

of rule I, declared the House in recess until 2 p.m.

#### ¶28.2 AFTER RECESS—2 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, called the House to order.

#### ¶28.3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, March 21, 1997.

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

#### ¶28.4 COMMUNICATIONS

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

2493. A letter from the General Sales Manager and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, transmitting the annual report on monetization programs for U.S. fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1431(b)(9)(B); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2494. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revisions of part 46, Regulations Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) (FV96-351) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2495. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches (FV-96-916-3 Interim Final Rule) received April 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2496. A letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Community Facilities Grant Program (Rural Housing Service (RHS)) (RIN: 0575-AC10) received April 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2497. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propamocarb Hydrochloride; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300464; FRL-5597-2] (RIN: 2070-AC78) received March 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2498. A letter from the Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Disclosure to Shareholders; Disclosure to Investors in Systemwide and Consolidated Bank Debt Obligations of the Farm Credit System; Quarterly Report (RIN: 3052-AB62) received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2499. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Interim Rule: Special Combinations for Flue-Cured Tobacco Allotments and Quotas (RIN: 0560-AF14) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2500. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Farm Credit—Title VI of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act) (RIN: 0560-AE87) received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2501. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for a fiscal year 1997 supplemental and a fiscal year 1998 budget amendment for the Federal Election Commission [FEC], pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107 (H. Doc. No. 105-61); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2502. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the annual report of the Reserve Forces Policy Board for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 113 (c) and (e); to the Committee on National Security.

2503. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's selected acquisition reports [SARS] for the quarter ending December 31, 1996, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2432; to the Committee on National Security.

2504. A letter from the Director, Office of Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Air Force Privacy Act Program [Air Force Reg. 12-35] received March 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2505. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting an interim response to the requirement of section 1256 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997 for a report on Parity of Pay for Active and Reserve Component members; to the Committee on National Security.

2506. A letter from the Director, Office of Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on printing and duplicating services procured in-house or from external sources during fiscal year 1996, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 351(c) (110 Stat. 2490); to the Committee on National Security.

2507. A letter from the Secretary, Panama Canal Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Panama Canal Commission Acquisition Regulation; Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility [48 CFR Part 3509] (RIN: 3207-AA30) received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2508. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Military Capabilities of the People's Republic of China"; to the Committee on National Security.

2509. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to various countries, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2510. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the Council's 1996 annual report to Congress, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3305; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2511. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Reserve's final rule—Regulation M, Consumer Leasing Act [Docket No. R-0952] received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2512. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the 1996 annual report of the National Credit Union Administration, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1752a(d); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2513. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Regulatory Amendments (RIN: 1550-AB05) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2514. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting notice of Final Priority—Educational Research and Development Centers Program—received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2515. A letter from the Acting Secretary of Labor, transmitting the 1996 reports of the Department of Labor's Advisory Council for Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2516. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the Educational Research and Development Centers Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2517. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting the Council's annual report for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 781(a)(9); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2518. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California—Ozone [FR #CA126-0030; FRL-5804-5] received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2519. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revision for Utah; Visibility Protection [UT-001-0001a; FRL-5802-2] received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2520. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Minnesota; Enhanced Monitoring [MN40-01-6988a; FRL-5694-4] received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2521. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Indiana [IN-53-1a; FRL-5710-1] received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2522. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval of Section 112(l) Program of Delegation; Indiana [IN74-1(a); FRL-5687-8] received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2523. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Priorities for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites [FRL-5805-2] received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2524. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Vermont; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Major Stationary Sources of Nitrogen Oxides and Volatile Organic Compounds Not Covered by Other Category-Specific Regulations [A-1-FRL-5801-9] received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2525. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Microbial Products of Biotechnology; Final Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act [OPPTS-00049C; FRL-5577-2] (RIN: 2070-AB61) received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2526. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Control of Air Pollution; Amendment to Emission Requirements Applicable to New Gasoline Spark-Ignition Marine Engines [FRL-5805-7] received March 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2527. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval of Section 112(l) Program of Delegation; Wisconsin [WI73-01-7302(b); FRL-5691-7] received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2528. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—State of Florida: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions (FRL 5802-9) received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2529. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revision of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules Relating to the Marketing and Authorization of Radio Frequency Devices [ET Docket No. 94-45, RM-8125] received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2530. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Telephone Number Portability [CC Docket No. 95-116, RM-8535] received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2531. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Relocate the Digital Electronic Message Service From the 18 GHz Band to the 24 GHz Band and to Allocate the 24 GHz Band for Fixed Service [ET Docket No. 97-99] received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2532. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rules—Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules To Provide for the use of the 220-222 MHz Band by the Private Land Mobile Radio Service [PR Docket No. 89-552 RM-8506]; Implementation of Sections 3(n) and 332 of the Communications Act [GN Docket No. 93-252]; Regulatory Treatment of Mobile Services; and Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding [PP Docket No. 93-253] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2533. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rule—Competitive Bidding Proceeding [WT Docket No. 97-82] received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2534. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Notice and Request for Comment Regarding Compliance Assistance and Civil Penalty Leniency Policies for

Small Entities—received April 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2535. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Listing of Color Additives for Coloring Contact Lenses; 1,4-Bis [(2-hydroxyethyl) amino] -9, 10-anthracenedione bis (2-propenoic) ester copolymers; Confirmation of Effective Date [Docket No. 91C-0189] received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2536. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Consolidation of Drug Regulations [Docket No. 96N-0183] (RIN: 0910-AA53) received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2537. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Investigational Device Exemptions; Disqualification of Clinical Investigators [Docket No. 92N-0308] received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2538. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medical Devices; Medical Device Reporting; Annual Certification [Docket No. 91N-0295] (RIN: 0910-AA09) received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2539. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Electronic Records; Electronic Signatures [Docket No. 92N-0251] (RIN: 0910-AA29) received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2540. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food and Drugs; Technical Amendments [21 CFR Parts 101 and 102] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2541. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Tamper-Indicating Seals for the Protection and Control of Special Nuclear Material (Regulatory Guide 5.15) received April 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2542. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—NRC Generic Letter 97-01: Degradation of Control Rod Drive Mechanism Nozzle and Other Vessel Closure Head Penetrations [GL 97-01] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2543. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants (Regulatory Guide 1.160, Revision 2) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2544. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Nuclear Power Plant Instrumentation for Earthquakes [Regulatory Guide 1.12] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2545. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Identification and Characterization of Seismic Sources and Determination of Safe Shutdown Earthquake Ground Motion [Regulatory Guide 1.165] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2546. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Pre-Earthquake Planning and Immediate Nuclear Power Plant Operator Postearthquake Actions [Regulatory Guide 1.166] received April 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2547. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Restart of a Nuclear Power Plant Shut Down by a Seismic Event [Regulatory Guide 1.167] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2548. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Standard Review Plan; Basic Geologic and Seismic Information [Section 2.5.1 of NUREG-0800] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2549. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Standard Review Plan; Vibratory Ground Motion [Section 2.5.2 of NUREG-0800] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2550. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Standard Review Plan; Surface Faulting [Section 2.5.3 of NUREG-0800] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2551. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Reactor Siting Criteria (Regulatory Analysis) [10 CFR Part 50 and 100] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2552. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Status of Investment Advisory Programs under the Investment Company Act of 1940 [Release No. IC-22579; IA-1623; S7-24-95] (RIN: 3235-AG07) received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2553. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Informal Guidance Program for Small Entities (17 CFR Part 202) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2554. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Penalty-Reduction Policy for Small Entities (17 CFR Part 202) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2555. 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 Israel for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-12), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2556. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 03-97 for the

relocatable over-the-horizon radars [ROTHR] project arrangement [PA], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

2557. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Navy's proposed lease of defense articles to Brazil (Transmittal No. 09-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2558. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2559. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Overflight Payments to North Korea (Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury) (CFR Part 500) received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

2560. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report to the Congress detailing payments made to Cuba by any United States person as a result of the provision of telecommunications services, pursuant to Public Law 104-114, section 102(g) (H. Doc. No. 105-62); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

2561. A letter from the Chairman Pro Tempore, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-524, "Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation Establishment Act of 1996" received March 21, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2563. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting a list of all reports issued or released in February 1997, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2564. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List—received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2565. A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National Service, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2566. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the official resolution disapproving the Mayor's response and revised fiscal year 1998 financial plan and budget submitted to the Authority on March 18, 1997, pursuant to section 202(d) of Public Law 104-8; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2567. A letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2568. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2569. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—

Death Benefits (5 CFR Part 1651) received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2570. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2571. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2572. A letter from the Executive Director Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2573. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Cost-of-Living Allowances (Nonforeign Areas) [5 CFR Part 591] (RIN: 3206-AH07) received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2574. A letter from the Director, Peace Corps, transmitting the fiscal year 1996 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.

2575. A letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2576. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2577. A letter from the Executive Director, United States Arctic Research Commission, transmitting the Commission's consolidated semiannual report under the Inspector General Act, and the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2578. A letter from the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting the annual report of the coastal zone management fund for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 6209 (104 Stat. 1388-309); to the Committee on Resources.

2579. A letter from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Services final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for Three Plants and Threatened Status for Five Plants from Vernal Pools in the Central Valley of California [50 CFR Part 17] (RIN: 1018-AC00) received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2580. A letter from the National Marine Fisheries Services, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 961107312-7021-02; I.D. 032097A] (50 CFR Part 679) received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2581. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Offshore Component Pollock in the Aleutian Islands Subarea [Docket No. 961107312-7021-02; I.D. 022697A] received March 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2582. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 961107312-7021-02; I.D. 031497C] received March 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2583. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334-7025-02; I.D. 031497D] received March 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2584. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334-7012-02; I.D. 031097A] received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2585. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334-7025-02; I.D. 031097B] received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2586. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Prohibited Species Catch Limits for Tanner Crab [Docket No. 961217360-7052-02; I.D. 112596C] received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2587. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Consolidation of the Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Bluefish Fishery [Docket No. 970303042-7042-01; I.D. 021097C] (RIN: 0648-AJ78) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2588. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Season Opening [I.D. 031497A] received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2589. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the Commercial Red Snapper Component [Docket No. 960807218-6244-02; I.D. 032097F] received March

26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2590. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plans [Docket No. 961217359-7050-02; I.D. 121196B] (RIN: 0648-AJ11) received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2591. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Offshore Component Pollock in the Aleutian Islands Subarea [Docket No. 961107312-7021-02; I.D. 031997A] received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2592. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Technical Amendment [Docket No. 960612172-7054-02; I.D. 011697A] (RIN: 0648-AI21) received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2593. A letter from the Acting Assisting Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 14 [Docket No. 961108316-7051-02; I.D. 101796C] (RIN: 0648-AI47) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2594. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary [Docket No. 950427120-7006-02] (RIN: 0648-AH99) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2595. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 23 [Docket No. 970324064-7064-01; I.D. 021997B] (RIN: 0648-AJ32) received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2596. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 20 [Docket No. 970318056-7056-01; I.D. 021397B] (RIN: 0648-AJ43) received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2597. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska, Pollock in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334-7025-02; I.D. 032897B] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2598. A letter from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 961107312-7021-02; I.D. 032497A] (50 CFR Part 679) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2599. A letter from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Scallop Fishery; District 16 of Registration Area D [Docket No. 960502124-6190-02; I.D. 022097B] (50 CFR Part 679) received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2600. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Iowa Regulatory Program [SPATS No. IA-009-FOR] received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2601. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Hopi Tribe Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan [HO-004-FOR] received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2602. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Alaska Regulatory Program [AK-005-FOR, Amendment No. V] received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2603. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the biennial report regarding the activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [NOAA] National Marine Fisheries Service's Chesapeake Bay Office to protect and restore the living resources of the Chesapeake Bay, pursuant to section 307(b)(7) of the NOAA Authorization Act of 1992; to the Committee on Resources.

2604. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 96-052] (RIN: 2105-AC63) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2605. A letter from the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Implementation of Section 109 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (RIN: 1105-AA39) received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2606. A letter from the Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Literacy Program [BOP-1036-1] (RIN: 1120-AA33) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2607. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's 18th annual report to Congress pursuant to section 201 of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 18a(j); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2608. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule—Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions; Exemption of Positions and Revision of Departmental component Designations (RIN: 3209-AA07) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2609. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Model R44 Helicopters (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-SW-15-AD; Amdt. 39-9900; AD 97-02-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2610. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company (formerly Beech Aircraft Corporation) Model 1900D Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-CE-43-AD; Amdt. 39-9907; AD 97-03-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2611. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; Battle Mountain, NV (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AWP-32] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2612. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Aircraft Flight Simulator Use in Pilot Training, Testing, and Checking at Training Centers: Editorial and Other Changes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 26933; Amdt. Nos. 61-101, 121-263, 135-67, 142-1] (RIN: 2120-AA83) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2613. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Bonafouca Bayou, LA (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD8-95-026] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2614. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone Regulations; Government Cut, Miami, FL (U.S. Coast Guard) [COTP Miami-97-009] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2615. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulated Navigation Area Regulations; Lower Mississippi River (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD08-97-008] (RIN: 2115-AE84) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2616. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Temporary Speed Limits for the St. Mary's River (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD09-97-005] (RIN: 2115-AE84) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2617. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Performance-Oriented Packaging Standards; Final Transitional Provisions; Revisions and Response to Petitions for Reconsideration (Research and Special Programs Administration) [Docket No. HM-181H; Amdt. Nos. 172-150, 173-255, 178-117] (RIN: 2137-AC80) received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2618. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Aircraft Engines CT7 Series Turboprop Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-ANE-34; Amdt. 39-9956; AD 97-05-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2619. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Se-

ries Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-22-AD; Amdt. 39-9974; AD 97-07-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2620. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-NM-107-AD; Amdt. 39-9975; AD 97-07-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2621. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Selawik, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-28] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2622. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Nuiqsut, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-27] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2623. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Kake, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AAL-26] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2624. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pilot, Flight Instructor, Ground Instructor, and Pilot School Certification Rules (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 25910; Amendment Nos. 1-47, 61-102, 141-8, 143-6] (RIN: 2120-AE71) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2625. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Clinton, OK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-12] received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2626. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Panhandle, TX (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-06] received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2627. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class D Airspace; McKinney, TX (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-15] received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2628. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Adding Controlling Agency to Restricted Areas: R-2530 Sierra Army Depot, CA; R-4802 Lone Rock, NV; and R-4811 Hawthorne, NV (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AWP-4] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2629. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Pauls Valley, OK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-09] received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2630. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Russellville, AR (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-13] received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2631. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34 Series Turbofan Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95-ANE-41; Amdt. 39-9972; AD 97-06-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to Public Law 103-337, section 342(b) (108 Stat. 2721); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2632. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34 Series Turbofan Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95-ANE-19; Amdt. 39-9971; AD 97-06-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2633. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28839; Amdt. No. 1788] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2634. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28838; Amdt. No. 1787] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2635. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Corsicana, TX (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-18] received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2636. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone Regulations; Pelican Passage Dauphin Island, AL (U.S. Coast Guard) [COTP Mobile, AL 97-005] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2637. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tank Level or Pressure Monitoring Devices (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD-071] (RIN: 2115-AD69) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2638. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Regulated Navigation Area Regulations;

Lower Mississippi River (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD08-97-008] (RIN: 2115-AE84) received March 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2639. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Technical Amendments to Former Interstate Commerce Commission Regulations in Accordance with the ICC Termination Act of 1995 (Federal Highway Administration) (RIN: 2125-AE12) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2640. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Design Standards for Highways; Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (Federal Highway Administration) [FHWA Docket No. 95-12] (RIN: 2125-AD38) received March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2641. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Light Truck Average Fuel Economy Standard, Model Year 1999 (Federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration) [Docket No. 97-15; Notice 1] (RIN: 2127-AG64) received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2642. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Minimum Levels of Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers; Hours of Service of Drivers; Technical Amendments (Federal Highway Administration) (RIN: 2125-AE07) received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2643. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Railroad Consolidation Procedures—Modification of Fee Policy (STB Ex Parte No. 556) received April 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2644. A letter from the Senior Vice President, Communications, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting a copy of the Authority's statistical summaries as part of their annual report for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 1996, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 831(h); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2645. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Upgraded Discharges (RIN: 2900-A140) received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2646. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterans Education: Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (RIN: 2900-A155) received March 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2647. A letter from the Chief, U.S. Customs Service Regulations Branch, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Duty-Free Stores (U.S. Customs Service) [T.D. 97-19] (RIN: 1515-AB86) received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2648. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Maquiladora Industry Coordinated Issue [I.R.C. 168(g)(1)(A) received March 21,

1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2649. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property [Rev. Rul. 97-17] received March 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2650. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Coordinated Issue Construction/Real Estate Industry Percentage of Completion Method Timing of Cost Recognition—received March 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2651. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Differential Earnings Rate for Mutual Life Insurance Companies [Notice 97-17] received March 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2652. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Substantiation of Business Expenses for Travel, Entertainment, Gifts, and Listed Property [TD 8715] (RIN: 1545-AT98) received March 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2653. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Certain Trust Arrangements [Notice 97-24] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2654. A letter from the Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Petroleum and Retail Industries Coordinated Issue: Convenience Stores—received April 2, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2655. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of State, transmitting a report assessing the voting practices of the governments of U.N. member states in the General Assembly and Security Council for 1996, and evaluating the actions and responsiveness of those governments to U.S. policy on issues of special importance to the United States, pursuant to Public Law 101-167, section 527(a) (103 Stat. 1222); Public Law 101-246, section 406(a) (104 Stat. 66); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

#### ¶28.5 CORRECTIONS CALENDAR

Pursuant to clause 4, rule XIII,  
The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, directed the Corrections Calendar to be called.  
When,

#### ¶28.6 NURSE AIDE PROGRAMS

The Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union was discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 968) to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill was read for amendment and the following amendments recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means were submitted:

Committee amendments, page 2, line 12, strike "(iii)" and insert "(iii)(I)."

Page 2, line 14, insert "(or skilled nursing facility for purposes of title XVIII)" after "nursing facility."

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, pursuant to clause 4 of rule XIII, recognized Mr. CAMP and Mr. KLECZKA, each for 30 minutes.

After debate,

Pursuant to clause 4 of rule XIII, the previous question was considered as ordered on the amendments and the bill.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to said amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, announced that the yeas had it.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, announced that three-fifths of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, three-fifths of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

#### ¶28.7 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### ¶28.8 RURAL MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE

Mr. LAZIO moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 28) to amend the Housing Act of 1949 to extend the loan guarantee program for multifamily rental housing in rural areas.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, recognized Mr. LAZIO and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. LAZIO demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

#### ¶28.9 FOOD STAMP BENEFITS

Mr. SMITH of Oregon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R.

1000) to require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits and the amount of food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. SMITH of Oregon and Mrs. CLAYTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

#### ¶28.10 U.S. PROPERTY RELEASE IN IOSCO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Mr. SMITH of Oregon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 394) to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. SMITH of Oregon and Mrs. CLAYTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

#### ¶28.11 J. PHIL CAMPBELL SENIOR NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION CENTER

Mr. SMITH of Oregon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 785) to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, recognized Mr. SMITH of Oregon and Mrs. CLAYTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, announced that