

the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Chef Menteur Pass, LA [CGD8-96-053] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

829. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Shlofmitz BatMitzvah Fireworks, Hudson River, Manhattan, New York [CGD01-99-001] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

830. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Back Bay of Biloxi, MS [CGD8-96-049] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

831. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Motor Carrier Registration and Insurance (RIN: 2125-AE24) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

832. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-144-AD; Amendment 39-11025; AD 99-04-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

833. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class D Airspace; Hunter Army Airfield (AAF) [Airspace Docket No. 99-ASO-2] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

834. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Regulations Governing Fees For Services Performed In Connection With Licensing and Related Services—1999 Update—received February 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

835. A letter from the Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting a list of donations under the "Computers for Learning" (K-12) program for the period July 1998 through December 31, 1998; to the Committee on Science.

836. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examinations), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Qualifying wages under section 41 in determining the tax credit for increasing research activities—received February 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

837. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—All Industries Coordinated Issue: Qualifying Wages Under Section 41 in Determining the Tax Credit for Increasing Research Activities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

838. A letter from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Congressional Review of Market Seg-

ment Specialization Program (MSSP) Audit Techniques Guides—received February 16, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

839. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Election in respect of losses attributable to a disaster [Revenue Ruling 99-13] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

840. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 99-11] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

841. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Gray Market Imports and Other Trademarked Goods [T.D. 99-21] (RIN: 1515-AB49) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

842. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of the intent to obligate Fiscal Year 1999 SEED funds by the United States Information Agency; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

843. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting notification of the intent to obligate Fiscal Year 1999 SEED funds by the Department of State; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

844. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Changes to the MedicareChoice Program [HCF A-1030-F] (RIN: 0938-AI29) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

845. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the schedule for the development of a prospective payment system (PPS) for home health services furnished under the Medicare program; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means 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. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 661. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit the commercial operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with stage 3 noise levels if the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations (Rept. 106-35). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. COMBEST: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 609. A bill to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples (Rept. 106-36). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 85. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 603) to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly

known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents (Rept. 106-37). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 86. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 661) to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit the commercial operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with stage 3 noise levels if the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations (Rept. 106-38). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SPENCE: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 4. A bill to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense (Rept. 106-39, Pt. 1).

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on International Relations discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

#### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 4. Referral to the Committee on International Relations extended for a period ending not later than March 2, 1999.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KANJORSKI:

H.R. 891. A bill to authorize certain States to prohibit the importation of solid waste from other States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 892. A bill to renew education in this country by providing funds for school renovation and construction, scholarships that allow parents choice in education, and tax incentives; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. FORBES:

H.R. 893. A bill to provide that the National Assessment Governing Board has the exclusive authority over all policies, direction, and guidelines for establishing and implementing certain voluntary national tests; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr.

WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DELAY, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. FROST, Mr. WELLER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. KASICH, Mr. CANNON, Mrs. FOWLER, Ms. DANNER, Mrs. BONO, Mr. GILMAN, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. LOBONDO, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. HORN, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. PITTS, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr.