

who are making it illegally. And the banks are saying we are getting away with it, so let us keep doing it.

Mr. Speaker, I think you would admit, this is right where the issue of racketeering brought the Federal government in to address people who were into bootlegging, though they were making big money, people that were into prostitution, people that were in drug dealing, people that were involved in the labor market below fair market value. We have laws against racketeering, and these major banks are involved in racketeering. They are profiteering from illegal activity because they are willfully and openly encouraging people that are in violation of the law, working and making money in violation of our laws, and then taking that money and profiteering by cutting a deal with the illegal alien that we will let you be in our institution if we get a wink and a nod and we are able to get our pound of flesh out of it. So I think it is something we need to address.

I appreciate the chance to be able to be here tonight with you. And Mr. Speaker, let me just say that American people may say they hear a lot about the problem of illegal immigration and what do we do about it, but not enough people talk about simple answers. And I would ask you, Mr. Speaker, and everybody that wants to find a simple answer, it is not a Republican or Democrat problem, it is an American problem. And there were two great Americans, one was a Democrat, a former Border Patrol agent called Sylvester Reyes, another was the former chairman of Rules, now ranking member of Rules, a Republican from California named David Dreier, who sat down with the Border Patrol agents, the men and women that are tasked with taking care of the immigration issue. And they were asked, what is the one thing you would do if you had one law to take care of illegal immigration? And they didn't say be mean to anybody, all they said is give the American employer such a simple way as a tamper resistant Social Security card, one document, only one document to prove who is legal to work in the United States and who isn't. Make it so simple for an employer to know who is legal that there is no excuse for somebody to hire an illegal so the Border Patrol agents then can go in and really crack down on those who are hiring illegals. Because the employers who are knowingly hiring illegals cannot hide behind the guise of well, I am like the little guy who didn't understand, it will become so clear.

So I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that you do us the privilege of looking at H.R. 98. SYLVESTER REYES is a very respected member of the Democratic Party, DAVID DREIER is a very respected member of the Republican Party. This bill has had the support from members of the Hispanic Caucus and members of immigration groups. This is where Democrats and Repub-

licans can work together, and I think it is a place that America expects us to work together.

And I would ask anyone that is within the range of my voice, call their Member of Congress, call their Senator. Mr. Speaker, all they have to do is ask where the Member of Congress stands on H.R. 98, because this is where both Americans, Democrat and Republican, should be able to come together for the good of our future and for the future of our children and our grandchildren.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would yield back my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. TANNER (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. GRANGER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. SAXTON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and March 15 on account of personal reasons.

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. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZZO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SOLIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. REICHERT, for 5 minutes, March 15.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 15, 2007, 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:

848. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule — Polymer of 2-Ethyl-2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-Propanediol, Oxirane, Methyloxirane, 1,2-Epoxyalkanes; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0658; FRL-8116-9] received March 7, 2007, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

849. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prothioconazole; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0312; FRL-8113-6] received March 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

850. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Interim Final Rule Relating to Time and Order of Issuance of Domestic Relations Orders (RIN: 1210-AB15) received March 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

851. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri [EPA-R07-OAR-2007-0041; FRL-8284-8] received March 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

852. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Iowa; Interstate Transport of Pollution [EPA-R07-OAR-2006-1015; FRL-8285-1] received March 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

853. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kansas; Interstate Transport of Pollution [EPA-R07-OAR-2007-0141; FRL-8286-3] received March 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

854. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri [EPA-R07-OAR-2007-0083; FRL-8286-1] received March 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

855. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Standardized NUHOMS System Revision 9 (RIN: 3150-AI03) received March 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

856. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Total Allowable Catch Harvested for Management Area 1B [Docket No. 050112008-5102-02; I.D.102406B] (RIN: 0648-AT21) received February 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

857. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of VOR Federal Airways; and Establishment of Area Navigation Route; NC [Docket No. FAA-2006-24027; Airspace Docket No. 06-ASO-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

858. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment

of High Altitude Area Navigation Routes; South Central United States [Docket No. FAA-2005-22398; Airspace Docket No. 05-ASO-7] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

859. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Area Navigation Instrument Flight Rules Terminal Transition Route (RITTR) T-210; Jacksonville, FL [Docket No. FAA-2005-23436; Airspace Docket No. 05-ASO-10] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

860. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Legal Description of Class D and E Airspace; Fairbanks, Fort Wainwright Army Airfield, AK [Docket No. FAA-2006-24813; Airspace Docket No. 06-AAL-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

861. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Huslia, AK [Docket No. FAA-2006-24004; Airspace Docket No. 06-AAL-13] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

862. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Keokuk Municipal Airport, IA [Docket No. FAA-2006-25009; Airspace Docket No. 06-ACE-7] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

863. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Scottsbluff, Western Nebraska Regional Airport/William B. Heilig Field, NE [Docket No. FAA-2006-25007; Airspace Docket No. 06-ACE-5] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

864. A letter from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Traumatic Injury Protection Rider to Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (RIN 2900-AM36) received March 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

865. A letter from the Chief, Trade & Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Entry Of Certain Cement Products from Mexico Requiring A Commerce Department Import License [USCBP-2006-0020] (RIN: 1505-AB68) received March 5, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); 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. SKELTON: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 1362. A bill to reform acquisition practices of the Federal Government; with an amendment (Rept. 110-47 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. CASTOR: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 242. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1362) to reform acquisition practices of the Federal Government (Rept. 110-49). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WELLER:

H.R. 1513. A bill to provide for demonstration projects to help improve the Nation's unemployment compensation system; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JONES of Ohio (for herself, Mr. PITTS, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCINTYRE, and Mr. BRADY of Texas):

H.R. 1514. A bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COSTELLO (for himself and Mr. SHIMKUS):

H.R. 1515. A bill to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. MICA, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, and Mr. SHUSTER) (all by request):

H.R. 1516. A bill to authorize appropriations for activities under the Federal railroad safety laws for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. WOOLSEY, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HARE, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, and Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida):

H.R. 1517. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for coverage under that Act of employees of State and local governments; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

H.R. 1518. A bill to allow employees of Federally-qualified health centers to obtain health coverage under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GONZALEZ:

H.R. 1519. A bill to prohibit offering homebuilding purchase contracts that contain in a single document both a mandatory arbitration agreement and other contract provisions, to prohibit requiring purchasers to consent to a mandatory arbitration agreement as a condition precedent to entering into a homebuilding purchase contract, and to provide for the Federal Trade Commission to enforce violations of such prohibitions as unfair and deceptive acts or practices under the Federal Trade Commission Act; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. HINCHEY (for himself, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KING of

New York, Mr. KUHLMANN of New York, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MCNULTY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. WALSH of New York, and Mr. WEINER):

H.R. 1520. A bill to establish the Champlain Quadracentennial Commemoration Commission, the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. KAGEN (for himself, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. CASTOR, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. FARR, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. MCNULTY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 1521. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the Medicare prescription drug benefit late enrollment penalty; 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. KELLER (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 1522. A bill to promote the availability and use of the Federal student financial aid website of the Department of Education; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. LEVIN:

H.R. 1523. A bill to provide for inter-regional primary elections and caucuses for the selection of delegates to political party Presidential nominating conventions; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. DOGGETT):

H.R. 1524. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Mr. GOODLATTE, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas):

H.R. 1525. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

H.R. 1526. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MORAN of Kansas (for himself and Mr. LATHAM):

H.R. 1527. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow highly rural veterans enrolled in the health system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive covered health services through providers other than those of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. OLVER (for himself, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO, Mr.