

Activities Grants Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3137. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Announcement of Proposal Guidelines for the Competition for the 1997 National Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Demonstration Pilots [FRL-5822-7] received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3138. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Minnesota [MN41-01-7266a; FRL-5820-8] received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3139. 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 [IN54-1a; FRL-5819-3] received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3140. 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 State Implementation Plan; Utah; Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources [UT-001-0003a; FRL-5818-6] received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3141. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Promulgation of Reid Vapor Pressure Standard; Michigan [MI50-01-7257; FRL-5819-5] received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3142. 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 State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District [CA 192-0037a; FRL-5816-9] received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3143. A letter from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cle Elum, Washington) [MM Docket No. 96-233, RM-8908] received May 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3144. A letter from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Grenada, Mississippi) [MM Docket No. 96-130, RM-8818] received May 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3145. A letter from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Humboldt, Kansas) [MM Docket No. 96-217, RM-8880] received May 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3146. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, trans-

mitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Amargosa Valley, Nevada) [MM Docket No. 96-180, RM-8863] received May 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3147. A letter from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact upon the Existing Television Broadcast Service [MM Docket No. 87-268] received May 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3148. A letter from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact upon the Existing Television Broadcast Service [MM Docket No. 87-268] received May 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3149. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor 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.

3150. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Financial Assistance for Research and Development Projects to Strengthen and Develop the U.S. Fishing Industry [Docket No. 960223046-7086-02; I.D. 031897A] (RIN: 0648-ZA09) received May 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3151. A letter from Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Postsecondary Education Programs for Inmates (Bureau of Prisons) [BOP-1035-F] (RIN: 1120-AA35) received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3152. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report regarding the economic policy and trade practices of each country with which the United States has significant economic or trade relationships, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 4711; jointly, to the Committee on International Relations and Ways and Means.

¶43.7 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—  
NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT  
TO EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT  
LAPSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SNOWBARGER, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994, to deal with the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 6, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-80).

¶43.8 CUSTOMS SERVICE AUTHORIZATION

Mr. CRANE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1463) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SNOWBARGER, recognized Mr. CRANE and Mr. RANGEL, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SNOWBARGER, 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, as amended, was passed.

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

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

¶43.9 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Mr. SOUDER moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolution (H. Res. 93):

Whereas the Consumer Price Index currently informs our Nation's monetary policy, and determines both the level of taxes paid and the amount of government benefits received by millions of Americans, many of them on fixed incomes;

Whereas the Consumer Price Index is assumed in these uses to be an accurate and appropriate measurement;

Whereas the Consumer Price Index is only useful if it is a technical, not a political measurement;

Whereas it is of the utmost importance to maintain the integrity and objectivity of the determination process and of the reliability of the Federal statistical system;

Whereas it is the Bureau of Labor Statistics that has the expertise, tools, resources, and experience to maintain this integrity and objectivity; and

Whereas it is vital to protect our senior citizens and others on fixed incomes that we use the most appropriate and accurate criteria: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That any adjustments to the methodology used to determine the Consumer Price Index should be made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics alone.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SNOWBARGER, recognized Mr. SOUDER and Mr. FATTAH, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SNOWBARGER, announced that two-