

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert L. Walker, who, after 4 years of outstanding service as chief counsel and staff director of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, is leaving to become chief counsel and staff director for the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

Rob served the committee under two different chairmen, myself and my colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH). I speak for the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH), the ranking minority member, the gentleman from California (Mr. BERMAN), and all of my colleagues on the committee, past and present, in thanking Rob for his nonpartisan dedication to the committee and to the House. We express gratitude to Rob for his tireless work, his sense of fairness, his judiciousness and, most importantly, his impartiality.

Mr. Speaker, Rob Walker is the epitome of the nonpartisan professional staff required by the House and by the Committee on the Standards of Official Conduct for the important position he held. Rob advised the members of the committee and guided the staff in an impartial and absolutely fair manner.

As our counsel, in all aspects of his work Rob brought a profound sense of wisdom and respect for the history and precedents of the committee, the House and the American tradition of equal justice under the law. He carefully and faithfully balanced the rights of the committee and the House with the important due process rights of respondents and witnesses.

Mr. Speaker, Rob came to the committee from the Senate Ethics Committee, where he previously served as counsel. Prior to coming to Capitol Hill, he was a prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and at the public integrity section of the Department of Justice. He has both a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree from Stanford University. Rob is married to Dr. Alice Weiss and they have three children: Aaron, Daniel, and Madeleine. Devotion to his family and his distinguished professional record have earned Rob the personal and professional respect and friendship of the members of the committee and his colleagues on the staff.

Mr. Speaker, we wish Rob Walker and his family well in his new position. Although this House and the Committee will miss him, we will long remember his distinguished service to the House of Representatives.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DOYLE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending a memorial service for *Columbia* shuttle astronaut Dr. Laurel Clark of Racine, Wisconsin.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

H.R. 16. An act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 51, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. Friday, February 7, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the valiant crew members of the *Columbia* shuttle mission.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 51, the House adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the valiant crew members of the *Columbia* shuttle mission until Friday, February 7, 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:

511. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the transport of a chemical warfare agent, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1512(4); to the Committee on Armed Services.

512. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's determination and findings that it is in the public interest to use other than competitive procedures for a specific procurement, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(7); to the Committee on Armed Services.

513. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extension of DoD Pilot Mentor-Protege Program [DFARS Case 2002-D029] received January 9, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

514. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Trade Agreements Act — Exception for U.S.-Made End Products [DFARS Case 2002-D008] received January 9, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

515. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children: Exclusion of Military Housing Payments (RIN: 0584-AD34) received January 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

516. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, NHTSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Platform Lift Systems for Accessible Motor Vehicles Platform Lift Installations on

Motor Vehicles [Docket No. NHTSA-02-13917; Notice 1] (RIN: 2127-AD50) received December 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

517. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Emmetsburg, Sanborn and Sibly, Iowa and Brandon, South Dakota) [MM Docket No.01-65, RM-10078, RM-10188, RM-10189] received January 6, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

518. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's three report on nuclear nonproliferation in South Asia for the period of April 1 to September 30, 2001, October 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002 and April 1 to September 30, 2002, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2376(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

519. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to the Government of Jordan (Transmittal No. 01-03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

520. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 34-02 which informs you of our intent to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States, France the United Kingdom, and the NATO AEW&C Programme Management Organisation concerning Projects for the E-3 AEW&C Fleets, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

521. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Production or Disclosure of Official Information in Connection with Legal Proceedings (RIN: 1601-AA01) received January 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

522. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Procedures — received January 24, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

523. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual 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 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

524. A letter from the Director, Information Security Oversight Office, transmitting a copy of the Information Security Oversight Office's (ISOO) "Report to the President" for 2001; to the Committee on Government Reform.

525. A letter from the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's inventory of inherently governmental and commercial activities; to the Committee on Government Reform.

526. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Retirement Coverage and Service Credit Elections Available to Current and Former Nonappropriated Fund Employees (RIN: 3206-AJ72) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

527. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, transmitting the quarterly report of

receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period October 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002 as compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a; (H. Doc. No. 108 — 36); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

528. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oklahoma Regulatory Program [OK-028-FOR] received January 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

529. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Kentucky Regulatory Program [KY-234-FOR] received January 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

530. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Kentucky Regulatory Program [KY-240-FOR] received January 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

531. A letter from the Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting the annual report for the Office of Independent Counsel-Barrett, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 595(a)(2); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

532. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Minimum Safety and Security Standards for Private Companies That Transport Violent Prisoners [OAG 100F; AG Order No. 2640-2002] (RIN: 1105-AA77) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

533. A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Premerger Notification; Reporting and Waiting Period Requirements — received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

534. A letter from the Assistant Chief Counsel, TSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Aviation Security: Private Charter Security Rules [Docket No. TSA-2002-12394; Amendment No. 1544-3] (RIN: 2110-AA05) received January 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

535. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Ineligibility for an Airman Certificate Based on Security Grounds [Docket No.: FAA-2003-14293; Amendment Nos. 61-108, 63-32, 65-44] (RIN: 2120-AH84) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

536. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30348; Amdt. No. 3039] received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

537. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Outer Continental Shelf Facility in the Gulf of Mexico [CGD08-01-043] (RIN: 2115-AG31) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

538. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Houma, LA [CGD08-02-022] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

539. A letter from the Regulations Officer, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Commercial Driver's License Standards, Requirements, and Penalties; Commercial Driver's License Program Improvements and Noncommercial Motor Vehicle Violations [Docket Nos. FMCSA-2001-9709 and FMCSA-00-7382] (RIN: 2126-AA60 and RIN: 2126-AA55) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

540. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; Waters adjacent to Embarcadero Park and Campbell Shipyard, San Diego, CA [[COTP San Diego 03-002] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

541. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — VA Acquisition Regulation: Simplified Acquisition Procedures for Health-Care Resources (RIN: 2900-AI71) received January 22, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

542. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 6038 — Returns required with respect to controlled foreign partnerships [TD 9033] (RIN: 1545-BB36) received January 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

543. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Rulings and determination letters (Rev. Proc. 2003-18) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

544. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Rulings and determination letters (Rev. Proc. 2003-17) received January 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

545. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notification approving a payment to the Government of Tajikistan, pursuant to Public Law 107-206; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations.

546. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report detailing the progress of spending by the executive branch during the last two quarters of Fiscal Year 2002 in support of Plan Colombia, pursuant to Public Law 106 — 246, section 3204(e) (114 Stat. 576); (H. Doc. No. 108 — 35); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

547. A letter from the Congressional Liaison Officer, United States Trade and Development Agency, transmitting notification of prospective funding obligations requiring special notification under Section 520 of the Kenneth M. Ludden Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2002; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

548. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting a copy of

the Occupational Safety and Health Report for the 107th Congress, pursuant to Public Law 104 — 1, section 215(e) (109 Stat. 18); jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and the Workforce.

549. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a copy of the Board's appeal letter to OMB regarding the initial determination of the FY 2004 budget request, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 1113; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

550. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report identifying accounts containing unvouchered expenditures that are potentially subject to audit by the Comptroller General, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3524(b); jointly to the Committees on the Budget, Appropriations, and Government Reform.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. COX, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GOODE, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. GERLACH, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. HOBSON, Ms. GRANGER, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. DUNN, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. HAYES, Mr. LEACH, Mr. OTTER, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. CRANE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. CANNON, Mr. SHAW, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. REGULA, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. FORBES, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. GILLMOR, Ms. HART, Mr. WALSH, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. KELLER, and Mr. COLLINS):

H.R. 5. A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

By Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. HILL):

H.R. 531. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. LEE, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. HONDA, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. STARK, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 532. A bill to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to restore and extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.