

employment security system and give a fair return to employers for the taxes employers pay under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. FORD:

H.R. 1740. A bill to reliquidate certain entries of N,N-dicyclohexyl-2-benzothiazole-sulfenamide; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

H.R. 1741. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel M/V *Sandpiper*; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 5: Mr. BARR of Georgia and Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 8: Mr. GILLMOR, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. BLILEY.

H.R. 14: Mr. KOLBE.

H.R. 25: Ms. DELAULO, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

H.R. 44: Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H.R. 49: Mr. GARY MILLER of California.

H.R. 72: Mr. PAUL and Mr. HILL of Montana.

H.R. 82: Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. WISE.

H.R. 107: Mr. MCKEON.

H.R. 111: Mr. CLAY, Mr. PITTS, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. WHITFIELD, and Mr. ROTHMAN.

H.R. 125: Ms. LEE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. RUSH, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 127: Mrs. MALONEY of New York and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 147: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 148: Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin.

H.R. 165: Mr. BARCIA.

H.R. 175: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. GEKAS, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. HOFFFEL, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. GOSS, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. JOHN, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. PORTER, and Ms. BALDWIN.

H.R. 183: Mr. LAFALCE and Mr. OXLEY.

H.R. 202: Mr. HILL of Montana.

H.R. 219: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 234: ADERHOLT, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, and Mr. SHOWS.

H.R. 254: Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. HORN, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. DREIER, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, and Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 303: Mr. WALDEN of Oregon and Mr. HAYWORTH.

H.R. 315: Mr. WEYGAND, Mrs. CAPPS, and Mr. MOAKLEY.

H.R. 316: Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. BACHUS, and Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 351: Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin.

H.R. 352: Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. TANCREDI, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, and Mr. GRANGER.

H.R. 353: Mr. BAIRD, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, and Mr. MASCARA.

H.R. 357: Mr. HOFFFEL.

H.R. 363: Mr. HAYWORTH.

H.R. 374: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 383: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 405: Mr. FORBES and Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 413: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. WALSH, Mr. SPENCE, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 434: Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 443: Mr. MCDERMOTT.

H.R. 515: Mr. OWENS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. KLINK.

H.R. 516: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 518: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 531: Mr. MCINTOSH, Ms. DUNN, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. HILL of Montana, and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 576: Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H.R. 583: Ms. STABENOW and Mr. REYES.

H.R. 592: Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 599: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. LEE, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. STARK.

H.R. 614: Mr. BILBRAY.

H.R. 623: Mr. PITTS.

H.R. 632: Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 648: Mr. STUMP, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SWEENEY, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. TANCREDI, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 664: Ms. LEE and Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 710: Mr. LATHAM, Mr. DREIER, Mr. TANNER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. ORTIZ, and Mr. BERRY.

H.R. 716: Mr. BAKER and Mr. GONZALEZ.

H.R. 721: Mr. HORN.

H.R. 732: Mr. WYNN and Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 738: Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 743: Mr. SHOWS.

H.R. 773: Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

H.R. 775: Mr. REYNOLDS and Mr. WELLER.

H.R. 777: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 783: Mr. DAVIS of Virginia and Mr. THORNBERRY.

H.R. 784: Mr. OBERSTAR and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 789: Mrs. MYRICK and Mr. GARY MILLER of California.

H.R. 796: Mr. COLLINS.

H.R. 797: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky and Mr. WHITFIELD.

H.R. 798: Mr. BLAGOJEVICH and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

H.R. 804: Mr. SANDERS and Mr. SANFORD.

H.R. 827: Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. DELAULO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 835: Mr. KASICH.

H.R. 852: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 860: Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 864: Mr. GEKAS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. NEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HOFFFEL, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Ms. DUNN.

H.R. 870: Mr. MCINNIS.

H.R. 883: Mr. COX, Mr. TERRY, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. REYNOLDS, and Mr. TAUZIN.

H.R. 901: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. CAPUANO.

H.R. 902: Mr. PHELPS.

H.R. 903: Mr. SPENCE.

H.R. 904: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. TAUZIN.

H.R. 937: Ms. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 957: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. MANZULLO, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BOYD.

H.R. 961: Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.

H.R. 979: Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. WU, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 984: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BENTSEN, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 997: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. HORN, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. QUINN, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. OSE, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. BASS, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LAHOOD, and Ms. PELOSI.

H.R. 1001: Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. BOEHLERT.

H.R. 1006: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1008: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 1021: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 1039: Mr. MCDERMOTT and Ms. GRANGER.

H.R. 1055: Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HILL of Montana.

H.R. 1070: Mr. POMEROY, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SKELTON, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. DANNER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. METCALF, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. CASTLE, Mrs. BONO, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. KLINK, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. VENTO, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. MURTHA, Mrs. BIGGER, Mr. CAMP, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. BERRY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BROWN of California, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. GORDON, Mr. SAWYER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALDARDO, Ms. MCCARTHY of MISSOURI, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HOFFFEL, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. EHRLICH, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GILCHRIST, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. FORD, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 1071: Ms. CARSON, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mrs. THURMAN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 1083: Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 1086: Mrs. JONES, of Ohio.

H.R. 1092: Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 1093: Ms. CARSON, Mr. SALMON, Mr. HOFFFEL, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 1095: Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. CARSON, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. BONIOR.

H.R. 1097: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1102: Mr. WALSH, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MOORE, and Mr. LAZIO.

H.R. 1123: Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 1130: Mr. RANGEL and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1144: Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H.R. 1145: Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H.R. 1145: Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 1180: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. WISE, Ms. CARSON, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. MOORE, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. OSE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr.

MASCARA, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. LEACH, Mr. CANDY of Florida, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. FORD, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. JOHN, and Mr. INSLEE.

H.R. 1187: Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. LUTHER, and Mr. REGULA.

H.R. 1190: Mrs. JONES of Ohio and Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 1192: Mr. TANCREDO.

H.R. 1193: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Mr. KING.

H.R. 1195: Mr. CONDIT, Mr. SCHAFER, and Mr. ROHRBACHER.

H.R. 1196: Mr. DEFazio.

H.R. 1214: Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 1219: Mrs. NORTHUP.

H.R. 1221: Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1244: Mr. BONILLA, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. MOORE.

H.R. 1245: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1246: Mr. SPRATT, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 1256: Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DELAY, and Mr. GILMAN.

H.R. 1261: Mr. GARY MILLER of California.

H.R. 1263: Mr. EWING, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. TANCREDO.

H.R. 1264: Mr. EWING, Mr. UPTON, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. WYNN, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, and Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.R. 1275: Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. STARK, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. KOLBE, and Ms. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 1276: Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

H.R. 1291: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. ISAKSON.

H.R. 1293: Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. INSLEE, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 1301: Mr. BOYD, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. ENGLISH, and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 1304: Mr. BACHUS, Mr. LEACH, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. BAIRD, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. HANSEN, and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1315: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1317: Ms. PRYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 1322: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 1325: Mr. FROST, Mr. FALOMAVAEGA, and Ms. PELOSI.

H.R. 1334: Mr. SCHAFER.

H.R. 1336: Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BAKER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. METCALF, Mr. QUINN, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. HILL of Montana.

H.R. 1337: Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. TURNER, Mr. BONIOR, Mrs. NORTHUP, and Mr. ARMEY.

H.R. 1342: Mr. KLINK.

H.R. 1349: Mr. PITTS and Mr. KOLBE.

H.R. 1351: Ms. DUNN.

H.R. 1354: Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 1355: Mr. JEFFERSON.

H.R. 1358: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 1388: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1394: Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 1398: Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 1399: Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. OLVER, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. DIXON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

H.R. 1407: Mr. WOLF, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 1414: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1421: Mr. BONIOR and Mr. WEINER.

H.R. 1423: Mr. FROST, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WEINER, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1424: Mr. STUMP, Mr. FROST, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. WEINER, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1432: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 1456: Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 1463: Mr. CROWLEY.

H.R. 1464: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. HAYES, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 1476: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 1484: Mr. SHOWS and Mr. OBERSTAR.

H.R. 1485: Mr. MEEKS of New York and Mr. BALDACC.

H.R. 1491: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts and Mr. FORD.

H.R. 1495: Mr. NADLER and Ms. STABENOW.

H.R. 1497: Mr. ALLEN and Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 1511: Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. FROST, Mr. ISTOOK, and Mr. WATKINS.

H.R. 1530: Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. MICA, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.

H.R. 1535: Mr. OBERSTAR and Mr. KLINK.

H.R. 1545: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1549: Mr. BAIRD, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 1556: Mr. FROST, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. HOEFFEL, and Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 1579: Ms. DELAURO, Mr. COYNE, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. KLINK, and Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 1598: Mr. CLEMENT and Mr. TANNER.

H.R. 1600: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1606: Mr. BONIOR.

H.R. 1607: Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 1614: Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1622: Mr. GOSS, Mr. FILNER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1630: Mr. GUTIERREZ and Mr. ENGLISH.

H.R. 1633: Mr. WELLER.

H.R. 1657: Mr. BARCIA.

H.R. 1670: Mr. MEEKS of New York and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 1706: Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1710: Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, and Mrs. KELLY.

H.J. Res. 2: Mr. HULSHOF.

H. Con. Res. 30: Mr. THUNE, Mr. CANNON, and Mr. BARTON of Texas.

H. Con. Res. 31: Mr. GARY MILLER of California.

H. Con. Res. 34: Mr. LAFALCE.

H. Con. Res. 58: Mr. GARY MILLER of California.

H. Con. Res. 79: Mrs. KELLY, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. GARY

MILLER of California, Mr. TALENT, Mr. COOK, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. CHAMBLISS.

H. Con. Res. 94: Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. DEMINT.

H. Res. 41: Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. SPENCE.

H. Res. 82: Mrs. CAPPS and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

## DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 979: Mr. BOYD.

H.R. 984: Mr. BOEHNER.

## AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 1664

OFFERED BY: Mr. FARR of CALIFORNIA

AMENDMENT No. 15: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following new section:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ (a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary of Defense is authorized to enter into agreements to make payments for the settlement of the claims arising from the deaths caused by the accident involving a United States Air Force CT-43 aircraft on April 3, 1996, near Dubrovnik, Croatia.

(b) DEADLINE FOR EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall make the decision to exercise the authority under subsection (a) not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) SOURCE OF PAYMENTS.—Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of the Air Force for operation and maintenance for fiscal year 1999 or other unexpended balances for prior years shall be available for payments under subsection (a).

(d) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—The amount of the payment under this section in settlement of the claims arising from the death of any person associated with the accident described in subsection (a) may not exceed \$2,000,000.

(e) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—Any amount paid to a person under this section is intended to supplement any amount subsequently determined to be payable to the person under section 127 or chapter 163 of title 10, United States Code, or any other provision of law for administrative settlement of claims against the United States with respect to damages arising from the accident described in subsection (a).

(f) CONSTRUCTION.—The payment of an amount under this section may not be considered to constitute a statement of legal liability on the part of the United States or otherwise as evidence of any material fact in any judicial proceeding or investigation arising from the accident described in subsection (a).