

Democrat and Republican alike, will join with the Republican leadership here and President Clinton in bringing about a positive vote on this.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SHERWOOD (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of attending his daughter's college graduation.

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

Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes each day, May 15 and May 16.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2412. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the "E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 15, 2000, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7552. A letter from the Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting a report that includes a descriptive summary of appropriations requested for each project category under the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) program element and the amounts obligated or expended or planned to be obligated or expended for each project; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7553. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Report on the Status of Pending Requests for Contract Adjustments and the Department's Plan for Eliminating the Backlog; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7554. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: Breast Cancer Research Program; Prostate Cancer Research Program; and Defense Health Research Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7555. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a statement involving export transactions to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

7556. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the OMB Cost Estimate as required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended; to the Committee on the Budget.

7557. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting Abnormal occurrences at or associated with any facility licensed or regulated under the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 for Fiscal Year 1999, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5848; to the Committee on Commerce.

7558. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Community Access to Health Care Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Commerce.

7559. A letter from the Lieutenant General, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Taipei Economic and Cultural Representatives for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 00-28), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

7560. A letter from the Lieutenant General, Director, Department of Defense, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (Transmittal No. 00-22), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

7561. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that effective March 12, 2000, the Department is extending the 15% danger pay allowance to the entire country of Uganda, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5928; to the Committee on International Relations.

7562. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the report required by the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 describing the current conditions in Hong Kong of interest to the United States; to the Committee on International Relations.

7563. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7564. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting the Month in Review: February 2000 Reports, Testimony, Correspondence, and Other Publications; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7565. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting the Performance Report of the National Endowment for the Humanities for Fiscal Year 1999; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7566. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the legislative proposal entitled the "Omnibus Federal Human Resources Administrative Improvements Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

7567. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill, "To allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a state or political subdivision, when required by state law, and for other purposes."; to the Committee on Resources.

7568. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, OAR, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—National Marine Aquaculture Initiative: Request for Proposals for FY-2000 [Docket No. 00309067-0067-01] (RIN: 0648-ZA82) received March 30, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7569. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Officer, ATF, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Increase in Tax on Tobacco Products and Cigarette Papers and Tubes [99R-88P] [T.D. ATF-420] (RIN: 1512-AB88) received March 29, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7570. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a proposed bill, "To amend 49, United States Code, to require manufactures of motor vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment to test or perform other engineering analyses that demonstrate compliance of their products with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, and for other purposes"; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

7571. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Secretary's annual report on the implementation of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 4173; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Government Reform.

7572. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Department of Justice, transmitting the 1999 Annual Report of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (FPI), pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 4127; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Government Reform.

7573. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a draft bill entitled the "Medicare Modernization Act of 2000"; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Commerce, Rules, the Budget, and Government Reform.

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. HOBSON: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 4425. A bill making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the

Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-614). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BARR of Georgia (for himself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. COBLE):

H.R. 4423. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the authority of probation officers and pretrial services officers to carry firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Ms. GRANGER):

H.R. 4424. A bill to provide a temporary alternative to fingerprint-based background checks, allowing the Federal Bureau of Investigation the time necessary to put in place a national fingerprint-based system accessible by youth serving organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

H.R. 4426. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to testing pregnant women and newborn infants for infection with the human immunodeficiency virus; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. LAFALCE (for himself, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 4427. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to require the payment of interest on reserves maintained at Federal reserve banks by insured depository institutions that make affordable transaction accounts available to their customers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. BACA:

H.R. 4428. A bill to ensure that schools develop and implement comprehensive school safety plans; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BARCIA (for himself, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 4429. A bill to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assist small and medium-sized manufacturers and other such businesses to successfully integrate and utilize electronic commerce technologies and business practices; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland (for himself, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. GILCREST, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. REYES, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO):

H.R. 4430. A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11831 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland, as the "Alfred Rascon Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. BORSKI):

H.R. 4431. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide support for the modernization and construction of bio-

medical and behavioral research facilities and laboratory instrumentation; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 4432. A bill to increase the legal age of smoking from 18 to 21; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey:

H.R. 4433. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the income inclusion on a distribution from an individual retirement account or a section 401(k) plan to the extent that the distribution is contributed to a charity; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. SWEENEY):

H.R. 4434. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that ancestors and lineal descendants of past or present members of the Armed Forces shall be taken into account in determining whether a veterans' organization is exempt from tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JONES of North Carolina:

H.R. 4435. A bill to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NC01 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MASCARA:

H.R. 4436. A bill to authorize a study concerning the George C. Marshall Plaza in Uniontown, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MCHUGH (for himself and Mr. FATAH):

H.R. 4437. A bill to grant to the United States Postal Service the authority to issue semipostals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Armed Services, 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. MICA:

H.R. 4438. A bill to provide compensation for certain World War II veterans who survived the Bataan Death March and were held as prisoners of war by the Japanese; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. NAPOLITANO (for herself, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. HILL of Indiana, Mr. LARSON, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. MOORE, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BACA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. REYES, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. CARSON, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. HORN, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. DREIER):

H.R. 4439. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program for the prevention of suicide among Latina adolescents; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. PORTER:

H.R. 4440. A bill to authorize appropriations to expand and enhance United States international broadcasting operations around the world, specifically enhancing the depth and scope of programming throughout the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. RAHALL:

H.R. 4441. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide a mandatory fuel surcharge for transportation provided by certain motor carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SAXTON (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. CUNNINGHAM):

H.R. 4442. A bill to establish a commission to promote awareness of the National Wildlife Refuge System among the American public as the System celebrates its centennial anniversary in 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. STRICKLAND:

H.R. 4443. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Correctional Health; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. DELAY, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. WOLF, and Ms. SANCHEZ):

H. Con. Res. 322. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Vietnamese Americans and others who seek to improve social and political conditions in Vietnam; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HOUGHTON, and Ms. MCKINNEY):

H. Con. Res. 323. Concurrent resolution supporting peace and democracy in the Republic of Sierra Leone; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. HOEFFEL (for himself, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. BERMAN):

H. Con. Res. 324. Concurrent resolution expressing support for United States participation in the Sixth Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mrs. NAPOLITANO (for herself, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. HILL of Indiana, Mr. LARSON, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. MOORE, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BACA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. REYES, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. CARSON, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. HORN, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. DREIER):

H. Con. Res. 325. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need to more appropriately address the health and well being of Hispanic adolescent girls and endorsing the findings and recommendations of the National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO) now known as The National Alliance for Hispanic Health; to the Committee on Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 175: Mr. NUSSLE.

H.R. 353: Mr. LEVIN Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. GEPHARDT.

H.R. 531: Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 652: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 773: Mr. BACA.

H.R. 1178: Mr. COOK.