

Unfortunately, it is pretty clear to me that people are, in fact, looking at watering down the penalty provisions in particular, and to deal with problems, some people are saying, I have been told by one high-ranking member of the conference committee that they are concerned that there is not a problem with 4-H clubs dealing with raising these chickens that the 4-H'ers produce.

Well, first of all, to prosecute a cock-fighting case, law enforcement officers must have evidence of the illegal activity. The birds intended to be used in these cock fights are identifiable by several indicators, including the special structures that they are kept in, the fighting paraphernalia, the specific drugs that are provided to them to heighten the aggression and to aid the blood clotting.

The Animal Welfare Act already prohibits interstate transports for dogs for fighting purposes, and we have not had anybody come to this floor and say, well, we have these provisions in Federal law and we cannot have legitimate show-dog activities, that it is interfering with the buying, transport, and delivery of animals for purposes that do not impact animal fighting. Of course not. Reasonable people apply the laws reasonably, and this is absolutely specious.

There is a problem, however, because people will run through this loophole to continue to exploit the illegal game fighting that is happening in these States where it is illegal but it is legal to grow them, legal to train them, legal to transport them.

One of the problems is that the current penalties are 26 years old. They are not high enough to warrant prosecution of violations. What we hear from the U.S. Department of Justice and the USDA, that they have indicated that they would give more consideration if they were a felony and included higher fines and jail time.

That is what the House passed. That is what the conference committee should protect, and if we are not able to do that, Mr. Speaker, it is my intention to bring a motion to this floor to instruct the conferees to respect the rights and the will of the House and the Senate and to do what the American people want and end this cruel and barbaric practice.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BALDACCIO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a family medical emergency.

Mr. HOLT (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of attending a funeral in the district.

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

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 2:00 p.m. on account of official business in the district.

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

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHOWS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ISSA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker.

H.R. 4167. An act to extend for 8 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 29, 2002, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6386. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter providing information on a report entitled, "Support for Child Care Services and Youth Program Services"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6387. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Administration's FY 2001 Annual Report on Initiatives to Address Management Deficiencies, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1709(v); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6388. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's report entitled, "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences, Fiscal Year 2001," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5848; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6389. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning compliance by the Government of Cuba with the U.S.-

Cuba Migration Accords of September 9, 1994, and May 2, 1995; to the Committee on International Relations.

6390. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the semi-annual report of the Inspector General for the 6-month period ending September 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6391. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the semi-annual report on activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001, through September 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6392. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Financial Report of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2001 (Financial Report); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6393. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6394. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the twenty-fifth Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-Up, covering the period from April 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001 in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app.; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6395. A letter from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting the 2001 Annual Report of the Bonneville Power Administration, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6396. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Commercial Activities Inventory for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6397. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Commercial Activities Inventory for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6398. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6399. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting the semiannual report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6400. A letter from the Assistant Administration for Human Resources and Education, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6401. A letter from the Assistant Administration for Human Resources and Education, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6402. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6403. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's Performance Report for FY 2001; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6404. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30295; Amdt. No. 2093] received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6405. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Transportation, transmitting a study of recent changes in flight patterns of aircraft using the Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix, Arizona, pursuant to Section 746 of P. L. 106-181, the Wendell H. Ford Aviation and Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6406. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30299; Amdt. No. 434] received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6407. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30300; Amdt. No. 2097] received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6408. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.—Manufactured Model OH-13E, OH-13H, and OH-13S Helicopters [Docket No. 2001-SW-17-AD; Amendment 39-12657; AD 2002-03-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6409. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30301; Amdt. No. 2098] received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6410. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319 Series Airplanes and A320-200 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-252-AD; Amendment 39-12667; AD 2002-04-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6411. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, and -800 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-37-AD; Amendment 39-12665; AD 2002-04-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6412. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300; A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R (Collectively Called A300-600); and A310 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2002-NM-75-AD; Amendment 39-12686; AD 2002-06-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6413. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the 2001 Annual Report of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST),

pursuant to Public Law 100-418, section 5131(b) (102 Stat. 1443); to the Committee on Science.

6414. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Recordkeeping and Reporting for Qualified Tuition Plans (Notice 2001-81) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6415. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Rev. Proc. 2001-52) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6416. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Frequent Flyer Miles Attributable to Business or Official Travel (Announcement 2002-18) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6417. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Limitations on Benefits and Contributions Under Qualified Plans (Rev. Rul. 2001-51) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6418. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Rev. Proc. 2002-16) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6419. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Maximum Capital Gains Rate (Rev. Rul. 2001-57) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6420. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Differential Earnings Rate for Mutual Life Insurance Companies (Notice 2002-19) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6421. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters (Rev. Proc. 2002-3) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6422. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Interest Rate (Rev. Rul. 2001-63) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6423. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Deduction for Bad Debts (Rev. Rul. 2001-59) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6424. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2001-58) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6425. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters (Rev. Proc. 2001-55) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6426. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule—Last-in, First-out inventories (Rev. Rul. 2001-54) received April 8, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6427. A letter from the Chairman, IRS Oversight Board, transmitting the Board's annual report for 2001; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

6428. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting a draft bill, "To amend Title 38, United States Code, to establish a new Assistant Secretary to perform operations, preparedness, security, and law enforcement functions, and for other purposes"; jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Government Reform.

6429. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's proposed legislation entitled, "Military Construction Authorizations"; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Government Reform, and 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. HYDE: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 3994. A bill to authorize economic and democratic development assistance for Afghanistan and to authorize military assistance for Afghanistan and certain other foreign countries; with an amendment (Rept. 107-420). 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. DOOLITTLE:

H.R. 4589. A bill to provide for expedited decisions on wilderness study areas, to provide that lands designated as wilderness study areas for more than 15 years shall be used in accordance with the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 Ms. CARSON of Indiana (for herself,

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FORD, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REYES, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SABO, Mr. SANDERS, Ms.