

8371. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8372. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Acquisition Regulation; Procurement Program for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concerns [FAC 2001-23; FAR Case 2004-002] (RIN: 9000-AJ92) received May 6, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8373. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the annual report entitled, "Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sales: Evaluation of Bidding Results" for Fiscal Year 2003, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(9); to the Committee on Resources.

8374. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish & Wildlife & Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Extension of Amended Special Regulations for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (RIN: 1018-AJ26) received May 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8375. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule To Designate Critical Habitat for the Santa Ana Sucker (*Catostomus santaanae*) (RIN: 1018-AT57) received May 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8376. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for *Astragalus pycnostachyus* var. *lanisissimus* (Ventura Marsh milk-vetch) received May 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8377. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Clarification of Substituted Federal Enforcement for Parts of Missouri's Permanent Regulatory Program and Findings on the Status of Missouri's Permanent Regulatory Program; Correction — received May 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8378. A letter from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Withdrawal of Regulations Governing Incidental Take Permit Revocation (RIN: 1018-AT64) received May 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8379. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Skates Management in the Groundfish Fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 031218322-4137-02; I.D. 111903A] (RIN: 0648-AR73) received May 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8380. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast

Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications; Pacific Whiting [Docket No. 031216314-4118-03; I.D. 112803A] (RIN: 0648-AR54) received May 21, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8381. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan [Docket No. 040209049-4117-02; I.D. 012204B] (RIN: 0648-AR83) received May 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8382. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments [Docket No. 031216314; 3314-01; I.D. 050704A] (RIN: 0648-AR54) received May 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8383. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting notification that during FY 2003, no claim was paid from the Victims Compensation Fund established by the Witness Security Reform Act of 1984, Pub. L. 98-473 because no claims were filed, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3525(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8384. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA), Model C-212 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2002-NM-262-AD; Amendment 39-13561; AD 2004-07-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8385. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NM-226-AD; Amendment 39-13556; AD 2004-07-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8386. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2002-NM-174-AD; Amendment 39-13483; AD 2004-04-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8387. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, C4-605R Variant F, and F4-600R (Collectively Called A300-600) Series Airplanes; and Model A310 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2004-NM-57-AD; Amendment 39-13590; AD 2004-09-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8388. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400 and -400D Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2004-NM-42-AD; Amendment 39-13593; AD 2004-09-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8389. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a recommendation to continue in effect a waiver of application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam for a further 12-month period and a determination that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for Vietnam will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act and the reasons for such a determination, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(c) and (d); (H. Doc. No. 108-191); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

8390. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of his determination that a waiver of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Turkmenistan will substantially promote the objectives of section 402, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(c) and (d); (H. Doc. No. 108-189); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

8391. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of his determination that a waiver of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the Republic of Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section 402, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(c) and (d); (H. Doc. No. 108-190); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

8392. A letter from the Vice Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2005 budget request, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437d(d)(1); jointly to the Committees on House Administration, Appropriations, and Government Reform.

#### 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. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 4114. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exclude non-native migratory bird species from the application of that Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-520). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2909. A bill to ensure the continued availability of the Utah Test and Training Range to support the readiness and training needs of the Armed Forces; with an amendment (Rept. 108-521). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2619. A bill to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge; with an amendment (Rept. 108-522). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. S. 1146. An act to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota (Rept. 108-523 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 4175. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-524).

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL PURSUANT TO RULE XII

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker.

H.R. 3266. Referral to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than June 14, 2004.

S. 1146. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than July 9, 2004.

### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CASTLE (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 4496. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. SIMMONS):

H.R. 4497. A bill to establish or expand pre-kindergarten early learning programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. JOHN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

H.R. 4498. A bill to establish a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer health benefits plans to individuals who are not Federal employees, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. CARTER):

H.R. 4499. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure that certain prevailing parties receive attorneys' fees; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BOEHLERT (for himself and Mrs. BIGGERT):

H.R. 4500. A bill to provide for energy research and development; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Resources, and the Budget, 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. UPTON (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BARTON of Texas, and Mr. DINGELL):

H.R. 4501. A bill to extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under section 119 of title 17, United States Code, and to amend the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to such transmissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TERRY (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. MCHUGH,

and Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida):

H.R. 4502. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that distributions from an individual retirement plan, a section 401(k) plan, or a section 403(b) contract shall not be includible in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas:

H.R. 4503. A bill to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Ways and Means, Resources, Education and the Workforce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, Agriculture, and the Budget, 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. DELAY (for himself, Mr. HERGER, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. CAMP, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. MURPHY, and Ms. NOR-TON):

H.R. 4504. A bill to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the orderly and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GILLMOR:

H.R. 4505. A bill to improve the governance and regulation of mutual funds under the securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. DEUTSCH):

H.R. 4506. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide assistance for areas that experience a disaster that results in major damage to or destruction of 100 homes or fewer; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself and Mr. LAMPSON):

H.R. 4507. A bill to ensure the continuation and improvement of coastal restoration; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. NUNES:

H.R. 4508. A bill to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to require the Secretary to permit continued use and occupancy of certain privately owned cabins in the Mineral King Valley in the Sequoia National Park; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. REGULA (for himself, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. MATSUI):

H.R. 4509. A bill to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out activities in support of the collaborative Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 4510. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to provide to Congress copies and descriptions of contracts and task orders in excess of \$1,000,000 for work to be performed in Iraq and Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. LEACH, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BACHUS, and Ms. LEE):

H.R. 4511. A bill to provide for the cancellation of debts owed to the International Mon-

etary Fund by poor countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. WU:

H.R. 4512. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate for lower prices for Medicare prescription drugs and to eliminate the gap in coverage of Medicare prescription drug benefits, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations for the reimportation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes; 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.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. EVANS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. LEE, Mr. HOFFEL, Mr. PENCE, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. PITTS, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. WATSON, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. FORD, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.J. Res. 97. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KNOLLENBERG (for himself and Mr. SPRATT):

H. Con. Res. 441. Concurrent resolution recognizing the essential role of nuclear power in the national energy policy of the United States and supporting the increased use of nuclear power and the construction and development of new and improved nuclear power generating plants; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H. Con. Res. 442. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of Amtrak's Empire Builder rail line; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. KING of Iowa):

H. Con. Res. 443. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should formally withdraw its membership from the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H. Res. 661. A resolution electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H. Res. 662. A resolution recognizing that Flag Day originated in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 107: Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 299: Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. QUINN.