

Unfortunately, even with all this activity, with the trade benefits, financial benefits, pledges of cooperation with Mexico, drug seizures are dramatically down. The amount of heroin seized from 1997 to 1998 dropped 56 percent. The amount of cocaine dropped some 35 percent in the same year. The number of vehicles seized from 1997 at sea went from 135 to 96, a 9 percent decrease.

We have asked for maritime cooperation. We have not gotten it. We have asked for seizure cooperation. We have not gotten it. We have also asked for extradition of Mexicans who have been involved in illegal narcotics.

Tonight let me display a couple of folks we are looking for and describe them. To date we have not had a single Mexican major drug trafficker extradited.

This individual is Lewis Ignacio Amezcua-Contreras, and this individual is one of the chief producers of methamphetamine in really the world. Recently, despite overwhelming evidence, all Mexican drug charges have been dismissed. We are hoping that this individual will be extradited to the United States.

Again, our requests, this Congress passed a resolution, the House of Representatives several years ago, asking for cooperation in extradition of major drug traffickers. To date, we have not had one Mexican major drug kingpin extradited.

We have another star tonight in our array of requests for extradition. This is another individual that we have asked for. This is Vincent Carrillo Fuentes. He is a major cocaine trafficker. He has not been arrested. We think he is at large in Mexico. He is a United States fugitive. This is another individual.

There are 45 of these major drug traffickers we would like extradited to stand trial, it is the thing they fear most, in the United States. I would say for both of these individuals, I believe there are some substantial rewards in the million dollar range, so if anyone would like to turn these individuals in, I am sure they would also like to receive the reward that is available.

United States officials testified before my subcommittee that there are 275 extradition requests that are pending with Mexico. Mexico has only approved 45 extradition requests since 1996, and as I said, not one major Mexican drug kingpin. Only 20 of the extradition requests that Mexico has approved have been drug-related, and only one of those has been a Mexican citizen. But again, there have been no major drug kingpins.

On November 13, 1997, the United States and Mexico signed a protocol to the current extradition treaty. I think that treaty goes back to 1978. The protocol is basically the way the extradition would operate, and all the details.

The protocol has been ratified by United States Senate, the other body,

and is currently being delayed in Mexico's Senate. To date they still have not resolved or approved an extradition protocol with the United States.

Additionally, this Congress several years ago asked Mexico for cooperation in enforcing the laws on the books. It was not a tough request: extradition, maritime cooperation. The United States customs agency ran an undercover operation called Operation Casablanca. This undercover operation was the largest money laundering sting in the history of the United States, absolutely incredible money laundering.

Members will not be able to see this chart too well. Maybe they can focus for a few minutes. Let me talk a little about this. Forty Mexican and Venezuelan bankers, businessmen, and suspected drug cartel members were arrested, and 70 others were indicted as fugitives.

The United States informed Mexican counterparts of the operation, but they did not tell them all the details because they feared Mexican corruption would or could endanger the lives of some of our agents.

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And as we know from history, one of our agents, Kiki Camarena, was brutally murdered in Mexico and even today some of his murderers and those involved in his horrible death have not been brought to justice.

Operation Casablanca involved three of Mexico's most prominent banks, Bancomer, Banca Serfin, and Confia, and all of these three major banks were implicated in the investigations. A former senior United States Customs agent who led the Casablanca probe declared that the corruption reached the highest levels of the Zedillo government when he implicated the defense minister in this event.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that we can have justice prevail in this situation and next week we will continue the rest of the story as it relates to corruption in the Mexican Government and Mexican drug trafficking.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MASCARA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for before 5:00 p.m. today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. LAHOOD (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending the funeral of Bishop Edward O'Rourke.

Mr. HILL of Montana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of medical 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. McNULTY) to revise and

extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. THUNE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, October 12.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1255. An act to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 6, 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:

4649. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Modification of Procedures for Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV99-905-4 IFR] received September 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4650. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Increase in Fees and Charges for Egg, Poultry, and Rabbit Grading [Docket No. PY-99-004] (RIN: 0581-AB54) received September 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4651. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tobacco Inspection; Subpart B-

Regulations [Docket No. TB-99-07] received September 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4652. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Safety Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Addition of Mexico to the List of Countries Eligible to Export Poultry Products into the United States [Docket No. 97-006F] (RIN: 0583-AC33) received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4653. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for emergency funds for the Department of Defense to be used to meet the critical readiness and sustainability needs that emerged from operations in Kosovo; (H. Doc. No. 106-140); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4654. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations—received September 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4655. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-7300] received September 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4656. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules to Provide For Greater Use of Spread Spectrum Communications [WT Docket No. 97-12 RM-8737] received September 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4657. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Manson, Iowa) [MM Docket No. 99-91 RM-9529] (Rudd, Iowa) [MM Docket No. 99-92 RM-9530] (Pleasantville, Iowa) [MM Docket No. 99-93 RM-9531] (Dunkerton, Iowa) [MM Docket No. 99-95 RM-9533] (Manville, Wyoming) [MM Docket No. 99-97 RM-9535] received September 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4658. A letter from the Associate Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 [CC Docket No. 96-115] Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Propriety Network Information and Other Customer Information; Implementation of the Non-Accounting Safeguards of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended [CC Docket No. 96-149] received September 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4659. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: (VSC-24) Revision (RIN: 3150-AG36) received September 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4660. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council, pursuant to 50 U.S.C.

1541; (H. Doc. No. 106-139); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

4661. A letter from the Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Reexports to Libya of Foreign Registered Aircraft Subject to the Export Administration [Docket No. 990827238-9238-01] (RIN: 0694-AB94) received September 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4662. A letter from the Director, Office of the Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Agriculture Acquisition Regulation; Part 415 Reorganization; Contracting by Negotiation [AGAR Case 96-04] (RIN: 0599-AA07) received October 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4663. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Coastal Zone Consistency Review of Exploration Plans and Development and Production Plans (RIN: 1010-AC42) received September 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4664. A letter from the Acting Regulations Officer, Office of Process and Innovation Management, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Administrative Review Process; Prehearing Proceedings and Decisions by Attorney Advisors; Extension of Expiration Dates (RIN: 0960-AF07) received October 4, 1999, 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. TALENT: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 1497. A bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program; with an amendment (Rept. 106-365). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 323. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2990) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals greater access to health insurance through a health care tax deduction, a long-term care deduction, and other health-related tax incentives, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to and choice in health care through association health plans, to amend the Public Health Service Act to create new pooling opportunities for small employers to obtain greater access to health coverage through HealthMarts, and for other purposes, and for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2723) to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage (Rept. 106-366). Referred to the House Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE 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. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary, S. 452. An act for the relief of Belinda McGregor (Rept. 106-364). Referred to the Private Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLILEY (for himself, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. BLUNT):

H.R. 3011. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the disclosure of information concerning telephone charges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. KASICH):

H.R. 3012. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to protect Social Security trust funds and save Social Security surpluses for Social Security; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 3013. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow shareholder common stock to be transferred to adopted Alaska Native children and their descendants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. BIGGETT (for herself, Mr. OSE, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. FOLEY):

H.R. 3014. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to prison commissaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

H.R. 3015. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage a strong community-based banking system; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CLYBURN (for himself, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SANFORD, and Mr. DEMINT):

H.R. 3016. A bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 301 Main Street in Eastover, South Carolina, as the "Layford R. JOHNSON Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

H.R. 3017. A bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 78 Sycamore Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "Richard E. Fields Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

H.R. 3018. A bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 557 East Bay Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "Marybelle H. Howe Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

H.R. 3019. A bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 4026 Lamar Street in (the Eau Claire community of) Columbia, South Carolina, as the "Mamie G. Floyd Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. LARSON, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. HOEFFEL):

H.R. 3020. A bill to make illegal the sale of guns, ammunition, or explosives between private individuals over the Internet; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 3021. A bill to extend the authority of the THOMAS Paine National Historical Association to establish a memorial to THOMAS Paine in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Resources.