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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

H1591

S. 1218. An act to provide for Presidential support and coordination of interagency ocean science programs and development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research and monitoring program; to the Committee on Science 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.

S. 2323. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means 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.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 254. An act to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 29, 2004, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7262. A letter from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Foreign Futures and Options Transactions; received March 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.


7265. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Plant Protection Act; Revisions to Authority Citations; Technical Amendment [Docket No. 00-003-3] received March 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7266. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting the report of expenditures of appropriations during the period April 1, 2003 through March 30, 2003, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 162b; to the Committee on Appropriations.

7267. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has completed the assessment of management of services announced in the letter of June 24, 2002, and that DFAS has decided to procure these services from a commercial source, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7268. A letter from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—TRICARE; Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Appeals and Hearings Procedures; [Docket No. 02-702-A4] received March 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.


7270. A letter from the Director, Office of Legacy Management, Department of Energy, transmitting the report of the Office of Legacy Management within the Department of Energy, effective December 15, 2003, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7271. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal 02-04 informing of an intent to sign an Amendment between the United States and the United Kingdom for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation of Ballistic Missile Defense Capabilities pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act as final rule—Freedom of Information Act; Implementation—received March 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7272. A letter from the General Counsel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administrator's final rule—Freedom of Information Act; Implementation—received March 10, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

7273. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Preserving Retiree Pay Rates; Change in the Survey Month for the Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region Survey [RIN: 3206-AK06] received March 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.


7275. A letter from the Acting Staff Director, Office of Regulatory and Management Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Arrangements for Remainder Arrangements Conforming with Compatibility to the Tongass National Forest, Alaska (RIN: 0596-A044) received December 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

7276. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report to Congress on the extent to which Coast Guard regulations concerning oils, including animal fats and vegetable oils, carry out the intent of the Edible Oil Regulatory Reform Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-432), section 1130(b); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7277. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report to Congress on the extent to which the implementation by the United States Coast Guard of regulations issued or enforced under that law, pursuant to Public Law 104-55, carry out the intent of Congress and recognize and provide for the differences in the physical, chemical, biological, and other properties, and in the environmental effects, of the classes of fats, oils, and greases described in the Edible Oil Regulatory Reform Act of 2004 (Public Law 104-432), section 1130(b); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7278. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, FHWA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Commercial Vehicle Width Exclusion Devices (Docket No. 2003-SW-5); (RIN: 2125-AE90) received March 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7279. A letter from the Parole Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives—Boeing 737-200 and 737-300; Heavy Industries, Ltd., MU-28 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2003-CE-22-AD; Amendment 39-12911] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7280. A letter from the Parole Specialist, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives— Pratt & Whitney Canada T750-L-1, -3, and -18 Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2003-NE-41-AD; Amendment 39-13452] (RIN: 2120-AA37) received March 18, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Fleet Management and Reporting—received March 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 803(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

By a letter from the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting notice of a delayed delivery date for the final VA/DoD Joint Assessment Study, as required by Section 8147 of the Department of Defense appropriations for FY 2002; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans’ Affairs.

By a letter from the Chairman and Vice Chairwoman U.S.-China Commission, transmitting notice of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission’s efforts to travel to the People’s Republic of China to conduct business on behalf of the Congress, pursuant to Public Law 108-7; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Ways and Means.

By a letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting notification of the consolidation of organizational units within the Department of Homeland Security and the reallocation of their functions among Department officers, pursuant to Public Law 107-296, section 872; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Homeland Security (Select).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE 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. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Res. 2523. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the “Tomochichi United States Courthouse” (Rept. 108-447). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Res. 2524. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse” (Rept. 108-448). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Res. 3147. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 505 Fifth Street, Ogden, Utah, as the “James V. Hansen Federal Building”; with an amendment (Rept. 108-449). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Res. 3713. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois, as the “Senator Paul Simon Federal Building” (Rept. 108-450). 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. SMITH of Michigan (for himself and Mrs. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas): H.R. 4030. A bill to establish the Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education program to recognize private entities for their outstanding contributions to elementary and secondary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; to the Committee on Science.

By Ms. CARSON of Indiana (for herself, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. WEKLER, Mr. EMANUEL, Ms. MILLENDER-McDonald, Mr. OWENS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FROST, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas): H.R. 4030. A bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State Children’s Health Insurance Programs; through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HOBLEY of Oregon, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. HOBSON of Georgia, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. CHANDLER): H.R. 4031. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional safeguards for Department of Veterans Affairs benefit recipients who have fiduciaries for receipt and management of benefit payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. JENKINS (for himself, Mr. MCINTIRE, Mr. BALLANCE, Mr. BALLenger, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURL, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COOPER, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. GINGREY, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HAYES, Mr. ISAACSON, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LEE of Kentucky, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. TANNER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. BOYD): H.R. 4032. A bill to terminate the Federal tobacco quota and price support programs, to require the payment of fair and equitable compensation for tobacco quota holders and active tobacco producers adversely affected by the national tobacco programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, and Mr. HOEKSTRA): H.R. 4034. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding the deduction for income tax for teacher classroom supply expenses, for improving elementary and secondary education, and for contributions for scholarships to attend elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. HOUCK, Mr. LUGG, Mr. ENGLISH, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut): H.R. 4035. A bill to amend section 402 of the Pay-as-You-Go Reform Act and the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide a 2-year extension of supplemental security income in fiscal years 2005 through 2007 for certain individuals applying for or receiving Medicare, and to an amendment (Rept. 108-450). Referred to the House Calendar.

By Mr. CARMICHAEL (for herself, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. SKELTON, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. CLAY, and Mr. BLUNT): H.R. 4037. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 475 Kell Farm Drive in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Richard G. Wilson Processing and Distribution Facility”; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. MCDONALD (for himself and Mr. DELAHUNT): H.R. 4038. A bill to provide training opportunities for Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in intelligence analysis and dissemination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HEFLY, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. RANGE, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. GOLDSMITH of Alabama, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. FROST, Mr. SOUDER, and Ms. HART): H.R. 4039. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the President to awards for the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medical Badge with respect to service in Korea after July 28, 1953; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FOSSELLA: H.R. 4040. A bill to authorize a national memorial to commemorate the cemeteries of those lost at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. VAN HOLEN, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. CANNON, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Maryland): H.R. 4041. A bill to waive, in fiscal year 2004, the numerical limitation applicable to a “nonimmigrant alien” as defined in section 101(a)(15)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, if the employer petitioning on behalf of the nonimmigrant employed such nonimmigrant annual in fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida: H.R. 4042. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for expenses paid in connection with the donation of an organ; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. HINOUSA): H.R. 4043. A bill to direct the national leadership initiative to promote and coordinate knowledge utilization in education, thereby increasing student success consistent with the objectives of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. NUNES: H.R. 4044. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, to designate California State Route 99 as a high priority corridor on the National Highway System; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. POMBO: H.R. 4045. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the development of a geothermal energy facility; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. RANGEL: H.R. 4046. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 West 180th Street in New York, New York, as the “Sergeant Rianay A. Tejada Post Office”; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. WEINER: H.R. 4047. A bill to require the National Park Service to make necessary safety improvements to the Statue of Liberty and to reopen the Statue to the public; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. GINGREY (for himself, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DOLITTLE,