

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

2258. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the retirement of Lieutenant General Robert C. Hinson, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2259. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Capabilities of the Test and Evaluation Workforce of the Department of Defense"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2260. A letter from the Deputy Congressional Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Customer Identification Programs for Banks, Savings Associations, Credit Unions and Certain Non-Federally Regulated Banks (RIN: 1506-AA31) received May 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2261. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Electronic Storage of Broker-Dealer Records [Release No. 34-47806] received May 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2262. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the 2002 Annual Report of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 797(d); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2263. A letter from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Metal-Cored Candlewicks Containing Lead and Candles with Such Wickes — received May 8, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2264. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Exemption From Premarket Notification; Class II Devices; Optical Impression Systems for Computer Assisted Design and Manufacturing [Docket No. 02P-0494] received May 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2265. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

2266. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to Section 3 of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

2267. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report required by Section 1212 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 2003; to the Committee on International Relations.

2268. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Stolen Property under Treaty with Mexico — received May 14, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

2269. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Retirement Board,

transmitting the Board's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1—732 and 1—734(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2270. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2271. A letter from the Director, Employment Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Excepted Service-Temporary Organizations (RIN: 3206-AJ70) received May 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2272. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting a copy of the Final Engineering Report for the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Water Supply System and the Dry Prairie Water System, pursuant to Public Law 106—382, section 4(g)(2) (114 Stat. 1453); to the Committee on Resources.

2273. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Document Incorporated by Reference for Fixed Platforms (RIN: 1010-AD03) received May 7, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2274. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended — Victims of Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons (RIN: 1400-AB23) received May 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2275. A letter from the Director, Federal Judicial Center, transmitting the Federal Judicial Center's Annual Report for 2002, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 623(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2276. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Definitions (RIN: 2700-AC33) received May 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

2277. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Offshore Entities Investing in Hedge Funds [Notice 2003-34] received May 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2278. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Supervisory Goodwill [Uil No. 597.01-00] received May 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2279. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(15) [Notice 2003-35] received May 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2280. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Percentage of Completion Timing of Cost Recognition [Uil No. 460.03-09] received May 13, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2281. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's bill entitled, "The Defense Transformation for the 21st Century Act"; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Government Reform, Resources, Education and the Workforce, and Energy and Commerce.

2282. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's March 2003 "Treasury Bulletin," pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 9602(a); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, Education and the Workforce, and Agriculture.

2283. A letter from the Director, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a bill to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform, the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Agriculture, Resources, Armed Services, and International Relations.

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:

[The following action occurred on May 16, 2003]

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1904. A bill to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-96, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HUNTER: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 1588. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-106). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted May 19, 2003]

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1257. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority for qualifying members of the Selected Reserve to have access to home loans guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to provide for uniformity in fees charged qualifying members of the Selected Reserve and active duty veterans for such home loans (Rept. 108-107). 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. 1683. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-108). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 239. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1904) to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildlife, to enhance