

should be a top priority in trade negotiations with the European Union;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶50.37 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. GREEN of Texas, for today;

To Mr. REYES, for today;

To Mr. DEFAZIO, for today;

To Mr. BURR for today after 2 o'clock p.m.;

To Mr. QUINN, for today; and

To Mr. RIGGS, for today after 9:15 a.m.

And then,

¶50.38 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. WELDON, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 93, at 6 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 1998.

¶50.39 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. GEKAS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 872. A bill to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-549 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2400. A bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-550). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2281. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty and Performances and Phonograms Treaty; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-551 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MCINNIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 449. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2400) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-552). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 450. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3433) to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work and to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for impairment-related work expenses (Rept. No. 105-553). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3035. A bill to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-554 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

¶50.40 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 872. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than July 14, 1998.

H.R. 1704. Referral to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight extended for a period ending not later than June 4, 1998.

H.R. 3035. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than June 3, 1998.

¶50.41 REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 5 of rule X, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2281. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty and Performances and Phonograms Treaty; with an amendment; referred to the Committees on Commerce, and Ways and Means for a period ending not later than June 19, 1998, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdictions of those committees pursuant to clause 1(e) and (s), rule X, respectively.

¶50.42 DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on House Oversight discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1704.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Resources discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3035.

¶50.43 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HERGER (for himself, Mr. MCCRERY, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. HULSHOF, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. JONES, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. LARGENT, and Mr. SALMON):

H.R. 3945. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an inflation adjustment of the unified credit against the estate and gift taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HYDE, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MILLER of California, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY

of New York, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 3946. A bill to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ARCHER:

H.R. 3947. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that certain liquidating distributions of a regulated investment company or a real estate investment trust which are allowable as a deduction shall be included in the gross income of the distributee; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KLINK (for himself, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MANTON, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. HINCHAY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. GREEN, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. GOODE):

H.R. 3948. A bill to maintain health care coverage for veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs for tobacco related illnesses, and to provide for additional authorization of appropriations for the Department; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia (for himself, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BARCHIA of Michigan, and Mr. STRICKLAND):

H.R. 3949. A bill to ban the imposition of a fee for performing background checks in connection with the transfer of a firearm, and to ensure that background check information is not retained for longer than necessary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BILBRAY:

H.R. 3950. A bill to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ACKERMAN:

H.R. 3951. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit ticket scalping; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MANTON, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER):

H.R. 3952. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to address the aircraft noise problems of Queens and Long Island, New York; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3953. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an inflation adjustment of the dollar limitation on the exclusion of gain on the sale of a principal residence; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia (for himself, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. HERGER, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. STUMP, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CANNON, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. GOODE,