

3149. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office [TECRO] in the United States for defense articles and services (transmittal No. 96-48), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3150. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Japan (Transmittal No. DTC-30-96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3151. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on nuclear nonproliferation in South Asia for the period of October 1, 1995, through March 31, 1996, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2376(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3152. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Greece for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-49), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3153. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting notification that on May 19, 1996, heavy fighting broke out between government forces and mutinous troops in the capital city of Bangui, Central African Republic, and that on May 20, 1996, the deployment of United States military personnel was ordered to conduct the evacuation from the Central African Republic of private United States citizens and certain United States Government employees (H. Doc. No. 104-220); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

3154. A letter from the Chairwoman, National Mediation Board, transmitting the fiscal year 1995 annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act [FMFIA] of 1982, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3155. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the fiscal year 1995 annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act [FMFIA] of 1982, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3156. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Indiana Regulatory Program (recodification of State law) [IN-132-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3157. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Texas Regulatory Program (road systems and others) [TX-029-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3158. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Indiana Regulatory Program (remaining and others) [IN-133-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3159. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Hopi Tribe Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan [HO-003-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3160. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Missouri Regulatory Program (re-

vegetation success guidelines) [MO-025-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3161. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Missouri Regulatory Program (state alternative bonding system and others) [MO-026-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3162. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Oklahoma Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan (eligible lands and waters, and others) [OK-15-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3163. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Indiana Regulatory Program (subsidence control) [IN-112-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3164. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—New Mexico Regulatory Program (definitions and others) [NM-036-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3165. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Colorado Regulatory Program (definitions and others) [CO-029-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3166. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Virginia Regulatory Program (coal waste) [VA-105] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3167. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Illinois Regulatory Program (termination of jurisdiction and others) [IL-089-FOR] received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3168. A letter from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting a copy of the Legion's financial statements as of December 31, 1995, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(4) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3169. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting notification that funding under title V of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, may exceed \$5 million for the response to the emergency declared as a result of the extreme fire hazard in the State of Texas dating back to February 23, 1996, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b)(3); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3170. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Report To Congress: Products Used For Airport Pavement Maintenance And Rehabilitation," pursuant to the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3171. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterans and Dependents Education: Miscellaneous (RIN 2900-AH60) received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3172. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Interest Rate (Revenue Ruling 96-28) received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3173. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule—Definitions Relating to Corporate Reorganizations (Revenue Ruling 96-29) received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3174. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Distribution of Stock and Securities of a Controlled Corporation (Revenue Ruling 96-30) received May 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3175. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on allocation of funds the executive branch intends to make available from funding levels established in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1996; jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and International Relations.

3176. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Secretary's evaluation of the Medicare select demonstration, that is, a Medicare supplemental insurance product limited to 15 States for 3 years, effective January 1, 1992, pursuant to section 4358(d) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990; jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

3177. A letter from the Chair of the Board, Office of Compliance, transmitting notice of proposed rulemaking for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, pursuant to Public Law 104-1, section 304(b)(1) (109 Stat. 29); jointly, to the Committees on House Oversight and Economic and Educational Opportunities.

3178. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Report to Congress: Changes in Physician Participation, Assignment, and Extra Billing in the Medicare Program During 1994—ACTION," pursuant to section 1848(g)(6) of the Social Security Act; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

¶63.4 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

¶63.5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS—H.R. 1227

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. WALKER, announced the unfinished business to be the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1227) to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles.

When said bill was considered pursuant to House Resolution 440 and the order of the House of May 22, 1996.

After debate,

Mr. RIGGS, pursuant to House Resolution 440, offered the following amendment:

Add at the end the following:

SEC. 3. MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Minimum Wage Increase Act of 1996".

(b) AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (1) of section 6(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) except as otherwise provided in this section, not less than \$4.25 an hour during the period ending on June 30, 1996, not less than \$4.75 an hour during the year beginning