

final rule — Establishment of the Eola-Amity Hills Viticultural Area (2002R-216P) received July 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8952. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Alta Mesa, Borden Ranch, Clements Hills, Cosumnes River, Jahant, Mokelumne River, and Sloughhouse Viticultural Areas [T.D. TTB-50; RE: Notice No. 50] (RIN: 1513-1182) received July 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8953. A letter from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Employee Benefits, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Interim Guidance on the Application of Section 409A to Accelerated Payments to Satisfy Federal Conflict of Interest Requirements [Notice 2006-64] received July 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8954. A letter from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Employee Benefits, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Industry Issue Resolution Regarding the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits (Announcement 2006-49) received July 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8955. A letter from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Employee Benefits, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Definition of "amount involved" and "correction" (Rev. Rul. 2006-38) received July 6, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8956. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Field Directive on Asset Class and Depreciation for Casino Construction Costs — received July 13, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8957. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Effect of Elections in Certain Multi-Step Transactions [TD 9271] (RIN: 1545-BB68) received July 13, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8958. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Disclosures of Return Information by Certain Officers and Employees for Investigative Purposes [TD 9274] (RIN: 1545-BB16) received July 13, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8959. A letter from the Chief, Publications & Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2006-39) received July 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8960. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Reporting of Gross Proceeds Payments to Attorneys [TD 9270] (RIN: 1545-AW72) received July 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8961. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Excise Taxes With Respect To Prohibited Tax Shelter Transactions to Which Tax-Ex-

empt Entities Are Parties and Related Disclosure Requirements [Notice 2006-65] received July 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8962. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Employer Comparable Contributions to Health Savings Accounts under Section 4980G [TD 9277] (RIN: 1545-BE30) received July 26, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8963. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 2006-66] received July 27, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8964. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Coordinated Issue: Claim Revenue under a Long-term Contract (Uniform Issue List Number: 460.02-04) received July 26, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8965. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's report on the Department's contracting out policies, including agency budgets for contracting out, as required by Pub. L. 109-97, Title 1; jointly to the Committees on Appropriations and Government Reform.

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8967. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report assessing the voting practices of the governments of UN members states in the General Assembly and Security Council for 2005, and evaluating the actions and responsiveness of those governments to United States policy on issues of special importance to the United States, pursuant to Public Law 101-167, section 527(a) Public Law 101-246, section 406; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8968. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 7(a) of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-45), a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2006-15 suspending the limitation on the obligation of the State Department Appropriations contained in sections 3(b) and 7(b) of that Act for six months as well as the periodic report provided for under Section 6 of the Act covering the period from December 15, 2005 to the present; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8969. A letter from the Ambassador, Department of State, transmitting a report required by Section 653(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, for the funds appropriated by the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2004, as enacted in Public Law 108-199, for Development Assistance and Child Survival and Health Programs; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8970. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Determination and Memorandum of Justification pursuant to Section 589 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Program Appropriations Act of 2006, Pub. L. 109-102; jointly to

the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8971. A letter from the Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Commission's Annual Report on the Federal Work Force for Fiscal Year 2005, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2000e-4(e); jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Education and the Workforce.

8972. A letter from the President & CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's annual Management Report for FY 2005, Performance Budget for FY 2007, Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2005, and Report on Development and U.S. Effects on OPIC's FY 2005 projects and Report on Cooperation with Private Insurers, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and International Relations.

8973. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of a draft bill entitled, "To implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean"; jointly to the Committees on Resources and the Judiciary.

8974. A letter from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, transmitting the Administration's Synthetic Drug Control Strategy; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Energy and Commerce.

8975. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting notification of the actions the Secretary has taken regarding security measures at Port-au-Prince International Airport, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44907(d)(1); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and International Relations.

8976. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting a copy of a draft bill entitled, "Unemployment Compensation Program Integrity Act of 2006"; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Government Reform.

8977. A letter from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting a copy of the Commission's "June 2006 Report to the Congress: Increasing the Value of Medicare"; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy 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. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 5039. A bill to establish a program to revitalize rural multifamily housing assisted under the Housing Act of 1949; with an amendment (Rept. 109-604). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 5347. A bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of public housing projects (Rept. 109-605). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 958. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 109-606). 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. KENNEDY of Minnesota (for himself and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 5915. A bill to require that the Teacher Incentive Fund of the Department of Education and other programs to support merit-based teacher compensation systems award its grant funds to support compensation systems that are based primarily or exclusively on student learning gains or maintenance of high student learning gains, or both; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. GORDON, Mr. RUSH, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. ROSS):

H.R. 5916. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in payment for physicians' services under the Medicare Program for 2007 and 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. SODREL (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. HARRIS):

H.R. 5917. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that tips received for certain services shall not be subject to income or employment taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PENCE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HONDA, Mr. WAMP, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. ROHRABACHER):

H.R. 5918. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself and Mr. OSBORNE):

H.R. 5919. A bill to empower parents to protect children from increasing depictions of indecent material on television; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WOLF (for himself, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HOYER, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCCOTTER, and Mr. SIMMONS):

H.R. 5920. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain combat zone compensation of civilian employees of the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. SMITH of Texas):

H.R. 5921. A bill to amend titles 17 and 18, United States Code, to strengthen the protection of intellectual property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 5922. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish

additional authorities to ensure the safe and effective use of drugs, to establish whistleblower protections for certain individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. WEINER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. OWENS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. KUHL of New York):

H.R. 5923. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29-50 Union Street in Flushing, New York, as the "Dr. Leonard Price Stavisky Post Office"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. BAKER:

H.R. 5924. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for loan guarantees for certain private disaster loans; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland:

H.R. 5925. A bill to provide for Federal research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities to enable the development of farms that are net producers of both food and energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 Ms. BERKLEY:

H.R. 5926. A bill to provide for the energy independence of the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Science, 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. CARDIN:

H.R. 5927. A bill to provide energy independence to Americans, to increase the efficiency and decrease the environmental impact of America's energy policy, to increase America's research and development in energy, and to encourage the development and use of renewable forms of energy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, Government Reform, and Science, 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. CHANDLER (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. CASE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. STARK, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 5928. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants and low-interest loans to local educational agencies for the construction, modernization, or repair of public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary educational facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COSTELLO (for himself and Mr. CLAY):

H.R. 5929. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

950 Missouri Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois, as the "Katherine Dunham Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. CRAMER:

H.R. 5930. A bill to establish the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in the State of Alabama, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DOYLE (for himself, Mrs. BONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. MCHUGH):

H.R. 5931. A bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform, Science, and 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 Mr. EVERETT (for himself, Mr. BONNER, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama):

H.R. 5932. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize agricultural producers to establish and contribute to tax-exempt farm risk management accounts in lieu of obtaining federally subsidized crop insurance or noninsured crop assistance, to provide for contributions to such accounts by the Secretary of Agriculture, to specify the situations in which amounts may be paid to producers from such accounts, and to limit the total amount of such distributions to a producer during a taxable year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. FEENEY (for himself and Mr. MEEKS of New York):

H.R. 5933. A bill to provide for the admission to the United States of nonimmigrant business facilitation visitors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GODE:

H.R. 5934. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to revise the definition of a HUBZone with respect to counties that are highly rural but adjacent to urban areas; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin:

H.R. 5935. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an adjustment to the reduction of Medicare resident positions based on settled cost reports; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 5936. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to credit prospectively individuals serving as caregivers of dependent relatives with deemed wages for up to five years of such service; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 5937. A bill to assure equitable treatment in health care coverage of prescription drugs under group health plans, health insurance coverage, Medicare and Medicaid managed care arrangements, Medigap insurance coverage, and health plans under the Federal employees' health benefits program (FEHBP); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, 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.