

stronger degree of recognition for the Karabagh government than the United States does.

Last month a bipartisan group of Members of Congress and our staffs met with Special Negotiator Keyser. At that meeting and in our follow-up letter to Secretary Talbott we urged that the United States stay the course in terms of the compromise Commonwealth approach, and, as I mentioned, this approach has been accepted by Armenian Nagorno Karabagh as a basis for direct negotiations, but thus far Azerbaijan has rejected this approach. We hope that this rejection will not be the last word, and we urge the administration to take proactive steps to reverse Azerbaijan's rejection.

Mr. Speaker, last week I testified before the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations of the House Committee on Appropriations on the fiscal year 2000 legislation, and I called for assistance to both the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Nagorno Karabagh and to offer some proposals for how we can advance the peace process through this legislation. The subcommittee, I should say, has been extremely attentive to the concerns of Armenia, Nagorno Karabagh and the entire Caucasus region, and thanks to the subcommittee U.S. humanitarian assistance is flowing to Nagorno Karabagh. I urged the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations to express its strong support for the U.S. position in the Minsk Group negotiations on Nagorno Karabagh, and I hope the subcommittee will adopt language calling on the State Department to stay the course and to press Azerbaijan to come back to the negotiating table. There are strong indications that Azerbaijan believes that it can maintain its rejectionist policy by playing the oil card given the interest in developing petroleum resources in the Caspian Sea although recent test drilling indicates less than expected quantities of oil are causing some major American oil companies to pull out of Azerbaijan.

And there have also been troubling statements from Azerbaijan's President Aliyev that he considers renewal of military conflict a viable option for settling the dispute.

Mr. Speaker, if I could just submit the rest of my statement for the RECORD, I just want to say it is very important that we send a message to Azerbaijan that their intransigence in opposing the Minsk Group proposal is a matter of concern here in Washington.

Finally, I am concerned about the aid numbers for Armenia and Azerbaijan that were included in the Administration's budget request, which provide for a decrease in aid to Armenia, and an increase in aid to Azerbaijan. This is strange, since Armenia (as well as Nagorno Karabagh) has accepted the compromise proposal supported by the U.S., while Azerbaijan has rejected it. But the Administration budget proposed cutting aid to Armenia while increas-

ing aid to Azerbaijan. The unfortunate message to Azerbaijan is that their intransigence in opposing the Minsk Group proposal is not a matter of concern here in Washington. That is not the signal we should be sending.

**SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED**

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

- Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. CARDIN, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. HOEFFEL, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SWEENEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

- Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. DEMINT, for 5 minutes, today.

**SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED**

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 447. An act to deem as timely filed, and process for payment, the applications submitted by the Dodson School Districts for certain Impact Aid payment for fiscal year 1999.

**BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 882. To nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loads under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and for other purposes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 15, 1999, at 2 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

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

975. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of Preferred Lender Program and Streamlining of Guaranteed Loan Regulations (RIN: 0560-AF38) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

976. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for an FY 1999 supplemental appropriation for the Department of the Interior; (H. Doc. No. 106-39); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

977. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Risk-Based Capital Standards: Construction Loans on Presold Residential Properties; Junior Liens on 1- to 4-Family Residential Properties; and Investments in Mutual Funds. Leverage Capital Standards: Tier 1 Leverage Ratio [Docket No. 98-125] (RIN: 1550-AB11) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

978. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rule 701—Exempt Offerings Pursuant to Compensatory Arrangements [Release No. 33-7645; File No. S7-5-98] (RIN: 3235-AH21) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

979. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revision of Rule 504 of Regulation D, the "Seed Capital" Exemption [Release No. 33-7644; S7-14-98] (RIN: 3235-AH35) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

980. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of Presidential Determination No. 99-16 in connection with the U.S. contribution to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization ("KEDO"); to the Committee on International Relations.

981. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 981222314-8321-02; I.D. 021699B] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

982. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulated Navigation Area; Air Clearance Restrictions at the Entrance to Lakeside Yacht Club and the Northeast Approach to Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland Harbor, OH [CGD09-97-002] (RIN: 2115-AE84) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

983. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lower Grand River, LA [CGD08-99-008] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

984. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Greenwood Lake Powerboat Classic, Greenwood Lake, New Jersey [CGD01-98-125] (RIN: 2115-AE46) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

985. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Sunken Fishing Vessel CAPE FEAR, Buzzards Bay Entrance [CGD01 99-008] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

986. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone: Scharfman Batmitzvah Fireworks, East River, Newtown Creek, New York [CGD01-99-004] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

987. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; River Rouge (Short Cut Canal), Michigan [CGD09-98-055] (RIN: 2115-AE47) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

988. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Allison Engine Company Model AE 3007A and AE 3007A1/1 Turbofan Engines, Correction [Docket No. 98-ANE-14; Amendment 39-11017; AD 99-03-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

989. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Allison Engine Company, Inc. AE 2100A, AE 2100C, and AE 2100D3 Series Turbofan Engines, Correction [Docket No. 98-ANE-83; Amendment 39-11023; AD 99-03-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

990. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Jetstream Models 3101 and 3201 Airplanes [Docket No. 98-CE-76-AD; Amendment 39-11046; AD 99-04-21] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

991. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-148-AD; Amendment 39-11048; AD 99-04-23] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

992. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-316-AD; Amendment 39-11041; AD 99-04-16] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

993. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness

Directives; Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-301-AD; Amendment 39-11043; AD 99-04-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

994. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-320-AD; Amendment 39-11044; AD 99-04-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

995. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A and SAAB 340B Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-236-AD; Amendment 39-11042; AD 99-04-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

996. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-145 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-317-AD; Amendment 39-10904; AD 98-24-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

997. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; El Dorado, KS [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-5] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

998. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Dubuque, IA [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-58] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

999. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Fort Madison, IA [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-57] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1000. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace Kirksville, MO [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-9] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1001. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace Springfield, MO [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-8] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1002. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Newton, KS [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-3] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1003. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Perry, IA [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-52] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1004. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Boonville, MO [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-6] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1005. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Selinsgrove, PA [Airspace Docket No. 98-AEA-45] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1006. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace; Leadville, CO [Airspace Docket No. 98-ANM-08] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1007. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Rockland, ME [Airspace Docket No. 98-ANE-95] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1008. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29467; Amdt. No. 414] received February 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### 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. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records (Rept. 106-50). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 820. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-51). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GOODLATTE:

H.R. 1069. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the memorialization at the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery of veterans who have donated their remains to science, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LAZIO (for himself, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mrs.