

the end, from Richard Lynn. Richard Lynn again is the Southern Baptist Convention Ethics and Religion Commission. He is head of that commission for the Southern Baptists. And he says in his letter, "Dear Congressman Jones: H.R. 2357 is consistent with the constitutional principle that the church should be separated from the State. The government should not have the power to define what the church believes or practices in principle or in effect. With the unbridled discretion given to the Internal Revenue Service to selectively target those it wishes to silence or threaten, this principle is not currently being protected."

So, again, what Dr. Lynn is asking is that there not be any restriction of speech in the churches and synagogues throughout this great Nation that we all love and respect.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am now going to close the way I close every time I speak publicly. I was on the floor this week and will be a couple of times next week. This country appreciates the men and women in uniform. And as some of my colleagues from the other side were talking about the possibility of war in Iraq, which none of us know for sure what will happen, but I have three military bases in my district. I have Camp Lejeune Marine Base. I have Cherry Point Marine Air Station. I have Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. And I have gotten to know a lot of those men and women in uniform, from the privates up to the base commanders. And I tell you the truth, I love and respect all of them.

So I close my comments today, Mr. Speaker, by saying, most sincerely, God, please bless our men and women in uniform. God, please bless the families of our men and women in uniform. I have asked God to please bless the President of the United States, that the President might make the best decisions and the right decisions for the future of America. I ask God to bless my colleagues here in the House and the Senators across the aisle so that they might do what is right in the eyes of our Lord and Savior.

Mr. Speaker, I close this way because I say it three times because I mean it from the bottom of my heart. Please, God, please, God, please, God, continue to bless America.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. CARSON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family business.

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

Mr. FRANK, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. DOGGETT, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1308. An act to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Quinault Indian Nation under United States Claims Court Dockets 772-71, 773-71, 774-71, and 775-71, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4687. An act to provide for the establishment of investigative teams to assess building performance and emergency response and evacuation procedures in the wake of any building failure that has resulted in substantial loss of life or that posed significant potential of substantial loss of life.

H.R. 5157. An act to amend section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, to allow transit systems in urbanized areas that, for the first time, exceeded 200,000 in population according to the 2000 census to retain flexibility in the use of Federal transit formula grants in fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1834. An act for the relief of retired Sergeant First Class James D. Benoit and Wan Sook Benoit.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 23, 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:

9240. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Program — received September 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9241. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) Program — received September 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9242. 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 Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Sources and Modifications [TX-104-1-7401a; FRL-7378-7] received September 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9243. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Carbon Monoxide Implementation Plan; State of Alaska; Anchorage [AK-02-001; FRL-7253-4] received September 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9244. 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; Utah; New Source Performance Standards [SIP NO. UT-001-0043a, UT-001-44a; FRL-7376-7] received September 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9245. 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; State of Colorado; Denver PM 10 Redesignation to Attainment, Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes [CO-001-0067; FRL-7261-3] received September 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9246. 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; State of Utah; Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program; Utah County [UT-001-0021a, UT-001-0041a; FRL-7264-7] received September 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9247. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 27-02 which informs you of our intent to sign Amendment One to the Future Air Capabilities Memorandum of Understanding (FAC-MOU) between the United States, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and Italy, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9248. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 26-02 which informs you of our intent to sign a Project Agreement concerning Aegis Combat System Test and Evaluation on U.S. and Spanish Aegis Ships between the United States and Spain, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9249. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 25-02 which informs you of our intent to sign the Second Amendment to the Arrow System Improvement Program (ASIP) between the United States and Israel, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9250. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Licensing Jurisdiction for "Space Qualified" Items and Telecommunications Items for Use on Board Satellites [Docket No. 020726182-2182-01] (RIN: 0694-AC49) received September 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

9251. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the redesignation as "foreign terrorist organizations" pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, and amended by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on International Relations.

9252. A letter from the Acting White House Liaison, Department of Treasury, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9253. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Circular 2001-09; Introduction — received September 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

9254. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Emergency Rule to Establish Seven Additional Manatee Protection Areas in Florida (RIN: 1018-AH80) received September 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9255. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2002-2003 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations (RIN: 1018-AI34) received September 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9256. A letter from the Army Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Environmental Analysis of Army Actions [Army Regulation 200-2] received September 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9257. A letter from the Program Manager, ATF, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Transfer and Possession of Machineguns (ATF Rul. 2002-5) received September 12, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9258. A letter from the Program Manager, ATF, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Indoor Storage of Explosives in a Residence or Dwelling (ATF Rul. 2002-3) received September 10, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9259. A letter from the Program Manager, ATF, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Indoor Storage of Explosives in Business Premises Directly Adjacent to a Residence or Dwelling (ATF Rul. 2002-4) received September 10, 2002,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9260. A letter from the General Counsel, United States Access Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities; Recreation Facilities [Docket No. 98-5] (RIN: 3014-AA16) received September 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9261. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Priorities for Outpatient Medical Services and Inpatient Hospital Care (RIN: 2900-AL39) received September 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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. KOLBE: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 5410. A bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-663). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. S. 691. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California (Rept. 107-664). Referred to the Committee on 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. ISSA (for himself, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. BONO, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. OSE):

H.R. 5409. A bill to provide an environmentally sound process for the expeditious consideration and approval of a high-voltage electricity transmission line right-of-way through the Trabuco Ranger District of the Cleveland National Forest in the State of California and adjacent lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. KOLBE:

H.R. 5410. A bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, and Mr. BERRY):

H.R. 5411. A bill to extend for 3 additional years a temporary increase in payment for skilled nursing facility services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on

Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. BONO (for herself, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island):

H.R. 5412. A bill to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Ways and Means, 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. BURR of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CANNON, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. AKIN, and Mr. PETRI):

H.R. 5413. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to give a deduction to corporations for dividends paid and to exclude dividends from gross income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FERGUSON (for himself and Mr. FORD):

H.R. 5414. A bill to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GUTKNECHT (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. LUTHER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. SABO):

H.R. 5415. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a pilot program to encourage the use of medical savings accounts by certain current and retired public employees of the State of Minnesota and political jurisdictions thereof; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Ms. DELAUNO, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. FROST):

H.R. 5416. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from income and employment taxes and wage withholding property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM (for herself, Mr. BERRY, Mr. SABO, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. KIND, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. FORD, Mr. SHOWS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 5417. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the Mississippi River from its headwaters in the State of Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico for study for potential addition to the National Trails System as a national scenic trail, national historic trail, or both, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MCCRERY:

H.R. 5418. A bill to reform the administrative funding of the unemployment compensation and employment service programs; to improve State administration and flexibility with respect to such programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and