

9549. A letter from the Director, United States Information Agency, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998, also the Management Report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9550. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9551. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Blowout Preventer (BOP) Testing Requirements for Drilling and Completion Operations (RIN: 1010-AC37) received June 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9552. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting a proposed plan related to the use and distribution of the judgement awarded to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Docket Nos. 18-E, 58 and 364, before the Indian Claims Commission, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 1403 (b); to the Committee on Resources.

9553. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Data Collection [Docket No. 980513127-8127-01; I.D. 050598A] (RIN: 0648-AL15) received June 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9554. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Regional Nonindigenous Species Research and Outreach and Improved Methods for Ballast Water Treatment and Management: Request for Proposals for 1998 [Docket No. 980415097-8097-01] (RIN: 0648-ZA40) received June 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9555. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Community Development Quota Program [Docket No. 970703166-8129-03; I.D. 060997A] (RIN: 0648-AH65) received June 4, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9556. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Disclosures [Docket No: 960828235-8109-02] (RIN: 0651-AA88) received May 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9557. A letter from the Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Patent Cooperation Treaty Application Procedure [Docket No.: 980511124-8124-01] received May 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9558. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice,

transmitting the Department's prison impact assessment (PIA) report for 1996 and 1997, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 4047(c); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9559. A letter from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting a copy of the Legion's financial statements as of December 31, 1997, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(4) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9560. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 1998 Rates [HCF A-1878-F, formerly BPD-878] (RIN: 0938-AH55) received May 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9561. A letter from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing And Urban Development, transmitting three new reports on the HUD 2020 Management Reform Plan; jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Government Reform and Oversight.

9562. A letter from the Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, General Accounting Office, transmitting a report of their opinion on the financial statements of the Congressional Award Foundation for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1997 and 1996; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Education and the Workforce.

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. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3069. A bill to extend the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy to allow the Advisory Council to advise Congress on the implementation of the proposals and recommendations of the Advisory Council (Rept. 105-571). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 461. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2888) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt from the minimum wage recordkeeping and overtime compensation requirements certain specialized employees (Rept. 105-572). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 462. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3150) to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-573). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on Science. H.R. 3824. A bill amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft; with an amendment (Rept. 105-574 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3824 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 3824. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than June 9, 1998.

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. STUMP (for himself and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 4016. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the eligibility of former members of the Selected Reserve for veterans housing loans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado (for himself and Mr. HALL of Texas):

H.R. 4017. A bill to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and the Energy Conservation and Production Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FATAH, Mr. FALOMAVEGA, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. DEFAZIO):

H.R. 4018. A bill to identify the current levels of savings and costs to telecommunications carriers as a result of the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, to require accurate billing by telecommunications carriers with respect to the costs and fees resulting from the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. CANADY of Florida (for himself and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 4019. A bill to protect religious liberty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mr. BECERRA, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

H.R. 4020. A bill to amend the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act to eliminate the requirement that spouses and children of aliens eligible for adjustment of status under such Act be nationals of Nicaragua or Cuba; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington:

H.R. 4021. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Washington; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. NETHERCUTT (for himself, Mr. RYUN, Mr. LEACH, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. WALSH, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. WAMP, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. HORN, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. HILL, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. LATHAM, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, and Mr. WHITE):

H.R. 4022. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to provide that certain sanctions provisions relating to prohibitions on credit, credit guarantees, or other financial assistance not apply with respect to programs of the Department of Agriculture for the purchase or other provision of food or other agricultural commodities; to the Committee on International Relations.