

taken into consideration in terms of the proposed tax cuts.

If we talk about homeland security, how do we secure our own home if we cannot even educate our children, if we cannot even improve our infrastructure, if we cannot set out a budget for first responders? In my own city of Los Angeles we only have 9,000 police officers, as compared to Giuliani's New York with 30,000. We have 2 million people.

So are we sincere about protecting our homeland? That means not the home land, that means America's people. What is our plan for seriously doing that? I just wanted to put that out as we go about looking at the budget. I think it is very important to be heard. That is why I said it.

Mr. PALLONE. I appreciate it. Mr. Speaker, I think it all goes back to the same thing, which is as the Democrats we are talking about a short-term 2003 plan that does not spend a lot of money relatively and put the government in deficit, and that is specifically directed to jumpstart the economy.

But what the President and the Republicans have proposed does not really even address the short-term economic needs in order to turn the economy around. It is just a long-range plan to basically provide more tax cuts for wealthy people; the stock dividends; the proposal to make the tax cuts permanent in another 10 years.

If we look at that in the context of what the budget needs are, as the gentlewoman says, in this war on terrorism both at home or abroad, we have to wonder where all this money is going to come from and what the consequences are going to be in terms of the deficit.

Ms. WATSON. We are cutting our revenue base, and we are fighting a war over 10,000 miles away that we really do not need to fight, we really do not need to fight.

Mr. PALLONE. I have been hesitating to talk about whether the war is just or necessary, but I think the bottom line is if it is going to be fought or whether it is going to be fought, we have to think about the costs of it. This President's economic plan makes absolutely no sense in the context of whether it is a war against Iraq or the other axis of evil, or just the war against terrorism and homeland security. It really does not.

Ms. WATSON. Let me say, we are a member of the United Nations. We went to the Security Council. They have their inspectors out there. If they do not find what they are looking for, it needs to go back to the Security Council.

We are working on an assumption, and North Korea says, we have your bomb. The monies that we give them for food and so on, does it really get to the people? If it did, why do we have such massive starvation over in North Korea? And I do not see why we are treating them any differently than we are treating Iraq.

Where is our commitment? How do we secure the United States? A country is only as strong as its people, and we cannot let the general public forget that. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. PALLONE. We need to continue. I thank the gentlewoman.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. KIND (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal business.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KUCINICH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FEENEY of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEMINT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 23. An act to provide for a 5-month extension of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 and for a transition period for individuals receiving compensation when the program under such act ends.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 8 of the 108th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG). Pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. Friday,

January 10, 2003, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 8, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2003, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 8.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 8, 108th Congress, and its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, January 27, 2003, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

111. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2002 Farm Bill Regulations — Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments for Peanuts, Pulse Crops, Wheat, Feed Grains, Soybeans and Other Oilseeds (RIN: 0560-AG72) received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

112. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Active and Inert Ingredients for Use in Antimicrobial Formulations (Food-Contact Surface Sanitizing Solutions) [OPP-2002-0278; FRL-6824-2] received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

113. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [OPP-2002-0314; FRL-7281-2] received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

114. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pyriproxyfen Sodium (sodium 2-chloro-6[(4,6-dimethoxy-2-pyrimidin-2-yl)thio]benzoate); Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2002-0005; FRL-7279-5] received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

115. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyromazine; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2002-0237; FRL-7274-8] received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

116. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for FY 2003 budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, the Interior, Labor, and the Treasury; the Corps of Engineers; as well as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Federal Trade Commission; (H. Doc. No. 108-18); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

117. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's USTRANSCOM Personal Property Pilot Programs Evaluation Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

118. A letter from the Deputy Congressional Liaison, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Transactions between

Member Banks and their Affiliates [Regulation W; Docket No. R-1103] received December 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

119. A letter from the Vice Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Australia pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

120. A letter from the Senior Vice President, Congressional Affairs, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the annual report to Congress on the operations of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for Fiscal Year 2002, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635g(a); to the Committee on Financial Services.

121. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the annual report of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for Fiscal Year 2002, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1145(e); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

122. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting the annual report on the provision of services to minority and diverse audiences by public broadcasting entities and public telecommunications entities, pursuant to Public Law 100—626, section 9(a) (102 Stat. 3211); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

123. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "The State Children's Health Insurance Program: A Summary Evaluation of States' Early Experience with SCHIP"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

124. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Minor Revisions to Public Notification Rule, Consumer Confidence Report Rule and Primacy Rule [FRL-7413-9] (RIN: 2040-AD06) received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

125. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Amendments to the Tier 2 Motor Vehicle Emission Regulations [AMS-FRL-7416-7] (RIN: 2060-AI23) received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

126. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Texas: Transportation Control Measures Rule [TX-127-1-7555; FRL-7416-5] received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

127. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; One-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the New Hampshire Portion of the Boston-Lawrence-Worcester, MA-NH Ozone Nonattainment Area [NH-049-7174a; A-1-FRL-7418-5] received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

128. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans;

Massachusetts; One-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Massachusetts portion of the Boston-Lawrence-Worcester, MA-NH Ozone Nonattainment Area [MA069-7205a; A-1-FRL-7418-6] received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

129. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revision to Operating Permits Program in Washington [FRL-7415-2] received November 26, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

130. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA 262-0371; FRL-7413-1] received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

131. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry [FRL-7416-9] (RIN: 2060-AJ57) received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

132. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — NESHP: Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Hazardous Waste [FRL-7424-2] (RIN: 2050-AE79) received December 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

133. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans North Carolina: Approval of Revisions to Miscellaneous Regulations Within the North Carolina State Implementation Plan [NC 102-200304(a); FRL-7425-2] received December 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

134. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Mississippi: Infectious Waste Incinerator Requirements [MS 23-1-200242(a); FRL-7424-3] received December 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

135. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Low Emission Vehicle Program [MA087-7215a; A-1-FRL-7418-7] received December 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

136. A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Notice and Request for Comment Regarding Textile Corporate Leniency Policy [Billing Code 6750-01P] received December 13, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

137. A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act [Billing

Code: 6750-01P] received December 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

138. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Material Control and Accounting Amendments (RIN: 3150-AG69) received December 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

139. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the FY 2001 Inventory of Programs, produced by the Interagency Working Group; to the Committee on International Relations.

140. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the status of the world intellectual property organization copyright treaty and the world intellectual property organization performances and phonograms treaty; to the Committee on International Relations.

141. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled, "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C for Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, Through June 30, 2002," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47—117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

142. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's inventory of commercial activities prepared in accordance with the Federal Activities Reform (FAIR) Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

143. A letter from the Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Inventory; to the Committee on Government Reform.

144. A letter from the Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a copy of the report, "Stimulating Smarter Regulation: 2002 Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local and Tribal Entities," pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1538; to the Committee on Government Reform.

145. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 Reporting [Notice 2002-26] received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

146. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Five Carbonate Plants from the San Bernardino Mountains in Southern California (RIN: 1018-AI27) received December 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

147. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Deinandra conjugens* (Otay tarplant) (RIN: 1018-AH00) received December 17, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

148. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Extend the Interim Groundfish Observer Program Through December 31, 2007, and Amend Regulations for the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program [Docket No. 020814193-2282-

02; I.D. 070102C] (RIN: 0648-AQ05) received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

149. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's proposed legislation entitled, "Title 46 Codification Act of 2002"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

150. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Annual Report on Civil Works Activities for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

151. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Retention of Current Monetary Threshold for Reporting Rail Equipment Accidents/Incidents During Calendar Year 2003 and Until Further Amended [FRA-1998-4898, Notice No. 5] (RIN: 2130-AB57) received December 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

152. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — U.S. Locational Requirement for Dispatching of U.S. Rail Operations [FRA Docket No. FRA-2001-8728, Notice No. 3] (RIN: 2130-AB38) received December 16, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

153. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Withdrawal of Certain Federal Human Health and Aquatic Life Water Quality Criteria Applicable to Vermont, the District of Columbia, Kansas and New Jersey [FRL-7416-3] received December 2, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

154. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Disclaimers, Fraudulent Solicitation, Civil Penalties [Notice 2002-25] received December 11, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

155. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Coordinated and Independent Expenditures [Notice 2002-17] received December 20, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WELDON of Florida (for himself, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CANNON, Mr. HALL, Mr. KELLER, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. HART, Mr. DELAY, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. VITTER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. WOLF, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. JOHN, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas,

Mr. McNULTY, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MICA, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. TERRY, Mr. COLLINS, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. PENCE, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. FORBES, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. CAMP, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. WAMP, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. HAYES, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ISSA, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. CRANE, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. BUYER, and Mr. FERGUSON);

H.R. 234. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and 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. JONES of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HAYES, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. HALL, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, and Mr. WELDON of Florida);

H.R. 235. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect the religious free exercise and free speech rights of churches and other houses of worship; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FATTAH (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. RUSH, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. WATSON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. HOFFFEL, Mr. REYES, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. OLVER, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FILNER, Mr. OWENS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. HONDA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. FORD, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. LEE, and Mr. WATT);

H.R. 236. A bill to provide for adequate and equitable educational opportunities for students in State public school systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. PLATTS);

H.R. 237. A bill to repeal certain amendments to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BOEHLERT (for himself and Mr. HALL);

H.R. 238. A bill to provide for Federal energy research, development, demonstration,

and commercial application activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, 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. GARY G. MILLER of California (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. LEACH, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. SOUDER, Ms. HART, and Mr. PLATTS);

H.R. 239. A bill to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MICA;

H.R. 240. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans for prescriptions written by private health-care practitioners in the case of veterans who, after having made an appointment to see a Department of Veterans Affairs physician to obtain such a prescription, have been waiting for longer than 30 days, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. EVANS);

H.R. 241. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the two-year limitation on the payment of accrued benefits that are due and unpaid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs upon the death of a veteran or other beneficiary under laws administered by the Secretary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. FARR, Mr. NETHERCUTT, and Mr. MEEHAN);

H.R. 242. A bill to make technical corrections in patent law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. LEWIS of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. ENGLISH, and Mr. INSLEE);

H.R. 243. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, relating to the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes by hybrid vehicles; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. OSE, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. LEE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. HUNTER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HERGER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. POMBO, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. DREIER, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mrs. BONO, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. COX, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. NUNES, Mrs. CAPPAS, Mr. HONDA, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CARDOZA, Ms. WATSON, and Mr. LANTOS);

H.R. 244. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gas in certain areas within the State; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FLETCHER (for himself, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. TANNER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky);