5253. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the report on Loan Portfolio Valuation, pursuant to Public Law 104-134, section 31001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5254. A letter from the Executive Secretary, Inland Waterways Users Board, transmitting the Board's eleventh annual report of its activities; recommendations regarding construction, rehabilitation priorities and spending levels on the commercial navigational features and components of inland waterways and harbors, pursuant to Public Law 99-662, section 302(b) (100 Stat. 4111); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5255. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, transmitting a report entitled "Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites," pursuant to Public Law 104-303, section 512; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5256. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the report on continuing disability reviews for the fiscal year 1996, pursuant to Public Law 104-121, section 103(d)(2) (110 Stat. 850); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5257. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the report on options for enhancing the Social Security card, pursuant to Public Law 104-208, section 657; Public Law 104-93, section 111; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and the Judiciary.

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. 695. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to affirm the rights of U.S. persons to use and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption; with an amendment (Rept. 105-108, Pt. 5). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 512. A bill to prohibit the expenditure of funds from the land and water conservation fund for the creation of new National Wildlife Refuges without specific authorization from Congress pursuant to a recommendation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to create the refuge (Rept. 105-276). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2223. A bill to assist in the conservation of coral reefs; with an amendment

(Rept. 105-277). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1476. A bill to settle certain Miccosukee Indian land takings claims within the State of Florida (Rept. 105-278). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2007. A bill to amend the act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project, TX, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow use of the project distribution system to transport water from sources other than the project; with an amendment (Rept. 105-279). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 253. Resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 244) demanding that the Office of the U.S. attorney for the Central District of California file criminal charges against Hermandad Mexicana Nacional for failure to comply with a valid subpoena under the Federal Contested Elections Act (Rept. 105-280). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 254. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-281). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 255. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1370) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Rept. 105-282). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MCINNIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 256. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1127) to amend the Antiquities Act to require an Act of Congress and the concurrence of the Governor and State legislature for the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres (Rept. 105-283). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. KOLBE: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2378. A bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-284). Ordered to be printed.

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 Mrs. FOWLER (for herself, Mr. COX of California, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mr. SPENCE):

H.R. 2570. A bill to condemn those officials of the Chinese Communist Party, the Government of the People's Republic of China, and other persons who are involved in the enforcement of forced abortions by preventing such persons from entering or remaining in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. GUTIERREZ):

H.R. 2571. A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facil-

ity leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 2572. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that in the case of past-due benefits awarded an individual pursuant to a proceeding before the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the payment of attorneys fees with respect to such award may not exceed 20 percent of the award; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HAYWORTH:

H.R. 2573. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require that a majority of the funds raised by a candidate for election to the Senate or the House of Representatives come from individuals residing in the State the candidate seeks to represent, to require labor organizations to provide their members with information on the use of member dues for political purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. POMEROY:

H.R. 2574. A bill to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, ND, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. PORTER:

H.R. 2575. A bill to suspend the duty on the 2,6-Dimethyl-m-Dioxan-4-ol Acetate until January 1, 2001; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PORTER:

H.R. 2576. A bill to suspend the duty on B-Bromo-B-nitrostyrene until January 1, 2001; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. THURMAN:

H.R. 2577. A bill to exempt certain individuals who were 65 years of age or older as of the date of the enactment of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 from changes made by the act in the Medicare secondary payer rules for individuals with end stage renal disease; 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. ARMEY:

H. Res. 249. Resolution designating majority membership on certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FAZIO of California:

H. Res. 250. Resolution designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FARR of California (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. GILCHREST):

H. Res. 251. Resolution expressing support for the goals of America Recycles Day; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ROHRABACHER (for himself, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. COX of California, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. ROYCE):

H. Res. 252. Resolution urging the President to make clear to the People's Republic of China the commitment of the American people to security and democracy on the Republic of China on Taiwan; to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

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

209. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Missouri, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 advising and strongly urging the EPA to retain the existing NAAQS for ozone; to the Committee on Commerce.

210. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Resolution No. 120 urging and requesting the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for ratification, for submission to the states, to provide for election of members of the federal judiciary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

211. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Oregon, relative to House Bill 3640 requesting that the Federal Government honor the Federal Government's original mandate to implement and complete the cleanup and restoration of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation; jointly to the Committees on National Security and Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 26: Mr. GIBBONS.
H.R. 135: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.
H.R. 250: Mr. FOLEY.
H.R. 345: Mr. SALMON.
H.R. 367: Mrs. MYRICK.
H.R. 610: Mr. SAWYER.
H.R. 754: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 778: Mr. FATTAH.
H.R. 779: Mr. FATTAH.
H.R. 780: Mr. FATTAH.
H.R. 991: Mr. ABERCROMBIE and Mr. DINGELL.
H.R. 992: Mr. HOLDEN.
H.R. 1114: Mr. PAXON, Mr. REDMON, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1371: Mr. WELDON of Florida.
H.R. 1507: Mr. STARK, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. ROEMER.
H.R. 1531: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.
H.R. 1631: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
H.R. 1704: Mr. GOODE.
H.R. 1710: Mr. FAWELL, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CANNON, Mr. WAMP, and Mr. MATSUI.
H.R. 1711: Mr. COOKSEY, Ms. DANNER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, and Mr. SANDLIN.
H.R. 1842: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 2009: Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. GREENWOOD.
H.R. 2090: Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. TORRES,

Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.

H.R. 2110: Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 2183: Mr. HORN.
H.R. 2200: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.
H.R. 2221: Mr. BOEHNER.
H.R. 2250: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, and Mr. MANZULLO.
H.R. 2273: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. PICKETT.
H.R. 2382: Mr. FROST and Ms. FURSE.
H.R. 2383: Mr. HOEKSTRA.
H.R. 2409: Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. SKEEN.
H.R. 2424: Mr. HERGER, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. FARR of California.
H.R. 2434: Mr. FILNER, Mr. STRICKLAND, and Mr. THOMPSON.
H.R. 2454: Mr. McNULTY, Mr. FILNER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. COSTELLO.
H.R. 2456: Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MINGE, and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.
H.R. 2457: Mr. McNULTY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. FILNER.
H.R. 2460: Mr. WYNN.
H.R. 2476: Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.
H.R. 2488: Ms. STABENOW and Mr. GRAHAM.
H.R. 2497: Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. GOSS, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. PAXON, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. PORTER, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. COX of California, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HULSHOF, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. SOLOMON, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. BASS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. GOODE.
H.R. 2503: Mr. POSHARD, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.
H.R. 2526: Mr. FROST, Mr. TALENT, Mr. GOSS, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. SKEEN.
H.R. 2535: Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.
H.R. 2554: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.
H.R. 2568: Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. TALENT.
H.J. Res. 84: Mr. SHADEGG.
H. Con. Res. 38: Mr. SHAYS.
H. Con. Res. 68: Ms. KAPTUR.
H. Con. Res. 80: Mr. WALSH.
H. Con. Res. 114: Ms. STABENOW.
H. Con. Res. 158: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan.

PETITIONS, ETC.

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

22. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Louisiana Municipal Association, relative to a resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to act to grant to the states the authority needed to enforce the collection of sales taxes on interstate catalog sales; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

23. Also, a petition of Gregory D. Watson of Austin, Texas, relative to bringing to the attention of Congress a significant correction as to the sequence of events leading to the 1992 ratification of the 27th article of amendment to the United States Constitution, and referencing action taken by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky two centuries earlier in the year 1792; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

24. Also, a petition of the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors, relative to requesting that Federal and State legislation be enacted to allow men and women from the military to obtain credit for their training so that their skills are transferable to the private sector and to other government agencies; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

[Omitted from the Record of September 26, 1997]

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 1 by Mr. YATES on House Resolution 141: Peter A. Fazio, Sam Gejdenson, Anna G. Eshoo, Walter H. Capps, Charles B. Rangle.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 901

OFFERED BY: MR. VENTO

AMENDMENT No. 51: Page 10, line 15, Following the word "special" insert the following: "including commercial,"