

Report of the Inspector General for the six-month period ending March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3107. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a semiannual report on Office of Inspector General auditing activity, together with a report providing management's perspective on the implementation status of audit recommendations, pursuant to Public Law 100-504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3108. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action for the National Endowment for the Arts for the period of October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3109. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the management response of the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3110. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting a report on the activities and progress made in protecting and restoring the living resources and habitat of the Chesapeake Bay; to the Committee on Resources.

3111. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report by the Attorney General regarding the results of a survey of the States to determine the extent to which prisoners have access to interactive computer services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3112. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterans Education: Increase in Educational Assistance Rates (RIN: 2900-AJ37) received June 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3113. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Qualified Zone Academy BONDS; Obligation of States and Political Subdivisions [TD 8826] (RIN: 1545-AX23) received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3114. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Qualified Zone Academy BOND Credit Rate [Notice 99-35] received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3115. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Patients' Rights [HCFA-3018-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AJ56) received June 30, 1999, 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. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 850. A bill to amend title 18,

United States Code, to affirm the rights of United States persons to use and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption; with an amendment (Rept. 106-117 Pt. 3). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COMBEST: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 1402. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1-A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders; with an amendment (Rept. 106-239). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 253. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1995) to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to empower teachers, improve student achievement through high-quality professional development for teachers, reauthorize the Reading Excellent Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-240). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 2548. A bill to suspend further implementation of the Department of Defense anthrax vaccination program until the vaccine is determined to be safe and effective and to provide for a study by the National Institutes of Health of that vaccine; to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.

By Mr. GREENWOOD:

H.R. 2549. A bill to provide that the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania be held at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, in addition to those other places currently provided by law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DELAY:

H.R. 2550. A bill to compensate owners of private property for the effect of certain regulatory restrictions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr.

FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. COLLINS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. COBLE, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. FROST, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. STUMP, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. SOUDER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. BERRY, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. UPTON, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. CAMP, Mr. KLING, Mr. EWING, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. McKEON, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. NEY, Mr. ROYCE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LINDER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 2551. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete of its Federal contracts to minimize unfair competition with private firms (depriving law-abiding workers of job

opportunities), to save taxpayer dollars by empowering Federal contracting officers to be able to acquire commercial products that better meet agencies' needs, more quickly and at less cost without having to obtain permission from Federal Prison Industries, to further empower contracting officers to compel Federal Prison Industries to fully perform its contract obligations to the same extent as all other contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. WEINER):

H.R. 2552. A bill to promote the health and safety of children by requiring the posting of Consumer Product Safety Commission child care center safety standards in child care centers and by requiring that the Secretary of Health and Human Services report to Congress with recommendations to promote compliance with such standards; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.

By Mr. POMEROY (for himself, Mr. FROST, Mr. PAUL, Ms. LEE, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 2553. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain individuals a credit against income tax for elective deferrals and IRA contributions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2554. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the deduction allowed for meals and entertainment expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr.

BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. COOK, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. OXLEY, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mrs. THURMAN, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 2555. A bill to establish limitations with respect to the disclosure and use of genetic information in connection with group health plans and health insurance coverage, to provide for consistent standards applicable in connection with hospital care and medical services provided under title 38 of the United States Code, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of genetic information and genetic testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Veterans' Affairs, and Government Reform, 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. WOLF:

H.R. 2556. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program to make a grant to a nonprofit private entity for the purpose of developing a design for a proposed pilot program relating to the use of telecommuting as a means of reducing emissions of air pollutants that are precursors to ground level ozone; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mrs. MEEK of Florida:

H.R. 2557. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion in Biscayne National Park, Florida, of the archaeological site known as the Miami Circle; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mr. PORTER):

H. Res. 254. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning recent hate crimes in Illinois and Indiana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CALVERT:

H. Res. 255. A resolution designating majority membership to certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

159. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 8 memorializing Congress to oppose the designation of any river in Montana as an American Heritage River under the Federal American Heritage Rivers Initiative; to the Committee on Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 21: Mr. ETHERIDGE and Mr. DOYLE.
 H.R. 82: Mr. KING, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. SHAW.
 H.R. 170: Mr. MEEHAN.
 H.R. 202: Mr. TOWNS and Mr. BEREUTER.
 H.R. 274: Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. MANZULLO.
 H.R. 275: Mr. CALVERT.
 H.R. 316: Mr. OLVER.
 H.R. 363: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota and Mr. MASCARA.
 H.R. 488: Mr. CLAY.
 H.R. 583: Mr. CONYERS.
 H.R. 637: Mr. MCINTYRE.
 H.R. 710: Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. MOORE, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. SKELTON.
 H.R. 731: Mr. WYNN and Mr. GUTIERREZ.
 H.R. 750: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.
 H.R. 869: Mrs. ROUKEMA.
 H.R. 904: Ms. STABENOW and Mr. SESSIONS.
 H.R. 915: Mr. TIERNEY.
 H.R. 976: Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.
 H.R. 1046: Mr. MCGOVERN.
 H.R. 1063: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. MOORE.
 H.R. 1070: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. SHADEGG.
 H.R. 1071: Mr. RUSH.
 H.R. 1083: Mr. HILL of Montana and Mr. HILLARD.
 H.R. 1180: Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.
 H.R. 1271: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FILNER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. CARSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. EVANS.
 H.R. 1324: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. CARSON, and Mr. FATTAH.
 H.R. 1325: Mr. HINCHEY and FORD.
 H.R. 1329: Mr. HYDE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 1336: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
 H.R. 1355: Mrs. CHRISTENSEN.
 H.R. 1356: Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. TANCREDO, and Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin.
 H.R. 1413: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.
 H.R. 1433: Ms. WATERS and Mr. GORDON.
 H.R. 1494: Mr. GILCHREST.
 H.R. 1515: Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. FORD, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FROST, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. WEINER, and Mr. MEEHAN.
 H.R. 1556: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
 H.R. 1592: Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
 H.R. 1622: Mr. BAIRD, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
 H.R. 1657: Ms. RIVERS.
 H.R. 1747: Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.
 H.R. 1749: Mr. BURR of North Carolina.
 H.R. 1776: Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. CALVERT.
 H.R. 1779: Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. MCKEON.
 H.R. 1850: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mr. GEKAS.
 H.R. 1863: Mr. WU.
 H.R. 1883: Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. DICKS, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. BAKER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. MASCARA, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LINDER, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TERRY, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. COOK, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LEE, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. LARGENT, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WOLF, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KIND, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. WAMP, Mr. REYNOLDS, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. DEMINT.
 H.R. 1885: Mr. BEREUTER and Mr. VENTO.
 H.R. 1907: Mr. PORTMAN and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.
 H.R. 1932: Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. DUNN.
 H.R. 1937: Mr. CALVERT and Mr. UNDERWOOD.
 H.R. 1964: Mr. GREEN of Texas and Mr. SHAYS.
 H.R. 1990: Mr. CALVERT.
 H.R. 1999: Mr. RANGEL.
 H.R. 2028: Mrs. CUBIN.
 H.R. 2172: Mr. PORTER and Ms. BERKLEY.
 H.R. 2243: Mr. RAHALL and Mr. BEREUTER.
 H.R. 2265: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. WALSH.
 H.R. 2267: Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. COOK.
 H.R. 2395: Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. GANSKE, and Mr. PICKERING.
 H.R. 2409: Mr. FROST.
 H.R. 2414: Mr. CALVERT.
 H.R. 2427: Mr. CONDIT, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. ROHR-ABACHER.
 H.R. 2436: Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, and Mr. COBURN.
 H.R. 2441: Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. BUYER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. GEKAS, and Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 2444: Mr. CUMMINGS.
 H.R. 2446: Mr. CLAY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.
 H.R. 2539: Ms. WATERS, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. FILNER.
 H.J. Res. 46: Mr. FORBES, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. HOUGHTON.
 H.J. Res. 48: Mr. BISHOP, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. EWING, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. WAMP, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
 H. Con. Res. 80: Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. COYNE, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. HOLT, and Mr. ADERHOLT.
 H. Con. Res. 100: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. WAMP, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.
 H. Con. Res. 124: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. WAMP.
 H. Con. Res. 129: Mr. HILLIARD.
 H. Con. Res. 147: Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LANTOS, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. DIXON.
 H. Con. Res. 154: Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. DIXON.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 1995

OFFERED BY: Mr. FATTAH

AMENDMENT No. 2: Page 41, line 25, strike the closing quotation marks and the final period and insert the following:

"SEC. 2404. EDUCATIONAL EQUITY.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no State shall receive funds under this title unless the State certifies annually to the Secretary that—

"(1) the per pupil expenditures in the local educational agencies of the State are substantially equal, taking into consideration the variation in cost of serving pupils with special needs and the local variation in cost of providing education services; or

"(2) the achievement levels of students on reading and mathematics assessments, graduation rates, and rates of college-bound students in the local educational agencies with the lowest per pupil expenditures are substantially equal to those of the local educational agencies with the highest per pupil expenditures.

"(b) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary, in consultation with the National Academy of Sciences, shall develop and publish guidelines to define the terms 'substantially equal' and 'per pupil expenditures'."

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