

and expanded Individual Retirement Accounts to encourage saving and enable families to cope with unforeseen problems. I am also proposing to ensure that homeowners do not have to pay capital gains taxes on 99 percent of all homes sales. My tax plan would promote the hiring of long-term welfare recipients in order to help move people from welfare to work, restore the tax credit that encourages business research and development, and expand tax credits for Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. And it would help finance my tax relief by eliminating unwarranted tax loopholes and preferences.

On the international front, we must continue to project our leadership abroad while we advance our national goals. With the Cold War over, we have a great opportunity to expand democracy overseas, but we will have a much better chance to succeed if we fulfill our international commitments. In this budget, I am proposing that we pay our arrears to the United Nations and other international organizations, so that our leadership is not undermined at this crucial time. But I will also insist that these institutions control their budgets and enact the reforms that our Government and others have called for. In addition, we must continue our support for Russia and the New Independent States of the Soviet Union as they make the difficult transition to free markets and democracy, and we must be prepared to do whatever we can to advance the difficult, but vital, peace process in the Middle East. A strong, coherent foreign policy also will help us further our progress in opening markets abroad, and my budget proposes strong, continued support for the Federal efforts that help to expand exports.

Finally, our goals both at home and abroad must rest on the firm foundation of a strong national defense. It is a strong defense that safeguards our interests, prevents conflict, and secures the peace. We must ensure that our armed forces are highly ready and armed with the best equipment that technology can provide. They must be prepared and trained for the new threats to our security—from the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to ethnic and regional conflicts, to terrorism and drug trafficking that directly threaten our free and open society. My budget continues to sustain and modernize the world's strongest and most ready military force, a force capable of prevailing in two nearly simultaneous regional conflicts. It fully funds our commitment to maintain the highest levels of training and readiness, and to equip our uniformed men and women with the most advanced technologies in the world. We must never fall short when it comes to defense.

CONCLUSION

Our policies are working. By dramatically cutting the deficit and investing in the future, we have helped to spur four years of strong economic

growth, providing vast new opportunities for millions of Americans. Jobs, incomes, savings, investment, exports, and homeownership are all up. Crime, poverty, teen pregnancy, and inequality are all down. Clearly, we are moving in the right direction.

But our work is not done. For too long, the Federal Government has spent much more than it received, creating deficits that cast doubt on both our economic future and our ability to govern. In the last four years, we have made huge progress, cutting the deficit by nearly two-thirds. I urge Congress to help me finish the job and balance the budget by 2002—giving the American people the balanced budget they deserve.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

February 6, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-3).

¶7.10 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. SNOWBARGER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, February 10, 1997, at 2 o'clock p.m.

¶7.11 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. SNOWBARGER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Monday, February 10, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, for "morning-hour debate".

¶7.12 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. SNOWBARGER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

And then,

¶7.13 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. OWENS, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 11 o'clock and 28 minutes a.m., the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, February 10, 1997.

¶7.14 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. CANADY: Committee on the Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 2. Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives (Rept. No. 105-2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶7.15 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolu-

tions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. MANTON):

H.R. 624. A bill to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. STARK, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. KLEczKA, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. COBURN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LEACH, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. GORDON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. OLVER, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. LOFGREEN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. NEY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. KLINK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. GREEN, Ms. FURSE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. FROST, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. MANTON):

H.R. 625. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide additional consumer protections for Medicare supplemental insurance; to the Committee on 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. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. FALCOMA VAEGA):

H.R. 626. A bill to provide Federal housing assistance to native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. KIM, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii):

H.R. 627. A bill to establish a visa waiver pilot program for nationals of Korea who are traveling in tour groups to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Ms. HARMAN, and Mr. FROST):

H.R. 628. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore a 100-percent deduction for business meals and entertainment and the deduction for the travel expenses of spouses and others accompanying the taxpayer on business; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. DELAY, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GREEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. TURNER, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. BURR of North Carolina):

H.R. 629. A bill to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. TORRES, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HERGER, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. DOOLEY of California, and Mr. COX of California):

H.R. 630. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformu-

lated gas in certain areas within the State; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. CANADY of Florida:

H.R. 631. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to place the burden on the Secretary of the Treasury of proving the accuracy of determinations forming a basis for certain notices of deficiency; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 632. A bill to eliminate automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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. DAVIS of Virginia:

H.R. 633. A bill to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to Federal law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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. FAWELL (for himself, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. HOEKSTRA, and Mr. HALL of Texas):

H.R. 634. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor-management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. FURSE, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. MANTON, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. FARR of California):

H.R. 635. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to extend the licensing requirements of the act to additional dealers in animals and to strengthen the registration, prohibition, and enforcement provisions of the act; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 636. A bill to prohibit fund-raising at the White House and elsewhere; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN:

H.R. 637. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against the estate tax for certain transfers of real property for conservation purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. COX of California, Mr. WOLF, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BERREUTER, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. HORN):

H.R. 638. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for continuing appropriations in the absence of regular appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HILL:

H.R. 639. A bill to establish a commission on structural alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOSTETTLER (for himself, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. BAKER, Mr. MCCREY,

Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. HERGER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. DOOLITTLE):

H.R. 640. A bill to amend the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit the unimpeded use of privately owned crop, range, and pasture lands that have been used for the planting of crops or the grazing of livestock in at least 5 of preceding 10 years; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DICKEY, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. FORBES, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HILL, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 641. A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person from the moment of fertilization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 642. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to prevent certain types of mail matter from being sent by a Member of the House of Representatives as part of a mass mailing; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. STOKES, Mr. REGULA, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. TRAFICANT, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. SAWYER, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. COYNE, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. FROST, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. LEWIS of California):

H.R. 643. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, OH, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PETRI, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. METCALF, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. CRAMER):

H.R. 644. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deposit of the general revenue portion of the motor fuel excise taxes into the highway trust fund and airport and airway trust fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OBEY (for himself, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin):

H.R. 645. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to require the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to regulate certain cash markets, such as the National Cheese Exchange, until the Commission determines that the market does not establish reference points for other transactions; to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 646. A bill to improve price discovery in milk and dairy markets by reducing the effects of the National Cheese Exchange on the basic formula price established under milk marketing orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. PETRI:

H.R. 647. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prescribe a salary base for an exemption of an employee for the wage requirements of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 648. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from treating as allowable costs under a defense contract any restructuring costs of the Boeing Co. arising from its acquisition of the McDonnell Douglas Corp.; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado (for himself and Mr. HALL of Texas):

H.R. 649. A bill to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. VISCLOSKY (for himself, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. CARSON, Mr. HAMILTON, and Mr. PEASE):

H.R. 650. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve safety at public railway-highway crossings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WHITE:

H.R. 651. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other Purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 652. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WHITE (for himself, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 653. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit interactive computer services to provide their facilities free of charge to candidates for Federal offices for the purpose of disseminating campaign information and enhancing public debate; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. BERREUTER (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. GILMAN):

H. Con. Res. 16. Concurrent resolution concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra River Basin; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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. BOSWELL:

H. Res. 42. Resolution designating minority membership to certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H. Res. 43. Resolution electing Representative RAY LAHOOD of Illinois to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; considered and agreed to.

7.16 PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII:

Mr. PETRI introduced a bill (H.R. 654) for the relief of Thomas McDermott, Sr.; which was referred to the Committee on Resources.

7.17 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 84: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 99: Mr. METCALF and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 126: Mr. TIAHRT and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 131: Mr. SHADEGG and Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 132: Mr. STEARNS and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 137: Mr. BEREUTER.

H.R. 165: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 192: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 216: Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. STOKES, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. KUCINICH.

H.R. 306: Mr. JACKSON and Mr. HORN.

H.R. 373: Mr. JACKSON, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 414: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mrs. KAPTUR, and Mr. TIAHRT.

H.R. 446: Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HULSHOF, and Mr. FOLEY.

H.R. 493: Mr. LEACH, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 554: Mr. LATHAM.

H.R. 586: Mr. BARR of Georgia and Ms. MOLINARI.

H.J. Res. 28: Mr. CRANE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GREEN, and Mr. McNULTY.

H. Con. Res. 13: Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. STARK, and Mr. MASCARA.

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8.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COLLINS, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 10, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable MAC COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

8.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. COLLINS, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, February 6, 1997.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

8.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

1670. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Fresh Hass

Avocado Fruit Grown in Michoacan, Mexico [Docket No. 94-116-5] (RIN: 0579-AA84) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1671. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Ports Designated for the Exportation of Animals; Georgia [Docket No. 96-054-2] received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1672. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tobacco-Tobacco Loan Program, Importer Assessments (Commodity Credit Corporation) (RIN: 0560-AD93) received February 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1673. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Child and Adult Care Food Program Improved Targeting of Day Care Home Reimbursements; Correction and Extension of Comment Period (RIN: 0584-AC42) received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1674. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of January 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 105-42); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1675. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Application of Berry Amendment [DFARS Case 96-D333] received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

1676. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of the final report as required by the Mexican Debt Disclosure Act of 1995, pursuant to Public Law 104-6, section 404(a) (109 Stat. 90); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1677. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Regulation H, Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Institutions [Docket No. R-0957] received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1678. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Public Housing Management Assessment Program [Docket No. FR-3447-1-03] (RIN: 2577-AA89) received February 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1679. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fiscal Year 1997 Portfolio Reengineering Demonstration Program Guidelines [Docket No. FR-4162-N-01] received February 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1680. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Loan Guaranty; Flood Insurance Requirements (RIN: 2900-AH63) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1681. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United

States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to Algeria, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1682. A letter from the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Forms, Instructions, and Reports (RIN: 3064-AB89) received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1683. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Institutions [Docket No. 96-114] (RIN: 1550-AB02) received February 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1684. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting final regulations—The State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f) GEPA Sec. 437(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1685. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1686. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1687. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Reporting Occupational Injury and Illness Data to OSHA [Docket No. R-02] (RIN: 1218-AB24) received February 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1688. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 96-54: Exempting the United States Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, from any Federal, State, interstate, or local hazardous or solid waste laws that might require the disclosure of classified information concerning that operating location to unauthorized persons, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6961; to the Committee on Commerce.

1689. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Substituted Cyclohexyldiamino Ethyl Esters; Revocation of a Significant New Use Rule [OPPTS-50598B; FRL-5580-5] received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1690. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois [IL154-1a; FRL-5685-7] received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1691. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois [IL153-1a; FRL-5685-1] received February 4, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1692. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Land