

Earth Day, but his actions and the actions of the Republican leadership in this House do not dovetail with real environmental protection. In fact, the opposite is happening, and they continue to work to downgrade the environment and not provide the funding and the apportionment that is necessary to adequately carry out the good environmental laws that are on the books.

I am not going to keep going, Mr. Speaker. I could use a lot of other examples. But I did want to come here tonight to stress what is going on, and I think that hopefully the American people and my colleagues will wake up and realize that this degradation of the environment cannot continue and that the historical commitment that this Congress and that previous Presidents, both Democrat and Republican, have been making on a bipartisan basis to try to improve the quality of our environment should continue and should not be allowed to reverse itself as we have seen in the last year or 18 months into this administration.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. CRANE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of illness.

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

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, April 24.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, April 24.

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, April 24.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6330. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (RIN: 0575-AC26) received April 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6331. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's rule—Organization; Loan Policies and Operations; Termination of Farm Credit Status (RIN: 3052-AB86) received April 19, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6332. A letter from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)/TRICARE; Partial Implementation of Pharmacy Benefits Program; Implementation of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (RIN: 0720-AA62) received April 18, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6333. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-D-7517] received April 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6334. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations—received April 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6335. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received April 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6336. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received April 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6337. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Registration Form for Insurance Company Separate Accounts Registered as Unit Investment Trusts that Offer Variable Life Insurance Policies [Release Nos. 33-8088; IC-25522; File No. S7-9-98] (RIN: 3235-AG37) received April 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6338. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Beryllium Lymphocyte Proliferation Testing (BeLPT)—received April 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6339. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Guide of Good Practices for Occupational Radiological Protection in Uranium Facilities—received April 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6340. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to the Republic of Korea (Transmittal No. 03-02), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

6341. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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6346. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the 2002 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6347. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 1999-2001 Performance Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6348. A letter from the Acting Chairman, National Endowment For The Arts, transmitting the FY 2003 Performance Plan and the FY 1999, FY 2000, and FY 2001 Performance Reports; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6349. A letter from the Chairman and the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2001 Program Performance Report and the FY 2003 Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6350. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) (RIN: 1018-AH03) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6351. A letter from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the National Marine Fisheries Service Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research, as required by Section 404 (a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; to the Committee on Resources.

6352. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Procedures for the Handling of Discrimination Complaints Under Section 519 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (RIN: 1218-AB99) received April 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6353. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulations on Safety Integration Plans Governing Railroad Consolidations, Mergers, and Acquisitions of Control; and Procedures for Surface Transportation Board Consideration of Safety Integration Plans in Cases Involving Railroad Consolidations, Mergers, and Acquisitions of Control [FRA Docket No. 1999-4985, Notice No. 4] received April 19, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6354. A letter from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Procedures for Compensation of Air Carriers [Docket OST-2001-10885] (RIN: 2105-AD06) received April 16, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6355. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E5 Airspace; Batesville, MS [Airspace Docket No. 01-ASO-19] received April 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6356. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Andrews-Murphy, NC; Correction [Airspace Docket No. 02-ASO-2] received April 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6357. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Restricted Area 5201, Fort Drum, NY [Docket No. FAA-2001-10286; Airspace Docket No. 01-AEA-11] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 3, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6358. A letter from the Acting, Director Office of Regulatory Law, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Board of Veterans' Appeals Title Change (RIN: 2900-AL15) received April 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6359. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revenue Procedure 2001-56—received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6360. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting proposed legislation entitled, "Power Marketing Administration Authority Act"; jointly to the Committees on Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Budget.

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. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2963. A bill to establish the Deep Creek Wilderness Area, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-416). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1448. A bill to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; with an amendment Rept. 107-417 Pt. 1.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 395. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H. R. 3763) to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosure made pursuant to the securities laws, and for other purposes Rept. 107-418. Referred to the House Calendar.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 1448. Referral to the Committee on the Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than May 24, 2002.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. QUINN):

H.R. 4545. A bill to authorize appropriations for the benefit of Amtrak for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. STUMP (for himself and Mr. SKELTON) (both by request):

H.R. 4546. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. STUMP (for himself and Mr. SKELTON) (both by request):

H.R. 4547. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HOYER):

H.R. 4548. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 with respect to firefighter assistance; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. BAIRD:

H.R. 4549. A bill to codify the duty-free treatment of imports of straight sawn shingles of western red cedar; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BALDACCIO:

H.R. 4550. A bill to amend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to adversely affected workers who are engaged in self-employment assistance activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 4551. A bill to deem the nondisclosure of employer-owned life insurance coverage of employees an unfair trade practice under the Federal Trade Commission Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. HEFLEY:

H.R. 4552. A bill to amend the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 regarding certain small contracts; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky (for himself, Mr. TANNER, Mr. HAYWORTH, Ms. DUNN, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. BLUNT):

H.R. 4553. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the vaccine excise tax shall apply to any vaccine against hepatitis A; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MEEKS of New York:

H.R. 4554. A bill to establish a program under which employees of the legislative branch may be reimbursed for the costs of graduate school tuition and fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California:

H.R. 4555. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts paid by the Department of Defense toward the repayment of certain student loans owed by members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. TAUSCHER:

H.R. 4556. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on a certain chemical; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIAHRT (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

H.R. 4557. A bill to reduce recurring reporting requirements imposed by law on the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WALSH:

H.R. 4558. A bill to extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. ROYCE:

H.J. Res. 88. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Ms. DELAURO):

H. Con. Res. 385. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of Health and Human Services should conduct or support research on certain tests to screen for ovarian cancer, and Federal health care programs and group and individual health plans should cover the tests if demonstrated to be effective, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 40: Mr. WYNN, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 99: Mr. BALLENGER.

H.R. 122: Mr. GEKAS, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 179: Ms. WATSON.

H.R. 250: Mr. TANNER.

H.R. 303: Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 440: Mr. LEACH, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. ISRAEL.

H.R. 491: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. COSTELLO.

H.R. 536: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 548: Mr. OTTER, Mr. GRUCCI, Mr. FORBES, Mr. KERNS, Mr. OSE, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

H.R. 638: Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 699: Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 826: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. PUTNAM.

H.R. 835: Mr. SULLIVAN.

H.R. 877: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. SODER.

H.R. 914: Mr. ADERHOLT and Mr. MCINNIS.

H.R. 975: Mr. NETHERCUTT and Ms. BALDWIN.

H.R. 984: Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H.R. 985: Mr. ROGERS of Michigan.

H.R. 1011: Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

H.R. 1073: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 1086: Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. STENHOLM, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

H.R. 1090: Mr. HINOJOSA and Mr. TANCREDO.

H.R. 1182: Mr. TIBERI.

H.R. 1256: Mr. LYNCH, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 1265: Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 1294: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GOODE, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 1305: Mr. GEKAS and Mr. ISRAEL.

H.R. 1324: Mr. SERRANO, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. REYES, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. SANDERS.

H.R. 1354: Mr. CALLAHAN.

H.R. 1360: Mr. HONDA, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Ms. BALDWIN.