

And Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting the 2004 Annual Report Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Federal Old-Age And Survivors Insurance And The Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 108-176); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

7229. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley Viticultural Area (2002R-046P) [T.D. TTB-9; Re: ATF Notice No. 947] (RIN: 1513-AA48) received March 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7230. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Br., Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—2004 Calendar Year Resident Population Estimates [Notice 2004-21] received March 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7231. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Guidance Under Section 1502; Application of Section 108 to Members of a Consolidated Group [TD 9117] (RIN: 1545-BC96) received March 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7232. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, first-out inventories. (Rev. Rul. 2004-35) received March 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7233. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Br., Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—New Markets Tax Credit Amendments [TD 9116] (RIN: 1545-BC02) received March 15, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7234. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Br., Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Definition of Real Estate Investments Trust (Rev. Rul. 2004-24) received March 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7235. A letter from the SSA Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Interrelationship of Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program with the Railroad Retirement Program (RIN: 0960-AF82) received March 4, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7236. A letter from the Board of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting the 2004 Annual Report Of The Boards Of Trustees Of The Federal Hospital Insurance And Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 108-177); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

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. HUNTER: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 3966. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to establish and maintain Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at institutions of higher education, to improve the ability of students to participate in Senior ROTC programs, and to ensure that institutions of higher education provide military recruiters entry to campuses and access to students that is at least equal in quality and scope to that provided to any other employer; with amendments (Rept. 108-443, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3971. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to credit the Highway Trust Fund with the full amount of fuel taxes, to combat fuel tax evasion, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-444). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 3873. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations, to improve children's nutritional health, and to restore the integrity of child nutrition programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-445). 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 Mrs. CUBIN (for herself and Mr. GIBBONS):

H.R. 4010. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. COX, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. CHABOT):

H.R. 4011. A bill to promote human rights and freedom in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 4012. A bill to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permanently authorize the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. GINGREY:

H.R. 4013. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the approval of any drug that infringes the right to life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. NADLER, Mr. QUINN, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. CRANE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LEACH, and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 4014. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Brian Lamb; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ROTHMAN:

H.R. 4015. A bill to expand the applicability of daylight saving time; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself and Mr. STRICKLAND):

H.R. 4016. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the education and training of allied health professionals in exchange for a service commitment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

H.R. 4017. A bill to assure that development of certain Federal oil and gas resources will occur in ways that protect water resources and respect the rights of the surface owners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, 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 Mr. CASE:

H.R. 4018. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assure that immigrants do not have to wait longer for an immigrant visa as a result of a reclassification from family second preference to family first preference because of the naturalization of a parent or spouse; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. FORD, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. WATERS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WYNN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. ROSS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Mr. BACA, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. REYES, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, and Mr. CARDIN):

H. Con. Res. 394. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Citizens Bank, the Nation's oldest continuously operating minority-owned bank, and honoring the many contributions of the Nation's minority-owned banks; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. WATERS:

H. Con. Res. 395. Concurrent resolution honoring Donald J. Smith for his commitment to providing housing and economic assistance opportunities to Los Angeles-area low-income families; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BAIRD:

H. Res. 572. A resolution providing for the consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 83) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives; to the Committee on Rules.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 348: Mr. MCINTYRE.

H.R. 375: Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 601: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. FROST, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. GUITERREZ, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FORD, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. EMANUEL, Ms.

ESHOO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. STARK, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. SANDERS.

H.R. 677: Ms. ESHOO and Mr. PALLONE.
H.R. 742: Mr. DOYLE.
H.R. 814: Mr. ALEXANDER and Mr. BONNER.
H.R. 872: Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey.
H.R. 970: Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico.
H.R. 979: Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 1117: Mr. SIMPSON.
H.R. 1173: Mrs. JONES of Ohio and Mr. MURPHY.

H.R. 1193: Mr. TIAHRT.
H.R. 1264: Mr. McDERMOTT and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

H.R. 1336: Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. MARSHALL.

H.R. 1348: Mr. CUMMINGS.
H.R. 1357: Mr. HOFFFEL.
H.R. 1508: Mr. BISHOP of New York.
H.R. 1519: Mr. WEXLER.
H.R. 1662: Mr. BONNER and Mr. CRAMER.
H.R. 1726: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 2023: Mr. JENKINS.
H.R. 2068: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mr. KUCINICH.

H.R. 2096: Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. MATSUI, Ms. GRANGER, and Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin.

H.R. 2133: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.
H.R. 2151: Mr. LAHOOD and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 2157: Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. GILLMOR, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. TURNER of Ohio.

H.R. 2238: Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. LEE, and Mr. ETHERIDGE.

H.R. 2426: Ms. MAJETTE.
H.R. 2434: Ms. DELAURO.
H.R. 2464: Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 2490: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
H.R. 2511: Mr. HOFFFEL and Ms. DELAURO.
H.R. 2569: Mr. CARDOZA.
H.R. 2574: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 2612: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 2671: Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma.
H.R. 2771: Mr. CROWLEY and Mr. MEEKS of New York.

H.R. 2814: Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, and Mr. BOEHLERT.

H.R. 2824: Mr. BOEHNER.
H.R. 2863: Mr. STUPAK.
H.R. 2915: Mr. SHAW.
H.R. 2928: Mr. GERLACH and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 2978: Mr. HALL, Mr. WALSH, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 3049: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts and Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 3085: Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 3104: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. FORBES, Mr. KLINE, and Mr. GINGREY.

H.R. 3178: Mr. CRAMER.
H.R. 3194: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA.

H.R. 3246: Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. McINNIS, and Mrs. MUSGRAVE.

H.R. 3308: Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. REHBERG.

H.R. 3359: Mr. WEXLER and Mr. DEUTSCH.
H.R. 3371: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. MEEK of Florida.

H.R. 3377: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
H.R. 3378: Mrs. CAPPS.
H.R. 3403: Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. GINGREY.

H.R. 3416: Mr. OLVER, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

H.R. 3436: Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 3441: Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. GORDON, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 3452: Mr. SOUDER.
H.R. 3474: Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon and Mr. MARKEY.

H.R. 3543: Mr. TIERNEY.
H.R. 3545: Mrs. TAUSCHER.

H.R. 3664: Mr. EHLERS.
H.R. 3673: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3676: Mr. KUCINICH.
H.R. 3716: Mr. SPRATT, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. SANDERS.

H.R. 3755: Mr. PASTOR and Mrs. MALONEY.
H.R. 3789: Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma.

H.R. 3793: Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 3804: Mr. LOBIONDO.
H.R. 3811: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 3816: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 3824: Mr. KOLBE and Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 3873: Mr. PLATTS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HOFFFEL, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PETRI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIND, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mrs. BIGBERT, Mr. HOLT, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, and Ms. LEE.

H.R. 3888: Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 3889: Mr. SOUDER.
H.R. 3913: Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 3926: Mr. INSLEE.
H.R. 3951: Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 3968: Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. LEE, Mr. KUCINICH, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. OWENS, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 3970: Mr. ROHRBACHER and Mr. SIMMONS.

H.R. 3980: Mr. MANZULLO.
H.R. 3984: Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 3985: Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 3986: Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 3993: Mr. POMEROY.
H.R. 3995: Mr. FORD, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 3999: Mr. DINGELL.
H.J. Res. 46: Mr. MCINTYRE.

H.J. Res. 72: Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RENZI, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. MATSUI.

H. Con. Res. 99: Mr. FARR and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

H. Con. Res. 213: Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA.
H. Con. Res. 276: Ms. BALDWIN.

H. Con. Res. 314: Mr. CLAY, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. MAJETTE, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 330: Mr. WAXMAN.
H. Con. Res. 332: Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HAYES, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida.

H. Con. Res. 366: Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MATSUI, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HOFFFEL, Mr.

PALLONE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BOYD, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. BAIRD.

H. Con. Res. 369: Ms. LEE and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

H. Con. Res. 371: Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. LAMPSON.

H. Con. Res. 375: Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WOLF, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FARR, and Mr. TANNER.

H. Res. 307: Mr. INSLEE.

H. Res. 550: Mr. LATHAM, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. NADLER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H. Res. 558: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. EHLERS.

H. Res. 565: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. HOFFFEL, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. WOLF.

H. Res. 567: Mr. FERGUSON and Mrs. BLACKBURN.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H. CON. RES. 393

OFFERED BY: Mr. EMANUEL

AMENDMENT No. 1: At the end, add the following new section:

SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING A TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE NEGOTIATION.

(a) FINDINGS.—The House finds the following:

(1) The cost of the new Medicare law, estimated by the Congressional Budget Office before its passage to be \$395,000,000,000 over ten years, has now been estimated by the Department of Health and Human Services to be \$534,000,000,000 over ten years. Without taking steps to control the cost of prescription drugs, the Medicare law will become an unsustainable burden on the the Government and on taxpayers. In addition, rising drug costs could end up shifting additional cost burdens to Medicare beneficiaries.

(2) Prescription drug costs increased 15.3 percent in 2003. These rising costs are one of the primary drivers of increasing health care costs, which ran at 9.3 percent last year.

(3) The Veterans' Administration as well as every private insurer depends on bulk negotiation to keep drug prices down.

(4) According to a study by the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare payments for 24 leading drugs in 2000 were \$887,000,000 higher than actual wholesale prices available to physicians and suppliers and \$1,9,000,000,000 higher than prices available through the Federal supply schedule used by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other Federal purchasers.

(5) Despite the fact that the private prescription drug plans provided for in the Medicare law have the right to negotiate with manufacturers, former CMS Administrator Tom Scully said that the type of private plans created by the Medicare law "doesn't exist in nature". Therefore, it is impossible to predict whether these private plans will in fact be able to acquire substantial discounts through negotiation. In addition, private plans cannot take advantage of the full purchasing power of 40,000,000 beneficiaries.

(6) Secretary Tommy Thompson said that he does not necessarily agree with the Administration's rationale for not allowing him