

1710. 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; Rhode Island; One-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Rhode Island Ozone Nonattainment Area [A-1-FRL-7476-7] received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1711. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Standards of Performance for Stationary Gas Turbines [OAR-2002-0053, FRL-7476-5] (RIN: 2060-AK35) received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1712. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on nuclear nonproliferation in South Asia for the period October 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2376(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1713. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Jordan [Transmittal No. DTC 005-03], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

1714. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Germany [Transmittal No. DTC 011-03], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

1715. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report required by Section 301 of the United States Macau Policy Act, covering the period from April 2, 2001, to April 1, 2002; to the Committee on International Relations.

1716. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report required by Section 301 of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5731; to the Committee on International Relations.

1717. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's inventory of functions pursuant to the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1718. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1719. A letter from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1720. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status and Designation of Critical Habitat for *Polygonum hickmanii* (Scotts Valley polygonum) (RIN: 1018-AH76) received April 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1721. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Kauai Cave Wolf Spider and Kauai Cave Amphipod (RIN: 1018-AH01) received April 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1722. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Annual Report On Child Welfare Outcomes 2000, pursuant to Public Law 105-89, section 203(a) (111 Stat. 2127); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1723. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fellowships [FRL-7476-2] (RIN: 2030-AA77) received April 1, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture.

#### 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. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1528. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service; with an amendment (Rept. 108-61). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1297. A bill to require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial to the crew of the Columbia Orbiter (Rept. 108-62 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 658. A bill to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission; with an amendment (Rept. 108-63 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SESSIONS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 181. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1036) to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others (Rept. 108-64). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Science discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1297 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. TAUZIN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1644. A bill to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes, with an amendment; Rept. 108-65, Part I; referred to the Committee on Judiciary for a period ending not later than April 9, 2003, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X.

#### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 658. Referral to the Committee on Government Reform extended for a period ending not later than June 2, 2003.

H.R. 1297. Referral to the Committee on Science extended for a period ending not later than April 8, 2003.

H.R. 1644. Referral to the Committees on Science, Resources, Education and the Workforce, and Transportation and Infrastructure for a period ending not later than April 9, 2003.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NUNES:

H.R. 1659. A bill to ensure regulatory equity between and among all dairy farmers and handlers, including producers also acting as handlers, for sales of packaged fluid milk into certain non-federally regulated milk marketing areas from federally regulated areas; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. MCKEON):

H.R. 1660. A bill to amend the National Apprenticeship Act to provide that applications relating to apprenticeship programs are processed in a fair and timely manner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. SANDLIN, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio):

H.R. 1661. A bill to provide balanced taxpayer protections in tax administrations, including elimination of abusive tax strategies, simplification of the earned income tax credit, and taxpayer protections; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HERGER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. OTTER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CANNON, Mr. MCINNIS, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. RENZI, and Mr. BRADY of Texas):

H.R. 1662. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to give greater weight to scientific or commercial data that is empirical or has been field-tested or peer-reviewed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. JONES of Ohio (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. LEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CONYERS, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas):

H.R. 1663. A bill to protect home buyers from predatory lending practices; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. THOMAS:

H.R. 1664. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for