

decent voluntary prescription drug plan as part of Medicare.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this House to reject these privatization plans and instead put a prescription drug benefit inside Medicare, and continue to serve the Medicare population as well as Medicare has in the past.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. EHLERS (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of accompanying the President on his trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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. BRADY of Pennsylvania) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

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

Mr. FATTAH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARSHALL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, February 5.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, January 31, 2003, 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:

280. A letter from the Administrator, Poultry Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Increase in Fees and Charges for Egg, Poultry, and Rabbit Grading [Docket No. PY-02-002] (RIN: 0581-AC10) received January 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

281. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement Vice Admiral Martin J. Mayer, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

282. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Joseph W. Ralston, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

283. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Public Housing Total Development Cost [Docket No. FR-4489-F-02] (RIN: 2577-AC05) received January 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

284. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received January 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

285. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7797] received January 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

286. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Disclosure Required by Sections 404, 406 and 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 [Release Nos. 33-8138; 34-46701; IC-25775; File No. S7-40-02] (RIN: 3235-AI66) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

287. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Strengthening the Commission's Requirements Regarding Auditor Independence [Release No. 33-8154; 34-46934; 35-27610; IC-25838; IA-2088, FR-64, File No. S7-49-02] (RIN: 3235-AI73) received January 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

288. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicaid Program; External Quality Review of Medicaid Managed Care Organizations [CMS-2015-F] (RIN: 0938-AJ06) received January 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

289. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Federal Plan Requirements for Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units Constructed on or Before August 30, 1999 [AD-FRL-6995-3] (RIN: 2060-AJ46) received December 23, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

290. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Baseline Emissions Determination, Actual-to-Future-Actual Methodology, Plantwide Applicability Limitations, Clean Units, Pollution Control Projects [AD-FRL-7414-5] (RIN: 2060-AE11) received December 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

291. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Baseline Emissions Determination, Actual-to-Future-Actual Methodology, Plantwide Applicability Limitations, Clean Units, Pollution Control Projects [AD-FRL-7414-5] (RIN: 2060-AE11) received December 23, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

292. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications

Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies [MM Docket No. 98-204] received January 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

293. A letter from the Acting Deputy Chief, WCB/TAPD, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Federal-State Jt. Board on Universal Service [Doc No. 96-45]; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review-Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Admin. of Telecom. Relay Service, N. Amer. Numbering Plan, Local No. Portability, & Universal Service Support Mechanisms [Doc No. 98-171]; Telecom Services for Individuals with Hearing & Speech Disabilities, & the A.D.A. Act of 1990 [Doc No. 90-571]; Admin. of the N. Amer. Numbering Plan & N. Amer. Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor & Fund Size [Doc No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72]; Number Resource Optimization [Doc No. 99-200]; Telephone No. Portability to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

294. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 [CC Docket No. 96-123] received January 23, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

295. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Standardized Advanced NUHOMS-24PT1 Addition (RIN: 3150-AG74) received January 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

296. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the semi-annual report of the activities of the Office of Inspector General during the six month period ending September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

297. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the semi-annual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

298. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the semi-annual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

299. A letter from the Secretary, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the Inspector General of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for the period April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

300. A letter from the Federal Co-Chairman, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

301. A letter from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

302. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting

the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

303. A letter from the Chair, Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting the semiannual report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

304. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the twenty-seventh Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-Up covering the period from April 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 app.; to the Committee on Government Reform.

305. A letter from the Inspector General, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

306. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General ending September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

307. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

308. A letter from the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

309. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

310. A letter from the Director, Peace Corps, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

311. A letter from the Inspector General Liaison, Selective Service System, transmitting a report in accordance with the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

312. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

313. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

314. A letter from the President, United States Institute of Peace, transmitting a report in compliance with the Inspector General Act of 1978 as amended and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

315. A letter from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Increased Contribution and Coordinated Party Expenditure Limits for Candidates Opposing Self-financed Candidates [Notice 2003-3] received January 21, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

316. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Revision of the Charter Vessel and Headboat Permit Moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico [Docket No. 021209298-2298-01; I.D. 120402C] (RIN: 0648-AQ59) received January 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

317. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Regulation and Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's) [FRL-6921-4] (RIN: 2040-AD19) received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

318. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 2003-7] received January 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

319. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Rulings and determination letters (Rev. Proc. 2003-5) received January 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

320. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Rulings and determination letters (Rev. Proc. 2003-6) received January 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

321. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Services's final rule — Rulings and determination letters [Rev. Proc. 2003-4] received January 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

322. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Exclusion of Gain from Sale or Exchange of a Principal Residence [TD 9030] (RIN: 1545-AX28) received January 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

323. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Reduced Maximum Exclusion of Gain from Sale or Exchange of Principal Residence [TD 9031] (RIN: 1545-BB02) received January 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

the Service's final rule — Rulings and determination letters (Rev. Proc. 2003-13) received January 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

325. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Gross Income defined (Rev. Rul. 2003-12) received January 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

326. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Election to Treat Trust as Part of an Estate [TD 9032] (RIN: 1545-AW24) received January 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

327. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Duration of COBRA continuation coverage (Rev. Rul. 2002-88) received January 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

328. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — LIFO Recapture [Notice 2003-4] received January 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

329. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Application of separate limitations to dividends from noncontrolled section 902 corporations [Notice 2003-5] received January 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

330. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Income, war profits or excess profits tax paid or accrued (Rev. Rul. 2003-8) received January 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RANGEL:

H.R. 436. A bill to suspend the phase-in of additional tax reductions under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 while the United States is in a state of war or on high military alert; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Ms. DELAUNO, and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 437. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. COLE, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. BAKER, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, and Mr. GRAVES):

H.R. 438. A bill to increase the amount of student loans that may be forgiven for teachers in mathematics, science, and special education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 439. A bill to create a system of background checks for certain workers who enter people's homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA):