

1898. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Carrington, ND, Carrington Municipal Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-20] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1899. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; New Lisbon, WI, Mauston-New Lisbon Union Airport (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-AGL-22] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1900. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Eglin AFB, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-34] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1901. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Deland, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-30] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1902. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Passaic River, New Jersey (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD01-95-171] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1903. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Lifesaving Equipment (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 84-069] (RIN: 2115-AB72) received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1904. A letter from the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final report on demonstration projects with respect to alternative methods of promoting vocational rehabilitation [VR] and helping Social Security disability insurance [DI] beneficiaries return to work, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1310 note; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1905. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Medical, Dental, Etc. Expenses [Rev. Rul. 97-9] received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1906. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction [TD 8714] (RIN: 1545-AU81) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1907. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction [REG-209830-96] (RIN: 1545-AU27) received February 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1908. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Changes in Account-

ing Period and In Methods of Accounting [Rev. Proc. 97-18] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1909. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's "Major" final rule—Cycling Payment of Social Security Benefits [20 CFR Part 404] (RIN: 0960-AE31) received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1910. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Certification of Lands to Which Indian Water Rights Are Appurtenant That Are Participating in the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project," pursuant to Public Law 102-575, section 211 (106 Stat. 4625); jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and Resources.

1911. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting the Office's report on "Unauthorized Appropriations and Expiring Authorizations" by the Congressional Budget Office as of January 15, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 602(f)(3); jointly, to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations.

1912. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on allocation of funds the executive branch intends to make available from funding levels established in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, as enacted in Public Law 104-208, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2413(a); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

1913. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Military Beneficiaries Medicare Reimbursement Model Project Act of 1997"; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means, National Security, and Commerce.

#### 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. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 624. A bill to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce (Rept. 105-6). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### 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. SCHUMER (by request):

H.R. 810. A bill to deter and punish serious gang and violent crime, promote accountability in the juvenile justice system, prevent juvenile and youth crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. ROHRBACHER (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BARR of Georgia,

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COX of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. NEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAMP, and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 811. A bill to restore the term of patents and to provide for the publication of patent applications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 812. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to enable the Patent and Trademark Office to improve the integrity of the U.S. patent system and to further ensure the validity of U.S. patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. RILEY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. STUMP):

H.R. 813. A bill to amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from requiring States to use the metric system with respect to designing, advertising, or preparing documents for Federal-aid highway projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 814. A bill to prevent children from injuring themselves with firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. STARK, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. FROST, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. GANSKE)

H.R. 815. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to assure access to emergency medical services under group health plans, health insurance coverage, and the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, 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. CASTLE:

H.R. 816. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for certain amenities and personal comforts in the Federal prison system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HILL, and Mr. RADANOVICH):

H.R. 817. A bill to require the appointment of the Chief of the Forest Service by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CONDIT (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. FOGLIETTA):

H.R. 818. A bill to require that employees who participate in cash or deferred arrangements are free to determine whether to be