

3528. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Class D Airspace; Shreveport Downtown Airport, LA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ASW-01] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3529. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Bishop, CA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-AWP-11] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3530. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision to Minimum Altitudes for the Use of an Autopilot (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 27987; Amdt. No. 121-265, 125-29, 135-68] (RIN: 2120-AF19) received May 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3531. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Water Service Modernization Streamlining Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Science.

3532. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's report entitled "Polar Research and Policy Study"; to the Committee on Science.

3533. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting notification that the Administration has established a pilot program that improves access to Federal contract opportunities for very small business concerns, pursuant to section 304(h) of Public Law 103-403; to the Committee on Small Business.

3534. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Regulations Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 [Treasury Regulation 26.2652-1(a)] received May 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3535. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision in *Duncan v. United States*, Docket No. 95-228 (E.D. Ky. Oct. 31, 1996), 96-2—received May 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3536. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision in *Xerox Corporation v. United States*, 41 F.3d 647 (Fed. Cir. 1994), reh. denied (February 7, 1995), cert. denied, 116 S.Ct. 72 (1995)—received May 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3537. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision in *Buckeye Countrymark v. Commissioner*, 103 T.C. 547 (1994)—received May 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3538. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision in *Robert B. and Eleanor Risman v. Commissioner*, 100 T.C. 191 (1993)—received May 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3539. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision in *Hurt v. United States*, 70 F.3d 1261 (4th Cir. 1995), aff'g 72 AFTR2d 93-5379 (S.D.W.V.

1993)—received May 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3540. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision in *United States v. Kao*, 81 F.3d 114 (9th Cir. 1996)—received May 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3541. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tax Forms and Instructions [Rev. Proc. 97-28] received May 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3542. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Military Commissary Act of 1997"; jointly to the Committees on National Security and Government Reform and Oversight.

3543. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of additional program proposals for purposes of Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Fund (NDF) activities, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5852; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

3544. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the Office's report entitled "The Government Performance and Results Act," report to the President and the Congress from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and the Budget.

3545. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Department of Energy National Security Programs Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999"; jointly to the Committees on National Security, Commerce, and Resources.

3546. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Commerce, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "NOAA Corps Disestablishment Act"; jointly to the Committees on Resources, Government Reform and Oversight, and National Security.

3547. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Medicare and Medicaid Fraud, Abuse, and Waste Prevention Amendments of 1997"; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Commerce, and the Judiciary.

3548. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation that addresses several management concerns of the Department of Defense; jointly to the Committees on International Relations, Transportation and Infrastructure, Government Reform and Oversight, and the Judiciary.

3549. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General of the U.S., transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Forfeiture Act of 1997"; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Commerce, Agriculture, Resources, and Banking and Financial Services.

¶56.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 610. An Act to implement the obligations of the United States under the Chemical Weapons Convention; and

S. 768. An Act for the relief of Michel Christopher Meili, Giuseppina Meili, Mirjam Naomi Meili, and Davide Meili.

The message also announced that in accordance with sections 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] as a member of the Senate delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 1st Session of the 105th Congress, to be held in Luxembourg, May 28-June 1, 1997.

The message also announced that in accordance with sections 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] as vice chairman of the Senate delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 105th Congress.

¶56.5 COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of section 711(b) of Public Law 104-293, appointed to the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Mr. Henry F. Cooper of Virginia, from private life, on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointment.

¶56.6 BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, by unanimous consent, announced that the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of section 114(b) of Public Law 100-450, appointed Mrs. FOWLER, to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, on the part of the House, to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointment.

¶56.7 ORDER OF BUSINESS—EXTENSION OF REMARKS

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That for today all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the Record entitled "Extension of Remarks".

¶56.8 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 28, 1997.
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the