

reasonable that we consider and talk about the possibility that those inspections in agriculture that are just looking for what is allowed into this country or maybe some insects need to team up and have a greater ability to add to the energy of HEW in terms of the food health inspection.

To assure credibility and integrity, I would ask that the two statements opposing and supporting my amendment yesterday also be entered into the RECORD at this point.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 3, 2001.

“There’s a lot of medium-sized farmers that need help, and one of the things that we’re going to make sure of as we restructure the farm program next year is that the money goes to the people it’s meant to help.”—President George W. Bush, August, 2001

DEAR COLLEAGUE: Few people are aware that many of our farm commodity programs, for all of their good intentions, are set up to disburse payments with little regard to farm size or financial need. Often in our rush to provide support for struggling farmers we overlook just where that support is going:

This amendment only limits price supports, not AMTA, conservation, or any other type of farm payment.

The largest 18 percent of farms receive 74 percent of federal farm program payments.

In 1999, 47 percent of farm payments went to large commercial farms, which had an average household income of \$135,000.

The bulk of benefits over \$150 thousand paid out on the 2000 harvest went to cotton and rice farmers—in fact, two large rice cooperatives in Arkansas collected nearly \$150 million between them.

Unlimited government price supports for program commodities disproportionately skews federal farm aid to the largest of producers while encouraging overproduction and allowing the largest producers to become even larger. Let’s do more to be fair to small and moderate size family farm operations by establishing meaningful, effective payment limitations.

CBO Has Scored This Amendment as Saving \$1.31 Billion!

Support the Smith-Armey-Blumenauer-McInnis-Shays amendment on federal price support limitations

Sincerely,

NICK SMITH,
Member of Congress.

Representative Smith states that his amendment will only affect the very largest of recipients.

Mr. Smith is wrong.

He claims that it would take 1,950 acres of cotton or 17,000 acres of rice to reach the payment limit he references. In reality, it would take 432 acres of cotton or 700 acres of rice.

What the Smith amendment will do: Compromises the integrity of the agricultural marketing system; punishes medium-size farmers, the very ones he claims to be helping; adversely affects producers who use marketing certificates; and drastically reduces the effectiveness of the marketing loan

Oppose the Nick Smith Amendment

I would like to add that less than 1 percent of imported food is inspected and that there were over 76 thousand reported food poisonings last year.

It is generally agreed that the 21st century brings with it a new era in the biological

sciences with advances in molecular biology and biotechnology that promise longer, healthier lives and the effective control, perhaps elimination of a host of acute and chronic diseases. The prospects are bright but there is a dark side—the possibility that infectious agents might be developed and produced as offensive weapons; that new or emergent infections, like HIV/AIDS or old diseases or other pathogens need to be guarded against at our borders.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BRADY of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. MCKINNEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. LANGEVIN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. LANGEVIN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. CLAYTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CUMMINGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from America Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BURTON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. GIBBONS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 4:00 p.m. and October 5 on account of personal 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. STENHOLM) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. LANGEVIN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BRADY of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, October 5.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jess Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on October 3, 2001 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 1583. To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the “Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

H.R. 1860. To reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o’clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, October 5, 2001, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4093. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Method for Determining Market Capitalization and Dollar Value of Average Daily Trading Volume; Application of the Definition of Narrow-Based Security Index; Joint Final Rule [Release No. 34-44724; File No. S7-11-01] (RIN: 3235-AL13) received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4094. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Designated Contract Markets in Security Futures Products; Notice-Designation Requirements, Continuing Obligations, Applications for Exemptive Orders, and Exempt Provisions (RIN: 3038-AB82) received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4095. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—A New Regulatory Framework for Clearing Organizations (RIN: 3038-AB66) received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4096. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bispyribac-Sodium; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301175; FRL-6803-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 13, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4097. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bentazon; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301172; FRL-6803-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 13, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4098. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Mefenoxam; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301170; FRL-6801-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 13, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4099. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fluoroxypyr 1-Methylheptyl Ester; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301164; FRL-6798-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 13, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4100. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zeta-cypermethrin and its Inactive R-isomers; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-301171; FRL-6801-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 13, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4101. A letter from the Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clethodim; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301168; FRL-6800-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 13, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4102. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Sulfosate; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-301173; FRL-6801-8] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4103. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-301177; FRL-6802-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4104. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-301174; FRL-6803-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4105. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Paraquat; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-301178; FRL-6799-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4106. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propamocarb Hydrochloride; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301162; FRL-6797-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4107. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zoxamide 3, 5-dichloro-N-(3-chloro-1-ethyl-1-methyl-2-oxopropyl)-4-methylbenzamide; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301176; FRL-6803-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4108. A letter from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to the Bank Secrecy Act Regulations—Registration of Money Services Businesses and Requirement that Money Transmitters and Money Order and Traveler's Check Issuers, Sellers, and Redeemers Report Suspicious Transactions; Implementation Dates (RIN: 1506-AA24) received September 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4109. A letter from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting the Office's final rule—Executive Compensation (RIN: 2550-AA13) received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4110. A letter from the Secretary, Office of Chief Accountant, Securities Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Bookkeeping Services Provided by Auditors to Audit Clients in Emergency or Other Unusual Situations [Release Nos. 33-8004; 34-44792; IC-25157; FR-57] (RIN: 3235-AI31) received September 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4111. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Criteria and Procedures for Determining Eligibility for Access to Classified Matter or Special Nuclear Material (RIN 1992-AA22) received September 14, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4112. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality [AZ 103-0044;

FRL-7051-4] received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4113. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites [FRL-7054-5] received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4114. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval of Section 112(I) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; State of Pennsylvania; Department of Environmental Protection [PA001-1000; FRL-7055-9] received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4115. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and South Coast Air Quality Management District [CA 249-0290a; FRL-7045-9] received September 5, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4116. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and South Coast Air Quality Management District [CA 249-0290a; FRL-7045-9] received September 5, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4117. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval of Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana [IN138-2; FRL-7056-2] received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4118. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: California [CA-035-MSWA; FRL-7058-5] received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4119. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: South Carolina [Docket SC-038-200102a; FRL-7062-1] received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4120. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans for Colorado and Montana: Transportation Conformity [CO-001-0060a; MT-001-0032a; FRL-7055-4] received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4121. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans for New York Ozone State Implementation Plan Revision [Region 2 Docket No. NY53-230a, FRL-7057-5] received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4122. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to General Rules and Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Sources and Modifications [TX-104-1-7401b; FRL-7063-2] received September 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4123. A letter from the Director, Department of State, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Canada for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 02-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4124. A letter from the Director, Department of State, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Oman for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 02-08), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4125. A letter from the Director, Department of State, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 02-02), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4126. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 010112013-1013-01; I.D. 091001A] received September 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4127. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries; Large Coastal Shark Species [I.D. 082901B] received September 18, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4128. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. Model 47B, 47B-3, 47D, 47D-1, 47G, 47G-2, 47G2A, 47G-2A-1, 47G-3, 47G-3B, 47G-3B-1, 47G-3B-2, 47G-3B-2A, 47G-4, 47G-4A, 47G-5, 47G-5A, 47H-1, 47J, 47J-2, 47J-2A, and 47k Helicopters [Docket No. 2001-SW-13-AD; Amendment 39-12408; AD 2001-17-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4129. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model DH.125, HS.125, BH.125, and BAe. 125 (U-125 and C-29A Series Airplanes; Model Hawker 800, Hawker 800 (U-125A), Hawker 800XP, and Hawker 1000 Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-373-AD; Amendment 39-12417; AD 2001-17-26] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4130. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation,

transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2 and B4 Series Airplanes, and Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R (Collectively Called A300-600) Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-263-AD; Amendment 39-12420; AD 2001-17-29] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4131. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. (formerly AlliedSignal Inc. and Textron Lycoming Inc. LTS101 Series Turbo-shaft and LTP101 Series Turboprop Engines [Docket No. 94-ANE-38-AD; Amendment 39-12406; AD 2001-17-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 7, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4132. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Supplemental Guidelines for the Award of Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grants to States and Territories in FY 2002 and Subsequent Years [FRL-7054-7] received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4133. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Stills and Miscellaneous Regulations; Recodification of Regulations (2000R-491P) [T.D. AFT-462] (RIN: 1512-AC34) received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4134. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rules of Practice in Permit Proceedings; Recodification of Regulations (2000R-529P) [T.D. ATF-463] (RIN: 1512-AC43) received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4135. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exportation of Tobacco Products and Cigarette Papers and Tubes, Without Payment of Tax, or With Drawback of Tax; Recodification of Regulations (2001R-58P) [T.D. ATF-464] (RIN: 1512-AC47) received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4136. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of Public Laws 106-476 and 106-554, Relating to Tobacco Importation Restrictions, Markings, Repackaging, and Destruction of Forfeited Tobacco Products (2000R-492P) [T.D. ATF-465; Ref: Notice No. 913] (RIN: 1512-AC35) received September 6, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4137. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—2001 Marginal Production Rates [Notice 2001-53] received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4138. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Interest Rate [Rev. Rul. 2001-47] received September 13, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4139. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—2001 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment [Notice 2001-54] received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4140. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Gross Income Defined [Rev. Rul. 2001-42] received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4141. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Separate Reporting of Nonstatutory Stock Option Income in Box 12 of the Form W-2, Using Code V, Optional for Year 2002 [Announcement 2001-92] received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. McDERMOTT):

H.R. 3019. A bill to provide fast-track trade negotiating authority to the President; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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 Mrs. KELLY:

H.R. 3020. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Nurse Corps and recruitment and retention strategies to address the nursing shortage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana:

H.R. 3021. A bill to authorize the issuance of United States Defense of Freedom Bonds to aid in funding of the war against terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. STARK, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. COYNE):

H.R. 3022. A bill to provide for a program of temporary enhanced unemployment benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DUNCAN:

H.R. 3023. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to allow remarried widows, widowers, and surviving divorced spouses to become or remain entitled to widow's or widower's insurance benefits if the prior marriage was for at least 10 years; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGLISH:

H.R. 3024. A bill to reform the Federal unemployment benefits system; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 3025. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the program under which State and local governments may procure law enforcement equipment through the Department of Defense to include the procurement of counter-terrorism equipment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GIBBONS (for himself, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. ROEMER, and Mr. CASTLE):

H.R. 3026. A bill to establish an Office of Homeland Security within the Executive Office of the President to lead, oversee, and coordinate a comprehensive national homeland