

the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

11630. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting a report to Congress containing a plan to reduce overhead costs of the supply management activities of the Defense Logistics Agency and the military departments so that the overhead costs for each fiscal year after fiscal year 2000 do not exceed eight percent of net sales at standard price by Inventory Control Points during that year; to the Committee on National Security.

11631. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Ginnie Mae MBS Program: Book Entry Securities [Docket No. FR-4331-1-01] received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11632. A letter from the Acting Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, transmitting the Network's final rule—Amendment to the Bank Secrecy Act Regulations—Exemptions from the Requirements to Report Transactions in Currency—Phase II (RIN: 1506-AA12) received September 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11633. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report to Congress on appropriations legislation within seven days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

11634. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting Final regulations—Federal Work-Study Programs (RIN: 1840-AC56), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11635. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a Consolidated Report to Congress on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program Implementation Assessments (PIAs) for Fiscal Years 1992-1997; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11636. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL-6176-1] received October 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11637. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Idaho: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-6176-7] received October 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11638. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Taipei for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 99-02), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

11639. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a notification that an emergency exists which requires that consent to the proposed transfer, of electronic counter-measure pods, on a temporary basis to the Government of Norway, become effective immediately in the national security interests of the United States; to the Committee on International Relations.

11640. A letter from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting a report of activities

under the Freedom of Information Act from October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

11641. 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 October 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

11642. A letter from the Director of Executive Budgeting and Assistance Management, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Audit Requirements for Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-Profit Organization [Docket No. 980925248-8248-01] (RIN: 0605-AA12) received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

11643. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department of Transportation's first annual Performance Plan under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

11644. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Geothermal Resources Leasing and Operations [AA-610-08-4141-02] (RIN: 1004-AB18) received October 10, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

11645. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 [OJP (BJA)-1192] (RIN: 1121-AA48) received September 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

11646. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend section 879 of title 18, United States Code, to provide clearer coverage over threats against former Presidents, members of their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

11647. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report with recommendations on the feasibility and environmental benefits of requiring tank vessels to carry oil spill prevention and response equipment; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

11648. A letter from the Secretary of Labor and Chairman of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the 23rd Annual Report of the Corporation, which includes the Corporation's financial statements as of September 30, 1997, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1308; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Ways and Means.

11649. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the agencies plan for achieving a drug-free workplace, pursuant to Public Law 102-321, 101(a) (106 Stat. 327); jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Appropriations.

11650. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program: Hospice Wage Index [HCFA-1039-N] (RIN: 0938-A187) received October 2, 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. SAXTON: Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 1998 Economic Report of the President (Rept. 105-807). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3529. A bill to establish a national policy against State and local interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or on-line services, and to exercise congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-808 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 2526. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make the percentage limitations on individual contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan more consistent with the dollar amount limitation on elective deferrals, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-809). 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 Committees on Rules and Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3529 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. 3529. Referral to the Committees on Rules and Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than October 10, 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:

*[Omitted from the Record of October 7, 1998]*

By Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. COYNE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 4727. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the 15% reduction and to make revisions in the per beneficiary and per visit payment limits on payment for health services under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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.

*[Submitted October 10, 1998]*

By Mr. HYDE (for himself and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H.R. 4785. A bill to provide for relief from excessive punitive damage awards in cases involving primarily financial loss by establishing rules for proportionality between the amount of punitive damages and the amount of economic loss; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GEKAS:

H.R. 4786. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require the deposit of certain contributions and donations to be returned to donors in a special account, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. PORTER, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. WELLER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. YATES):

H.R. 4787. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 7748 South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John H. Sengstacke Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. LAFALCE:

H.R. 4788. A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to enhance the advertising of the terms and costs of consumer automobile leases, to permit consumer comparison of advertised lease offerings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. WELLER (for himself and Mr. NEY):

H.R. 4789. A bill to require criminal and abusive work history background checks for direct care employees in nursing facilities, home health agencies, and hospice programs under the Medicare and Medicaid Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. REDMOND:

H.R. 4790. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to ban the acceptance of cash contributions greater than \$100 in campaigns for election for Federal office; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas:

H.R. 4791. A bill to establish rules for the payment of damage awards for future losses in certain health care liability actions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLILEY:

H.R. 4792. A bill to improve the adoption system of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. BLILEY (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR):

H.R. 4793. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow Federal agencies to reimburse their employees for certain adoption expenses; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. CRAMER:

H.R. 4794. A bill to provide for substantial reductions in the price of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. CRANE (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. WELLER):

H.R. 4795. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the consolidation of life insurance companies with other companies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

H.R. 4796. A bill to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to prohibit the use of funds for any facility a primary purpose of which is the distribution or use of tobacco products; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. GOSS:

H.R. 4797. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require that a

State having an approved coastal zone management program must be provided a copy of an environmental impact statement to enable its review under that Act of any plan for exploration or development of, or production from, any area in the coastal zone of the State; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. KUCINICH:

H.R. 4798. A bill to provide for the restructuring of the electric power industry; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 4799. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access to health insurance and Medicare benefits for individuals ages 55 to 65 to be fully funded through premiums and anti-fraud provisions, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide financial assistance for those individuals who are too poor to afford the premiums, and for other purposes; 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. PASCRELL (for himself and Mr. GREENWOOD):

H.R. 4800. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a national program of traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury registries; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. KLINK, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. BURR of North Carolina):

H.R. 4801. A bill to ensure the restoration and preservation of State authority over intrastate telecommunications; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. TAUZIN:

H.R. 4802. A bill to ensure that digital data services are made widely available to the American people; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. TAUZIN:

H.R. 4803. A bill to authorize electronic issuance and recognition of migratory bird hunting and conservation stamps; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H.R. 4804. A bill to amend titles XI, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit paid staff other than nurse aides and licensed health professionals to provide feeding and hydration assistance to residents in nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs and to provide special training requirements for such staff, and to establish a program to ensure that such facilities do not employ individuals who have a history of patient or resident abuse or have been convicted of certain crimes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. SMITH of Michigan (for himself and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota):

H. Con. Res. 348. Concurrent resolution urging the President and Chile to engage in negotiations to conclude a free trade agreement between the United States and Chile, in the absence of fast track authority; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H. Con. Res. 349. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States strongly supports any assistance that can be provided to the Government and people of Turkmenistan to build pipelines or take any other measures that will lead to the resumption of natural gas ex-

ports; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. STUMP:

H. Res. 592. A resolution providing for the concurrence by the House with amendments in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4110; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLILEY (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR):

H. Res. 593. A resolution permitting payments to be made by the House of Representatives to reimburse Members, officers, and employees for qualified adoption expenses; to the Committee on House Oversight.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 158: Mr. JOHN.  
 H.R. 326: Mr. BALLENGER.  
 H.R. 900: Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, and Ms. HARMAN.  
 H.R. 1126: Mr. PORTMAN.  
 H.R. 1215: Mr. BURR of North Carolina.  
 H.R. 1525: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota and Mr. TURNER.  
 H.R. 2275: Ms. SLAUGHTER.  
 H.R. 2333: Mr. METCALF.  
 H.R. 2346: Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEY, and Mr. SANDLIN.  
 H.R. 2708: Mr. KIND of Wisconsin and Mr. REDMOND.  
 H.R. 2754: Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD and Mr. GEJDENSON.  
 H.R. 3157: Mr. ADERHOLT.  
 H.R. 3514: Mr. PASTOR.  
 H.R. 3634: Mr. SHIMKUS and Mr. BURR of North Carolina.  
 H.R. 3780: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. HULSHOF.  
 H.R. 3792: Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. LOBIONDO, and Mr. LIPINSKI.  
 H.R. 3855: Mr. YATES.  
 H.R. 3899: Mr. DOYLE, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.  
 H.R. 3949: Mr. STUPAK.  
 H.R. 4358: Mr. SCHUMER.  
 H.R. 4383: Mr. HASTERT.  
 H.R. 4477: Mr. NEY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. FURSE, and Ms. PELOSI.  
 H.R. 4552: Mr. REYES.  
 H.R. 4609: Mr. HOBSON and Mrs. ROUKEMA.  
 H.R. 4627: Ms. CARSON, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. GEJDENSON.  
 H.R. 4646: Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. SANDERS.  
 H.R. 4654: Ms. SLAUGHTER.  
 H.R. 4674: Mrs. CAPPAS, Mr. VISCIOSKY, and Mr. BALDACC.  
 H.R. 4675: Mr. LEWIS of California.  
 H.R. 4683: Mrs. WILSON and Ms. DUNN of Washington.  
 H.R. 4689: Mr. MASCARA, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. BOEHLERT.  
 H. Con. Res. 126: Mr. FOWLER and Mr. SPRATT.  
 H. Con. Res. 258: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania.  
 H. Con. Res. 328: Mr. LAHOOD and Mr. METCALF.  
 H. Res. 519: Mr. HOEKSTRA.

#### DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 859: Mr. HALL of Texas.  
 H.R. 3014: Ms. WATERS.