

And yet Cuban officials, in the very few times they have responded to questions about Varela, called Oswaldo Paya and other organizers insignificant and have ignored their constitutional duty to respond to the petition.

In a recent article in the *New York Times*, Paya responded by saying, "This may not be of statistical importance, and it may not be understood well outside Cuba, but as a sign it had great value and the government understood that well. The key to the Varela Project is the personal and spiritual liberation of people. No more masks. The regime did not respond, it fled."

Mr. Speaker, despite receiving extensive international attention for his efforts, life in Cuba has not been easy for Paya. Paya has received numerous obscene phone calls and has been subject to government surveillance. He was denied permission to travel to the United States to receive an award from the National Democratic Institute in Washington. And during the week he would have traveled, someone defaced his front door with red paint.

Other human rights leaders in Cuba connected to the Project have fared even worse. The president of the Human Rights Foundation, Juan Carlos Gonzalez Leyva, is in jail and faces a possible 6-year sentence for official disrespect and resisting arrest, among other charges, after protesting the arrest of an independent journalist in March. His group had been active in collecting signatures for the Varela Project petition.

Guillermo Farinas Hernandez, a psychologist in Santa Clara, said this week he expected he might face criminal charges for his endorsing the Varela Project at a local meeting last month where officials discussed scheduled National Assembly elections.

Paya has said the government's referendum, as well as the harassment of the Project's supporters, only further reflect the need for change in Cuba. To that end, Paya and other opposition figures continue to collect signatures and have formed a civic committee to direct the drive, stating that they wanted it to be a nonpartisan project to demand fundamental rights like freedom of expression, the right to own private businesses, electoral reform, and amnesty for political prisoners.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude talking about Cuba tonight and the Varela Project with one final note from the *New York Times* article I mentioned earlier. In response to foreign visitors that have suggested that things in Cuba were not as bad as in other Latin American countries that are plagued by poverty, corruption, and violence, Paya said only this, and I quote: "They ask if we are ready for change. What people are never ready for is oppression."

Once again I commend all those involved in the Varela Project, and I will continue to speak out in favor of the Project until the Cuban government responds in some way.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to turn briefly to Northern Ireland this evening because of my great concern about events over the last 2 weeks. I would like to initially urge British Prime Minister Tony Blair to take serious steps in preserving the peace in Northern Ireland. Mr. Blair must take immediate actions to ensure that the Good Friday Agreement does not fall apart.

Mr. Speaker, as you may know, on Monday, October 14, Prime Minister Blair suspended the power-sharing government of Northern Ireland. It is important that the agreement and the devolved institutions are reinstituted as soon as possible. The Good Friday Accords, and more specifically the participation of all parties in the Belfast assembly power-sharing government, are the only real solution to lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

The only way for the agreements and power-sharing institutions to succeed, however, is for the Unionists to immediately accept equality amongst all citizens and parties in the north. The Protestant ruling parties must cease their stall tactics and work within the confines of the agreement to create a government that will be representative of all residents of Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland must also immediately implement all the Patten Commission's recommendations. The north must provide its citizens with a full, fair, and just reform of their police service. The PSNI, Police Service of Northern Ireland, must be representative of all ethnic, religious, and political groups in Northern Ireland. Prime Minister Blair should immediately demand the full implementation of the Patten police recommendations and ensure that Northern Ireland has a police service that is representative of all parties involved.

Mr. Speaker, I am quite worried that the Good Friday Agreement is hanging by a thread. These historic accords, which have shown the world that two parties which have battled for centuries can come up with an agreed-upon solution, are the only real way to preserve peace in Northern Ireland. And I once again urge Prime Minister Blair to reinstitute the Belfast Assembly and take immediate action on the Patten Commission's recommendations on policing.

It is my hope these historic accords can be salvaged and a real and lasting peace will be preserved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of activities in the district.

Mr. MANZULLO (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week 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:)

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BENTSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NUSSLE, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

H.J. Res. 113. Joint resolution recognizing the contributions of Patsy Takemoto Mink.

H.J. Res. 114. Joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1339. An act to amend the Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs and for other purposes.

S. 2558. An act to amend Public Health Service Act to provide for the collection of data on benign brain-related tumor through the national program of cancer registries.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on October 15, 2002 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.J. Res. 114. To authorize the use of United States Armed forces against Iraq.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 17, 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:

9650. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 Sugar Programs and Farm Facility Storage Loan Program (RIN: 0560-AG73) received October 11, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9651. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Apple Market Loss Assistance Program Cost-Benefit Assessment (RIN: 0560-AG63) received October 11, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9652. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting the Court's request that Congress take action prior to the upcoming elections to pass a full-year FY 2003 funding bill for the Judiciary; to the Committee on Appropriations.

9653. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food Labeling: Health Claims; Soluble Dietary Fiber From Certain Foods and Coronary Heart Disease [Docket No. 01Q-0313] received October 11, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9654. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9655. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Defense Information Systems Agency's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to North Atlantic Treaty Organization Consultation, Command, and Control Agency for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 03-05), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9656. A letter from the Director, 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. 03-06), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9657. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a report of enhancement or upgrade of sensitivity of technology or capability for Saudi Arabia (Transmittal No. 0A-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b)(5)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

9658. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to France [Transmittal No. DTC 208-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9659. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 244-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c) and 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9660. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Report of U.S. Citizen Expropriation

Claims and Certain Other Commercial and Investment Disputes"; to the Committee on International Relations.

9661. A letter from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Debt Collection (RIN: 3095-AA77) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

9662. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Coal Management: Noncompetitive Leases; Coal Management Provisions and Limitations [WO-320-1430-PB-24 1A] (RIN: 1004-AD43) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9663. 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 Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna [I.D. 091302A] received October 11, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9664. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, INS, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Passenger Data Elements for the Visa Waiver Program [INS No. 2219-02] (RIN: 1115-AG73) received October 11, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9665. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Visas: Removal of Visa and Passport Waiver for Certain Permanent Residents of Canada and Bermuda (RIN: 1400-AB43) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9666. A letter from the Regulations, FHA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming [FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2001-10886] (RIN: 2125-AE92) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9667. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Harlem River, Newton Creek, NY [CGD01-02-113] (RIN: 2115-AE47) October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9668. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations: Columbus Day Regatta, Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida [CGD07-02-117] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9669. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Mystic River, MA [CGD01-02-020] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9670. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Miami River, Miami-Dade County, Florida [CGD07-02-091] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9671. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, trans-

mitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, A Division of Textron Canada Model 222, 222B, 222U, 230, and 430 Helicopters [Docket No. 2001-SW-73-AD; Amendment 39-12897; AD 2002-20-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9672. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS332C, L, L1, and L2; AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, and D; AS355E, F, F1, F2, and N; AS-365N2; AS 365 N3; SA330F, G, and J; SA-360C; SA-365C, C1, and C2; SA.316B and C; and SA.319B Helicopters [Docket No. 2000-SW-55-AD; Amendment 39-12898; AD 2002-20-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9673. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-402, AT-402A, AT-402B, AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A Airplanes [Docket No. 2002-CE-03-AD; Amendment 39-12890; AD 2002-19-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9674. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Model HH-1K, TH-1F, TH-1L, UH-1A, UH-1B, UH-1E, UH-1F, UH-1H, UH-1L, and UH-1P; and Southwest Florida Aviation Model SW204, SW204HP, SW205, and SW205A-1 Helicopters, Manufactured by Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. for the Armed Forces of the United States [Docket No. 2001-SW-41-AD; Amendment 39-12895; AD 2002-20-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9675. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulations Governing Treasury Securities — received October 15, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9676. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus concerning the imposition of import restrictions on pre-classical and classical archaeological objects; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9677. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting notification that the President intends to initiate negotiations for a free trade agreement with Morocco; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9678. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting notification of the President's ongoing negotiations with Singapore on a free trade agreement; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9679. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting notification that the President intends to initiate negotiations for a free trade agreement with the five member countries of the Central American Economic Integration System (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9680. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting notification of the

President's ongoing negotiations with Chile on a free trade agreement; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. Supplemental report on H.R. 3215. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to expand and modernize the prohibition against interstate gambling, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-591 Pt. 2).

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2202. A bill to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the pertinent irrigation districts; with an amendment (Rept. 107-760). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 4601. A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes (Rept. 107-761). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 5399. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District (Rept. 107-762). 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 of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. KUCINICH (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. STARK):

H.R. 5644. A bill to repeal certain provisions of the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 (commonly known as the Taft-Hartley Act) that permit the President to intervene in strikes and lock-outs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MANZULLO (for himself and Mr. NUSSLE):

H.R. 5645. A bill to improve the calculation of the subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans and certain development company debentures; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. CAPUANO):

H.R. 5646. A bill to restore standards to protect the privacy of individually identifiable health information that were weakened by the August 2002 modifications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, 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. TOM DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. KIND, Mr. TURNER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. FROST):

H.R. 5647. A bill to authorize the duration of the base contract of the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet contract to be more than five years but not more than seven years; to the Committee on Armed Services. considered and passed.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. NORTON, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 5648. A bill to establish a grant program to provide comprehensive eye examinations to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. LEACH, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA):

H.R. 5649. A bill to allow North Koreans to apply for refugee status or asylum; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 5650. A bill to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 5651. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make improvements in the regulation of medical devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. considered and passed.

By Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 5652. A bill to designate a paid legal public holiday in honor of Native Americans; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. BOEHNER (for himself, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. PORTMAN):

H.R. 5653. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reasonable correction period for certain security and commodity transactions under the prohibited transaction rules; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. BONILLA (for himself, Mr. PAS-
TOR, and Mr. ORTIZ):

H.R. 5654. A bill to enhance the capacity of organizations working in the United States-Mexico border region to develop affordable housing and infrastructure and to foster economic opportunity in the colonias; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. TURNER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FROST, and Mr. ARMEY):

H.R. 5655. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs in Houston, Texas, as the "Michael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BENTSEN:

H.R. 5656. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permit the use of un-

expended allotments under the State children's health care program through fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BURR of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. STARK):

H.R. 5657. A bill to provide for availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CAMP (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

H.R. 5658. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTLE:

H.R. 5659. A bill to establish a comprehensive program for the prevention of obesity; 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. COLLINS:

H.R. 5660. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on aviation fuel; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 5661. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase tax incentives for higher education; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. DUNN (for herself, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. NETHERCUTT, and Mr. DICKS):

H.R. 5662. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permit the use of unexpended allotments under the State children's health care program for an additional fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. ESHOO (for herself and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 5663. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require ballistics testing of all firearms manufactured and all firearms in custody of Federal agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FORD:

H.R. 5664. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to provide fair treatment of employee benefits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GIBBONS:

H.R. 5665. A bill to provide for the sale of certain real property in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas (for himself, Ms. WATSON, and Ms. DEGETTE):

H.R. 5666. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage under the Medicare Program for diabetes laboratory diagnostic tests and other services to screen for diabetes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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.