

is a cyclical correction that also leads to the recovery of an economy. We here in the United States Congress will be acting on a stimulus package. In fact our fine chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), will be chairing the Committee on Ways and Means upon which I sit tomorrow to consider debate and to report out a bill for some type of stimulus package. The government cannot do it all. I think our constituents understand that. We do not need to lecture our constituents. They understand the government cannot do it all, but the government can help. Alan Greenspan has helped by putting more money in, by lowering interest rates. Any of our constituents that are out there that are paying credit card interest that is at all above 10 percent in my opinion, I would consider it excessive. I mean, Greenspan has lowered those rates so dramatically that every American, every American that uses credit, whether it is on your credit card or whether it is for your house ought to be seeing the benefit. And if you are not seeing the benefit, if your constituents are not seeing the benefit of lower interest rates from their credit card companies, tell them to dump that company and go with a company that is going to be fair with them, that is going to give them a rate that fairly evaluates the risk that is involved in doing business with them.

There are a lot of things out there that are going to work in our favor. One of the things that I think that can come out of that stimulus package tomorrow is broad based tax cuts, not tax

cuts for one specific individual or one specific industry but broad based. We need to get consumer confidence back in an upward mode. A stimulus package cannot do it all, as I said, but we can go a long ways, in putting incentive out there in the system so that once again our economic engine warms up and begins that climb up the hill. I know I can; I know I can. We know that that is going to happen. So I feel confident about our economy.

To wrap it up, I want to first of all thank my colleague the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) for the discussion, I thought a very thorough discussion we had this evening on missile defense. I think the President did a very commendable job. And I, like many, many hundreds of thousands of Americans, and I like most of my colleagues, if not all of my colleagues on this House floor, stand in gratitude for the leadership that the President has shown to this country, to the leadership that Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld and Condoleezza Rice and the other Cabinet members and our national security team and our military leaders and our military personnel, all across this country, thank God we have got these kind of people that are dedicated, in many cases with their lives, are dedicated to the cause of the United States of America. Thank God we have got people who are willing to make it their entire focus, in a patient, strong but dedicated way to make sure that the United States of America continues to prevail for the next generation in the good way that it has prevailed for our generation. Thank good-

ness we have got a country that recognizes all types of different religions, that allows people of different ethnic backgrounds to thrive in this country. We are equal under our laws around here. There are some countries in this world that will not allow foreign people to come in and be citizens. Many countries do not have open borders at all. They have closed borders. There are a lot of countries in this world who discriminate very clearly against other religions. But in the United States of America, whether you practice Islam, whether you are a Catholic, whether you are a Methodist, Episcopalian, a Mormon, even being an atheist in this country is protected by our Constitution. It is the strength of that Constitution that will increase the strength of this country. It is being respected by this President and his team.

My final remark is that I stand tall with all my colleagues in backing the President and his team. Let us go out there and let us eradicate the cancer that has fallen upon us. We owe it to ourselves. We owe it to future generations. It is an obligation and a responsibility of our job. And, frankly, we can get the job done.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4206. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit (Texas and States Other Than Florida, California and Arizona); Grade Standards [Docket Number FV-00-304] received September 25, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4207. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Changes to the Handling Regulation for Producer Field-Packed Tomatoes [Docket No. FV01-966-1 FR] received September 25, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4208. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Papayas Grown in

Hawaii; Suspension of Grade, Inspection, and Related Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV01-928-1 FR] received September 25, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4209. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301169; FRL-6801-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4210. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyhalofop-butyl; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301167; FRL-6800-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4211. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Truth in Savings—received September 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4212. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Operations of Federal Credit Unions—received September 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4213. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—California: Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Program [FRL-7065-7] received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4214. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Missouri: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-7068-1] received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4215. 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; Texas: Control of Emissions From Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators [TX-128-1-7466a; FRL-7067-6] received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4216. 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; Maryland; Rate of Progress Plans and Contingency Measures for the Baltimore Ozone Nonattainment Area [MD057/71/98/115-3082 FRL-7066-3] received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4217. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Approval of Operating Permits Program; Commonwealth of Massachusetts [AD-FRL-7065-9] received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4218. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Approval of Operating Permits Program; State of Rhode Island [AD-FRL-7068-9] received September 25, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4219. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District [CA 242-0294a; FRL-7066-8] received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4220. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Correction to the Hazardous Waste Identification Rule (HWIR): Revisions to the Mixture and Derived-from Rules; Direct Final Rule [FRL-7066-2] (RIN: 2050-AE07) received September 24, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4221. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 13-01 which informs the intent to sign Amendment Number One to the Air Defense Command and Control Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the United States and the NATO Hawk Production and Logistics Organization (NHLPO) for the Fire Direction Operation Center (FDOC), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4222. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4223. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 135, "Food Regulation Temporary Amendment Act of 2001" received October 11, 2001, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4224. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 14-133, "Free Clinic Assistance Program Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2001" received October 11, 2001, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4225. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a

copy of D.C. ACT 132, "National Capital Revitalization Corporation Temporary Amendment Act of 2001" received October 11, 2001, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4226. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 134, "Parental Kidnapping Extradition Amendment Act of 2001" received October 11, 2001, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4227. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Pelagic Longline Fishery; Sea Turtle Protection Measures [Docket No. 010710169-1169-01; I.D. 060401B] (RIN: 0648-AP31) received August 23, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

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. SKEEN: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2217. A bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-234). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2559. A bill to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance (Rept. 107-235 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2975. A bill to combat terrorism, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-236 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committees on International Relations, Resources, and Ways and Means discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2975.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2975. Referral to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select) extended for a period ending not later than October 12, 2001.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

193. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, relative to a Resolution memorializing the United States Congress to support the Secretary of State in recalling our delegation to the flawed United Nation's Conference on racism and commends him for his decisive action; to the Committee on International Relations.

194. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Resolution No. 1056 memorializing the United States Congress that the State Senate supports the President of the United States and the United States Congress in the actions they

must take in order to seek justice for the devastation that our nation has suffered from terrorism and to protect our nation from further terrorist acts of aggression; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

195. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution Memorializing the United States Congress to enact H.R. 2374 to amend the Internal Revenue Code to consider certain transitional dealer assistance related to the phase-out of Oldsmobile as an involuntary conversion; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

196. Also, a memorial of the House of Delegates of the State of West Virginia, relative to House Resolution No. 1 memorializing the United States Congress to accept the House of Delegates expression of their deepest heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those killed and injured in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the recovery efforts following the attacks; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and International Relations.

197. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of West Virginia, relative to Senate Resolution No. 503 memorializing the United States Congress that the State Senate condemns the action of terrorists and their attack on the United States on September 11, 2001; and for other purposes; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and International Relations.

198. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, relative to Resolution No. 146 memorializing the United States Congress to enact appropriate laws which will result in reducing terrorist threats within our borders; and for other purposes; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

33. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Slidell City Council, Louisiana, relative to Resolution No. R01-21 petitioning the United States Congress to carefully consider any changes to the National Flood Insurance Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Financial Services.

34. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 472 petitioning the United States Congress to oppose the granting of any discretionary economic benefit by the United States, New York State or Rockland County governments or public benefit corporations in an attempt to locate the siting of power plants in the Torne Valley in Rockland County; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

35. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 472 petitioning the United States Congress to request the New York State Legislature to amend Title X of the Public Service Law to require that no electrical generating facility other than hydroelectric shall be placed within one-half mile of a primary sole source aquifer or one-half mile from any abutting highly permeable soils as determined by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation without the prior consent of the Governor of the State of New York after a finding by the Governor of an extraordinary need for said facility; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

36. Also, a petition of the City of Lauderdale Lakes Commission, Florida, relative to Resolution No. 01-232 petitioning the United