

market, number one, the commodity prices falling, the costs of doing business. Do you think on top of it we ought to give them the biggest obstacle of all, and that is their own government coming in and saying, upon your death, we are going to tax you again on this property?

In Colorado, when you go into a small ranch and you do that, you know what then, instead of ranching being, perhaps, the use of the property that is desired, it then develops into highest and best use theory, which means you take that 3,000-acre ranch and divide it up into 35-acre partials and build homes all over it. It is the only way really in a lot of circumstances, if you do not have the wealth to afford life insurance, you can get out of this taxation.

I want people to be aware that there is a distinct difference between the Democrats, the administration's policy on the estate tax, the death tax, and the Republicans. The Republicans have, and I am not trying to be partisan here, but this is a partisan issue. This death tax has become a partisan issue. The Republicans are saying that this is an unfair tax on its face.

It is punitive on its face. The Democratic administration has come in and now this year in their budget, in the Clinton-Gore budget, they have proposed an increase in the estate tax, an increase, not help us get rid of it. I mean, the least they could do is help neutralize it or not raise it, but the Clinton-Gore administration has come in and said we are going to raise the estate tax.

And for any of my colleagues that might shake their heads, cannot believe it, take a look at the budget proposal. It is in there, a \$9.5 billion increase. The estate tax is fundamentally unfair, and we should do something about that.

In conclusion, as you know, we covered a bunch of different topics this evening. If I were to say what was the most important, it is, one, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, get out there and do your job in Colorado. You have got the resources. Do not use it as an excuse. The people deserve more from your agency.

Number two, Project Exile will work. Help us. Adopt it in your States; talk to your constituents about Project Exile. And, congratulations, by the way, to all of the partners in our Project Exile partnership in Colorado, whether it is Tom Strickland; Ken Salazar; my friend, Bill Owens; Ross George; Ray Powers; whoever it is out there, you are doing a good. We are going to make it work.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WELDON of Florida). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WELDON of Florida) at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1287, NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2000

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-532) on the resolution (H. Res. 444) providing for consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1287) to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3822, OIL PRICE REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-533) on the resolution (H. Res. 445) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3822) 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, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of being unavoidably detained.

Mrs. LOWEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. CRANE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the next month on account of medical reasons.

Mr. GREENWOOD (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of participating in a CODEL to India.

Mr. ROYCE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of participating in a CODEL to India.

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. FRANK of Massachusetts) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FORD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of Florida, for 5 minutes, March 22.

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today, March 22, and March 23.

Mr. CAMP, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, March 28.

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, March 22.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, March 27.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today and March 22.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, March 22.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

S. Con. Res. 96. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) who are being awarded the AHEPA Medal for Military Service for service in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6694. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Pork and Pork Products From Yucatan and Sonora, Mexico [Docket No. 97-079-2] (RIN: 0579-AA91) received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6695. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Domestically Produced and Imported Peanuts; Change in the Maximum Percentage of Foreign Material Allowed Under Quality Requirements [Docket Nos. FV99-997-2 FIR, FV99-998-1FIR, and FV99-999-1 FIR] received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6696. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of the Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Cargo Preference-Subcontracts for Commercial Items [DFARS Case 98-D014] received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6697. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Federal Prison Industries Waiver Threshold [DFARS Case 2000-D005] received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6698. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Construction and Service Contracts in Noncontiguous States [DFARS Case 99-D308] received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6699. A letter from the Chairman, the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the 1999 Annual Report of the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3332; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6700. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Department's final rule—Financial Subsidiaries and Operating Subsidiaries [Docket No. 00-07] (RIN: 1557-AB60) received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6701. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a transaction involving U.S. exports to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6702. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medical Devices; Anesthesiology Devices; Classification of Nitric Oxide Administration Apparatus, Nitric Oxide Analyzer, and Nitrogen Dioxide Analyzer [Docket No. 96P-0436] received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6703. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medical Device Reporting; Manufacturer Reporting, Importer Reporting, User Facility Reporting, Distributor Reporting [Docket No. 98N-0170] received January 31, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6704. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendments to

the List of Regulated Substances and Thresholds for Accidental Release Prevention; Flammable Substances Used as Fuel or Held for Sale as Fuel at Retail Facilities [FRL-6550-1] (RIN: 2050-AE74) received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6705. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Schedule of Fees for Consular Services; Finance and Accounting; Passports and Visas—received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

6706. A letter from the Manager Analyst, Office of Inspector General, Department of Justice, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 1999, through September 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6707. A letter from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Non-displacement of Qualified Workers-Commercial Items [FAC 97-15; FAR Case 99-600; Item X] (RIN: 9000-AI38) received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6708. A letter from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Review of Award Fee Determination (BURNSIDE-Ott) [FAC 97-15; FAR Case 98-017; Item IX] (RIN: 9000-AI35) received January 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6709. A letter from the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's final rule—Revision of Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Regulations and Implementation of Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996 (RIN: 3145-AA31 and—AA32) received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6710. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock by Vessels Catching Pollock for Processing by the Mothership Component in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 000211040-0040-01; I.D. 022800C] received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6711. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—DIC Benefits for Survivors of Certain Veterans Rated Totally Disabled at Death (RIN: 2900-AJ65) received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6712. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Application of Producers' Good Versus Consumers' Good Test In Determining Country of Origin Marking [T.D. 00-15] received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6713. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Depart-

ment's final rule—Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material from the Prehispanic Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador [T.D. 00-16] (RIN: 1515-AC61) received March 9, 2000, 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. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 444. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (S. 1287) to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-532). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 445. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3822) 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 (Rept. 106-533). 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. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3903. A bill to deem the vessel *M/V Mist Cove* to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code (Rept. 106-531). Referred to the Private Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HOYER:

H.R. 4037. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to improve the efficiency of the Federal Election Commission, to authorize appropriations for the Commission for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. JACKSON of Illinois:

H.R. 4038. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to address the issue of mother-to-child transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in Africa, Asia, and Latin America; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. JACKSON of Illinois:

H.R. 4039. A bill to authorize microfinance and food assistance for communities affected by the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. SCARBOROUGH (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MICA, Ms. NOR-TON, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mr. ALLEN):