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I believe it would save \$23 million. But after conversations with the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) and with several on his staff, I came to the conclusion that actually that would have been counterproductive, that it may in fact have cost taxpayers money.

But I think that the problem that I was trying to address was this problem of money-losing timber sales is one that has to be addressed. I mean, it is a miracle to me that we can have basically the equivalent of \$220 billion in assets, which is basically the timber on national forests, and yet still have it as a money-losing process.

So I look forward to engaging with the gentleman from Virginia and others on his subcommittee this year in looking for ways to ease the regulatory burden on the National Forest Service so that they can begin to make money, because, if not, I think that we really need to begin looking at the selling off of national forests.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from South Carolina for his comments, for his forbearance on the amendment he was considering offering. I would say to the gentleman that I wholeheartedly agree with him that there needs to be reform of the management of our national forests, particularly with the way that timber sales are managed, because there is a tremendous amount of waste that does not occur on the vast amount of land we have in this country that is privately owned that also harvests a substantial amount of timber, in fact, far more than is taken from our Federal lands.

So there are a number of reforms that need to take place to streamline that process, to make sure that we protect the environment, but also to make sure that we follow good, sound business practices in our national forests. I look forward to working with the gentleman from South Carolina in that regard.

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, one last point on that very front. It is amazing to me that we can have a land block the size of Texas.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET REGARDING REVISIONS TO ALLOCATION FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. KASICH, is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sec. 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD revisions to the allocation for the House Committee on Appropriations pursuant to House Report 106-163 to reflect \$144,000,000 in additional new budget authority and \$146,000,000 in additional outlays for

the Earned Income Tax Credit. This will increase the allocation to the House Committee on Appropriations to \$538,296,000,000 in budget authority and \$578,347,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2000.

As reported by the House Committee on Appropriations, H.R. 2490, a bill making appropriations for Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, includes \$144,000,000 in budget authority and \$146,000,000 in outlays for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

These adjustments shall apply while the legislation is under consideration and shall take effect upon final enactment of the legislation.

Questions may be directed to Art Sauer or Jim Bates.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for after 11:00 a.m. today and for the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Ms. BALDWIN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Mrs. THURMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness in the family.

Mr. WYNN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a family emergency.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today and July 15.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. PORTMAN, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. SCHAFER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KOLBE, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, July 21.

Mr. CALVERT, for 5 minutes, July 19.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 24 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, July 15, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3017. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the President has requested and made available appropriations of \$100,000,000 in budget authority for the Department of Health and Human Services' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; (H. Doc. No. 106-94); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3018. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the ninth annual report on the renovation of the Pentagon Reservation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3019. A letter from the Acquisition and Technology, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report regarding the Department of Defense Strategy to Address Low-Level Exposures to Chemical Warfare Agents, May 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3020. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting Special Education—Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3021. A letter from the Corporation for National Service, transmitting their 1998 Annual Report; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3022. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting two reports regarding the latest data available in the Toxics Release Inventory; to the Committee on Commerce.

3023. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report regarding Infertility and Sexually Transmitted Diseases; to the Committee on Commerce.

3024. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Saudi Arabia [Transmittal No. DTC 139-98], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3025. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Norway, Ukraine, Russia, and the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 6-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3026. A letter from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 06-99 which constitutes a Request for Final Approval for the Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. and Italy concerning technology demonstration and system prototype projects, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

3027. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the annual report of the Corporation for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2200a; to the Committee on International Relations.

3028. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the 6-month period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3029. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1998

through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3030. A letter from the Corporation for National Service, transmitting the Inspector General's Semi-Annual Report and the Corporation's Report of Final Action, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3031. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting notification of a vacancy in an office within the Department; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3032. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting notification of a vacancy in an office within the Department; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3033. A letter from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B for the period 10/01/95 through 09/30/98"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3034. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting a report on the activities of the Board's Office of the Inspector General for the six-month period ending March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3035. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's Final Annual Performance Plan for FY 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3036. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Semiannual Report to Congress prepared by the Board's Inspector General, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3037. A letter from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting the Acting Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress, covering the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3038. A letter from the Office of the Attorney General, transmitting the Semiannual Management Report and the Office of the Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3039. A letter from the Board of Directors, Panama Canal Commission, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General of the Panama Canal Commission, covering October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3040. A letter from the Acting Director, United States Information Agency, transmitting the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3041. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's 1998 Annual Report, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 438(a)(9); to the Committee on House Administration.

3042. A letter from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting a modification report describing the need for the safety modifications and the proposed corrective actions, along with other pertinent technical information applicable to Willow Creek Dam, Sun

River Project, Montana; to the Committee on Resources.

3043. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the first Self-Employment Assistance Program Report; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3044. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the 1999 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3045. A letter from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's 1998 Annual Consumer Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1462a(g); jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Commerce.

3046. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that the President has issued the required determination to waive certain restrictions on the maintenance of a Palestine Liberation Organization Office and on expenditure of PLO funds through October 21, 1999 [Presidential Determination No. 99-25]; 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. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 1995. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to empower teachers, improve student achievement through high-quality professional development for teachers, reauthorize the Reading Excellence Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-232, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida: Committee on Appropriations. Report on Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2000 (Rept. 106-233). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 246. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2490) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-234). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 247. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-235). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on Armed Services discharged. H.R. 1995 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:

H.R. 1995. Referred to the Committee on Armed Services extended for a period ending not later than July 14, 1999.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LAFALCE, Ms. DEGETTE, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas):

H.R. 2503. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deter the smuggling of tobacco products into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. BACHUS (by request):

H.R. 2504. A bill to authorize the United States participation in and appropriations for United States contributions to various international financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. KILDEE (for himself, Mrs.

JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. MORELLA, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HOYER, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. BALDWIN):

H.R. 2505. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 to ensure that elementary and secondary schools prepare girls to compete in the 21st century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr.

BROWN of Ohio, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mrs. THURMAN):

H.R. 2506. A bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana:

H.R. 2507. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow all taxpayers a credit against income tax for up to \$200 of charitable contributions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

H.R. 2508. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify the intent of Congress to hold individuals responsible for discriminatory acts committed by them in employment; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R. 2509. A bill to require implementation of an alternative program for providing a benefit or employment preference under Federal law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2510. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish criminal liability for unlawful discrimination based on disparate treatment; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. BLI-

LEY, Mr. DELAY, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. SPENCE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. TERRY, Mr.