

8230. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Changes to the FY 1999 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Wage Index and Standardized Amounts Resulting From Approved Requests for Wage Data Revisions [HCFA-1049-F] (RIN: 0938-AJ26) received April 18, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8231. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Revision to Accrual Basis of Accounting Policy [HCFA-1876-F] (RIN: 0938-AH61) received April 18, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8232. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Department Store Indexes—March 2000 [Rev. Rul. 2000-25] received April 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8233. A letter from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting a report titled, "Report on Supplemental Security Income: Income and Resource Exclusions And Disability Insurance Earnings-Related Provisions," pursuant to Public Law 106-170; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8234. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Health Care Programs: Fraud and Abuse; Statutory Exception to the Anti-Kickback Statute for Shared Risk Arrangements (RIN: 0991-AA91) received April 18, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

8235. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and State Health Care Programs: Fraud and Abuse; Clarification of the Initial OIG Safe Harbor Provisions and Establishment of Additional Safe Harbor Provisions Under the Anti-Kickback Statute (RIN: 0991-AA66) received April 18, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

8236. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting the enclosed legislation relating to the management of the Department of Defense; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Banking and Financial Services, and Government Reform.

8237. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a report entitled, "Preparing For Drought In The 21st Century"; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and Resources.

8238. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting the proposed legislation relating to the Department of Defense civilian personnel and Mentor-Protégé Programs; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Government Reform, and Armed Services.

8239. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting proposed legislation, "To make a technical correction to uniformed services pay tables as enacted in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 and that become effective July 1, 2000"; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Commerce, and Resources.

8240. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting the proposed amendments to the current law concerning the housing allowances paid to uniformed service members stationed in the United States; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, and Commerce.

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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. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 946. A bill to restore Federal recognition to the Indians of the Graton Rancheria of California (Rept. 106-677). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2778. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-678). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3084. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln; with an amendment (Rept. 106-679). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROGERS: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 4690. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-680). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 527. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4201) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the service obligations of noncommercial educational broadcast stations (Rept. 106-681). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 528. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 90) withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization (Rept. 106-682). Referred to the House Calendar.

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PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROGERS:

H.R. 4690. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BACA:

H.R. 4691. A bill to amend the farmland protection program of the Department of Agriculture to facilitate a regional approach to the acquisition of permanent conservation easements in the Chino Basin in the State of California; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. BERKLEY:

H.R. 4692. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of

Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Las Vegas Wash Wetland Restoration and Lake Mead Water Quality Improvement Project, Nevada; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. CARSON, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. LEE, and Ms. KAPTUR):

H. Con. Res. 356. Concurrent resolution acknowledging the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Ms. ESHOO):

H. Con. Res. 357. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning the war crimes committed by the Japanese military during World War II; to the Committee on International Relations.

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PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD introduced a bill (H.R. 4693) for the relief of Sergio Lozano; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 148: Mr. CRAMER.
H.R. 266: Mr. PASCRELL.
H.R. 407: Mr. GOODLATTE.
H.R. 531: Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. MCINNIS, and Ms. MCKINNEY.
H.R. 568: Mr. CRAMER.
H.R. 583: Mr. CARDIN.
H.R. 684: Ms. ESHOO.
H.R. 742: Mr. DOYLE and Mr. ALLEN.
H.R. 1005: Mr. METCALF.
H.R. 1217: Mr. THUNE.
H.R. 1310: Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. LEE, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 1324: Mr. ANDREWS.
H.R. 1325: Mr. ANDREWS.
H.R. 1366: Mr. BACA.
H.R. 1505: Mr. STRICKLAND.
H.R. 1581: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
H.R. 1590: Mr. COSTELLO.
H.R. 1595: Mr. HOLT.
H.R. 1625: Mr. BOEHLERT.
H.R. 1899: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO.
H.R. 2059: Ms. PELOSI.
H.R. 2121: Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. BOUCHER.
H.R. 2138: Mr. JEFFERSON.
H.R. 2288: Mr. HALL of Ohio.
H.R. 2362: Mr. CANNON.
H.R. 2431: Mr. COLLINS, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. HULSHOF.
H.R. 2457: Mr. WALSH, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. WEINER, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. WATERS.
H.R. 2631: Mr. HANSEN and Mr. BOEHLERT.
H.R. 2696: Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 2706: Ms. WOOLSEY.
H.R. 2710: Mr. GORDON.
H.R. 2790: Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey and Mr. KILDEE.
H.R. 2870: Mr. BONIOR.
H.R. 2953: Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. HALL of Texas.
H.R. 3003: Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Mrs. CLAYTON.
H.R. 3032: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PHELPS, and Mr. BOEHLERT.
H.R. 3125: Mr. ENGLISH and Mr. SALMON.
H.R. 3144: Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.
H.R. 3440: Ms. CARSON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
H.R. 3580: Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 3614: Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. LARSON.
H.R. 3698: Mr. COLLINS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. PICKETT, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. THORNBERRY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. NEY, and Mr. LAZIO.
H.R. 3766: Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. QUINN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. MATSUI, and Ms. VELAZQUEZ.
H.R. 3915: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. GILLMOR.
H.R. 4106: Mr. ENGLISH.
H.R. 4108: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 4215: Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 4239: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 4277: Mr. DOYLE, Mr. GOODE, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, and Mr. GORDON.
H.R. 4328: Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. GILLMOR, and Mrs. MYRICK.
H.R. 4334: Mr. PAYNE.
H.R. 4390: Mr. BONIOR.
H.R. 4438: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. FALCOMA-VAEGA.
H.R. 4463: Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
H.R. 4471: Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. HERGER, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. TANNER, Ms. CARSON, Mr. TERRY, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. ALLEN.
H.R. 4472: Mr. PAUL.
H.R. 4473: Mr. SANDLIN and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
H.R. 4496: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
H.R. 4511: Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. METCALF, Mr. BAKER, and Mr. SHERWOOD.
H.R. 4539: Mr. BACA, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FALCOMA-VAEGA, Mr. McNULTY, and Ms. KILPATRICK.
H.R. 4548: Mr. EWING.
H.R. 4567: Mr. RAHALL.
H.R. 4570: Mr. HOFFEL and Mr. BOEHLERT.
H.R. 4587: Ms. LEE.
H.R. 4596: Mr. UNDERWOOD.
H.R. 4652: Mr. REYNOLDS.
H.R. 4659: Mr. ROGAN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. CONNIT, and Ms. CARSON.
H.J. Res. 77: Mr. SHADEGG.
H. Con. Res. 209: Mr. SALMON, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. KING, Mr. WYNN, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. KIND, Mr. OLVER, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.
H. Con. Res. 321: Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. TURNER, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SAWYER, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. EWING, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mrs. MORELLA.
H. Con. Res. 339: Mr. HOYER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. EVANS.
H. Con. Res. 346: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. HILLIARD, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.
H. Con. Res. 348: Mr. HOYER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio.
H. Con. Res. 352: Mr. DEUTSCH and Mrs. LOWEY.

H. Res. 398: Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. SMITH, of New Jersey, Mr. BACA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. BECERRA.

H. Res. 461: Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. WAMP, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

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AMENDMENTS

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

H.R. 4201

OFFERED BY: MR. MARKEY

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Page 3, line 23, insert "educational" after "nonprofit".

Page 4, line 3, insert "educational" before "religious".

H.R. 4201

OFFERED BY: MR. MARKEY

(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Strike all after the enactment clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL OR PUBLIC BROADCAST STATIONS.

(a) SERVICE CONDITIONS.—Section 309 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(m) SERVICE CONDITIONS ON NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC BROADCAST STATIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—A nonprofit educational organization shall be eligible to hold a noncommercial educational radio or television license if the station is used primarily to broadcast material that the organization determines serves an educational, instructional, cultural, or educational religious purpose (or any combination of such purposes) in the station's community of license, unless that determination is arbitrary or unreasonable.

"(2) ADDITIONAL CONTENT-BASED REQUIREMENTS PROHIBITED.—The Commission shall not—

"(A) impose or enforce any quantitative requirement on noncommercial educational radio or television licenses based on the number of hours of programming that serve educational, instructional, cultural, or religious purposes; or

"(B) impose or enforce any other requirement on the content of the programming broadcast by a licensee, permittee, or applicant for a noncommercial educational radio or television license that is not imposed and enforced on a licensee, permittee, or applicant for a commercial radio or television license, respectively.

"(3) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as affecting—

"(A) any obligation of noncommercial educational television broadcast stations under the Children's Television Act of 1990 (47 U.S.C. 303a, 303b); or

"(B) the requirements of section 396, 399, 399A, and 399B of this Act."

(b) POLITICAL BROADCASTING EXEMPTION.—Section 312(a)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 312(a)(7)) is amended by inserting ", other than a noncommercial educational broadcast station," after "use of a broadcasting station".

(c) AUDIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH DONOR PRIVACY PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS.—Section

396(l)(3)(B)(ii) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 396(l)(3)(B)(ii)) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by inserting before the semicolon the following: ", and shall include a determination of the compliance of the entity with the requirements of subsection (k)(12)"; and

(2) in subclause (II), by inserting before the semicolon the following: ", except that such statement shall include a statement regarding the extent of the compliance of the entity with the requirements of subsection (k)(12)".

(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Consistent with the requirements of section 3 of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall amend sections 73.1930 through 73.1944 of its rules (47 C.F.R. 73.1930–73.1944) to provide that those sections do not apply to noncommercial educational broadcast stations.

SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.

(a) LIMITATION.—After the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall not establish, expand, or otherwise modify requirements relating to the service obligations of noncommercial educational radio or television stations except by means of agency rulemaking conducted in accordance with chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, and other applicable law (including the amendments made by section 2).

(b) RULEMAKING DEADLINE.—The Federal Communications Commission shall prescribe such revisions to its regulations as may be necessary to comply with the amendment made by section 2 within 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

H.R. 4516

OFFERED BY: MR. ANDREWS

AMENDMENT NO. 5: Page 40, insert after line 19 the following:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 211. The Comptroller General shall conduct a study of the project proposed to be carried out by the Secretary of the Army to dredge the Delaware River to bring the depth of its shipping channel to 45 feet, and shall include in the study an analysis of the following issues:

(1) Whether the benefit to the nation of carrying out this project is outweighed by its costs.

(2) The extent to which the project is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, including whether the sponsors of the project addressed the following issues in preparing the environmental impact statement associated with this project:

(A) The environmental impact of the disposal sites for materials dredged during the course of the project.

(B) The impact of any dredging of private oil refinery berths which may be associated with the project.

(C) The impact of the project on essential fish and oyster habitats.

(D) Whether the averages of the levels of toxins in samples taken from the sediment of the River failed to reveal areas where toxins are highly concentrated.

(E) The threats to drinking water supplies and water quality.

(3) The environmental and economic impacts of placing 23,000,000 cubic yards of dredged materials on the riverfront of communities near the project.

(4) The failure of the Secretary of the Army to obtain a meaningful number of commitments from private entities to carry out similar dredging of their privately owned ports.

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: MR. BAKER

AMENDMENT NO. 32: Page 14, line 13, insert after the dollar amount the following: "(increased by \$30,000,000)".