

rule—Animal Welfare; Primary Enclosures for Dogs and Cats [Docket No. 98-044-1] received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9977. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Venezuela, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9978. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Turkey, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9979. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Head Start Program [RIN: 0970-AB52] received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9980. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Acesulfame Potassium [Docket No. 90F-0220] received July 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9981. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Foods for Human Consumption; Acesulfame Potassium [Docket No. 93F-0286] received July 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9982. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council, pursuant to Public Law 102-1, section 3 (105 Stat. 4); (H. Doc. No. 105-282); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

9983. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 12543 of January 7, 1986, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 105-284); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

9984. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting certification for the Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom for Research, Development, Test, Evaluation, Productions and Life Cycle Support Activities for Technologies and Systems for Environmentally Sound Ships and Naval Installations Program, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9985. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Israel and the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-76-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9986. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that a reward has been paid pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2708(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9987. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report of political contributions by nominees as chiefs of mission, ambassadors at large, or ministers, and their

families, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3944(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

9988. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List—received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9989. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List; Additions—received July 2, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9990. A letter from the Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act from January 1, 1997 to September 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9991. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Alabama Regulatory Program [SPATS No. AL-065-FOR] received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9992. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Outer Continental Shelf Beaufort Sea Notice of Leasing Systems, Sale 170—received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9993. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Transportation and Utility Systems In and Across, and Access Into, Conservation System Units in Alaska [RIN: 1093-AA07] received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9994. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Rockfish Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 971208298-8055-02; I.D. 062498A] received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9995. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 [Docket No. 971208297-8054-02; I.D. 061898A] received June 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9996. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Bottomfish Fishery; Fishing Moratorium [Docket No. 980319068-8155-02; I.D. 021998A] [RIN: 0648-AK59] received July 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9997. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 105-283); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

9998. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule—Kerosene Tax; Aviation Fuel Tax; Tax on Heavy Trucks and Trailers [T.D. 8774] (RIN: 1545-AW15) received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

9999. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Magnetic Media Filing Requirements for Information Returns [TD 8772] (RIN: 1545-AU08) received June 29, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10000. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule—Medicare Program; Establishment of the MedicareChoice Program [HCFA-1030-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AI29) received June 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means 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. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3980. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat illnesses of Persian Gulf War veterans, to provide authority to treat illnesses of veterans which may be attributable to future combat service, and to revise the process for determining priorities for research relative to the health consequences of service in the Persian Gulf War, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-626). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 4110. A bill to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to make various improvements in education, housing, and cemetery programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-627). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 501. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4194) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-628). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 3249. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than July 17, 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. PAUL (for himself and Mr. BARR of Georgia):