

ministration's commitment to enhancing multilateral counternarcotics cooperation in the region.

Strengthening international narcotics control is one of my Administration's top foreign policy priorities. Because of the transnational nature of the Western Hemisphere drug trafficking threat, we have made enhanced multilateral cooperation a central feature of our regional drug control strategy. Our counternarcotics diplomacy, foreign assistance, and operations have focused increasingly on making this objective a reality.

We are succeeding. Thanks to U.S. leadership in the Summit of the Americas, the Organization of American States, and other regional fora, the countries of the Western Hemisphere are taking the drug threat more seriously and responding more aggressively. South American cocaine organizations that were once regarded as among the largest and most violent crime syndicates in the world have been dismantled, and the level of coca cultivation is now plummeting as fast as it was once sky-rocketing. We are also currently working through the Organization of American States to create a counternarcotics multilateral evaluation mechanism in the hemisphere. These examples reflect fundamental narcotics control progress that was nearly unimaginable a few years ago.

While much remains to be done, I am confident that the Administration and the Congress, working together, can bolster cooperation in the hemisphere, accelerate this progress, and significantly diminish the drug threat to the American people. I look forward to your continued support and cooperation in this critical area.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 23, 1999.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

¶11.28 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for today; and

To Mrs. CAPPS, for today and February 24.

And then,

¶11.29 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, at 8 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶11.30 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:

[Filed on February 16, 1999]

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 669. A bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out

that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-18). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 434. A bill to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa; with an amendment (Rept. No. 106-19 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

[Filed on February 23, 1999]

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 92. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (Rept. No. 106-20). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 158. A bill to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin Federal Courthouse"; with amendments (Rept. No. 106-21). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 223. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building" (Rept. No. 106-22). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 396. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building" (Rept. No. 106-23). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 514. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-24). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 438. A bill to promote and enhance public safety through use of 911 as the universal emergency assistance number, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 106-25). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 75. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 409) to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public (Rept. No. 106-26). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 76. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 438) to promote and enhance public safety through use of 911 as the universal emergency assistance number, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-27). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 77. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 514) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-28). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 416. A bill to provide for the rectification of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-29 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

¶11.31 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

(The following occurred on February 16, 1999)

H.R. 434. Referral to the Committees on Ways and Means and Banking and Financial Services extended for a period ending not later than February 26, 1999.

[Submitted February 23, 1999]

H.R. 416. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than March 5, 1999.

¶11.32 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. COBLE (for himself and Mr. CANNON):

H.R. 768. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to reform the copyright law with respect to satellite retransmissions of broadcast signals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COBLE:

H.R. 769. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 770. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure that the National Labor Relations Board does not decline to assert jurisdiction over the horse-racing and dogracing industries; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COBLE (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. CHABOT):

H.R. 771. A bill to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (for himself, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. LEE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CLAY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. BALDACCI, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. STARK, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. KLINK):

H.R. 772. A bill to authorize a new trade, investment, and development policy for sub-Saharan Africa that is mutually beneficial to the majority of people in sub-Saharan Africa and the United States; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, and 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. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. Boucher, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CARSON, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DANNER, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. DELAURO, Mr.