

6688. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 2001; jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

6689. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting a report entitled, "From Privileges to Rights: People Labeled with Psychiatric Disabilities Speak for Themselves"; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Commerce, and the Judiciary.

6690. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Estimates and Performance Plan; jointly to the Committees on Commerce, Appropriations, and Government Reform.

6691. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting a FY2001 Budget Request; jointly to the Committees on House Administration, Appropriations, and Government Reform.

6692. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting a report on issues affecting people with disabilities from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds, "Lift Every Voice: Modernizing Disability Policies and Programs to Serve a Diverse Nation"; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Government Reform.

6693. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a proposal of draft legislation, "To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes."; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Resources, Rules, Small Business, Government Reform, Veterans' Affairs, Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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:

[The following action occurred on March 17, 2000]

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 3822. A bill to reduce, suspend, or terminate any assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to each country determined by the President to be engaged in oil price fixing to the detriment of the United States economy, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-528). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted March 20, 2000]

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. House Resolution 182. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the National Park Service should take full advantage of support services offered by the Department of Defense (Rept. 106-529). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. KASICH: Committee on the Budget. House Concurrent Resolution 290. Resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 (Rept. 106-530). Referred to the Com-

mittee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[The following action occurred on March 17, 2000]

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration of H.R. 701.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VISCLOSKY:

H.R. 4033. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBLE (for himself, Mrs. BONO, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 4034. A bill to reauthorize the United States Patent and Trademark Office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GEKAS (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 4035. A bill to establish a commission to review and explore ways for the United States to become energy self-sufficient by 2010; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Mr. SAXTON):

H.R. 4036. A bill to provide that Federal reserve banks and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System be covered under chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code, relating to labor-management relations; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. SCARBOROUGH:

H. Con. Res. 289. Concurrent resolution condemning the racist and anti-Semitic views of the Reverend Al Sharpton; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 347: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
H.R. 515: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DELAUNO, and Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 1227: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.R. 1356: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.
H.R. 1689: Mr. BLUNT.
H.R. 1690: Mr. STRICKLAND.
H.R. 2025: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.
H.R. 2288: Mr. FATTAH.
H.R. 2564: Mr. SKEEN.
H.R. 2736: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 2909: Ms. WOOLSEY.
H.R. 3044: Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. McNULTY and Mr. DEFAZIO.

H.R. 3439: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.
H.R. 3268: Mr. GILMAN and Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 3690: Mr. BALDACCIO.
H.R. 3825: Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Ms. SANCHEZ.
H.R. 3844: Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. EHRlich, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
H.R. 3998: Mr. KIND and Mr. PASCRELL.
H. Con. Res. 262: Mr. COOKSEY and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.
H. Con. Res. 273: Mr. CAMPBELL.

AMENDMENTS

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

H.R. 3822

OFFERED BY: MR. GEJDENSON

AMENDMENT No. 1: Page 8, after line 2, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent section accordingly):

SEC. 7. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) using authority under existing law, directly through time exchanges (or "swaps") or through other means, the President and the Secretary of Energy should draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in an economically feasible manner and to a responsible degree, to combat unfair foreign trade practices of OPEC and alleviate the severely deleterious consequences to people and businesses in the United States that those practices have caused; and

(2) the President and the Secretary of Energy should prepare for future threats to the economy and energy supply of the United States by developing methods to—

(A) draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve quickly when needed; and

(B) increase the quantity of crude oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve over time in an economically reasonable manner.

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OFFERED BY: MR. GEJDENSON

AMENDMENT No. 2: Page 8, after line 2, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent section accordingly):

SEC. 7. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) using authority under existing law, directly through time exchanges (or "swaps") or through other means, the President and the Secretary of Energy should draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in an economically feasible manner and to a responsible degree, to combat unfair foreign trade practices of OPEC and alleviate the severely deleterious consequences to people and businesses in the United States that those practices have caused;

(2) the President and the Secretary of Energy should prepare for future threats to the economy and energy supply of the United States by developing methods to—

(A) draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve quickly when needed; and

(B) increase the quantity of crude oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve over time in an economically reasonable manner; and

(3) Congress should immediately pass, and the President should sign into law, legislation to reauthorize the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and extend the President's authority to release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

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OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT No. 3: Page 8, after line 2, insert the following:

(d) LEVERAGE TO SUCCEED IN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO END PRICE FIXING.—In order to increase the chances of diplomatic efforts succeeding to bring about the complete dismantlement of international oil price fixing, the President shall immediately enter into agreements with members of the oil industry for the swap of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for both crude oil and 6,700,000 barrels of home heating oil at a later date. Such arrangements shall provide that—

(1) when the price of crude oil drops below \$25 per barrel for a period of two consecutive weeks, the oil industry shall replenish crude oil to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and

(2) when the price of heating oil drops below \$1.00 per gallon for a period of two consecutive weeks, the oil industry shall provide the President with 6,700,000 barrels of home heating oil for the purposes of establishing a Home Heating Oil Reserve.

Once the President starts receiving heating oil pursuant to such agreements, the President shall create a heating oil reserve containing 2,000,000 barrels of heating oil in leased storage facilities in Albany, New York, the New York Harbor area, or any other appropriate location in the Northeast. The President shall deposit the remaining 4,700,000 barrels of heating oil received pursu-

ant to such agreements in one of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve caverns. The President shall immediately draw down the Heating Oil Product Reserve (consisting of home heating oil received pursuant to agreements under this subsection) only when fuel oil prices in any region of the United States rise sharply because of international oil price fixing or any other anticompetitive activity,

during a national or regional fuel oil shortage, or during periods of national or regional extreme winter weather. There are authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 to the Secretary of Energy for the period encompassing fiscal years 2000 through 2019 for the purposes of carrying out this subsection.