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I think we are on our way to begin that process, but we do definitely have a significant way to go.

Mr. SCHAFFER. I would like to point out, my colleague mentioned the welfare model as a perfect example of what we can anticipate by focusing on a decentralized strong State approach to education reform. Again, using welfare as a model, just even a year or so after the Welfare Reform Bill was passed, we saw headlines like these that I saved from Colorado: "Welfare Rolls Dropped 25 Percent." That was in one year. Welfare rolls have now dropped 43 percent in 18 months.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. If the gentleman would continue to yield, would it not be great if we did education reform and we started reading headlines that said, test scores improve by 25 percent, math and science scores up by 25 percent?

Mr. SCHAFFER. That was my point exactly. 6,730 fewer families on welfare. This was in Colorado. And this was just 12 months after the Welfare Reform Bill pass. "Workers Coming Off Welfare to Get Job Help" is another of headline.

I just use these as examples. Because what we saw is, when the Congress moved authority out of Washington with respect to welfare, put governors and state legislators in charge to apply local values, local solutions to local problems, we saw welfare numbers drop dramatically throughout the country, about a 35 percent reduction in the welfare case load nationwide, 43 percent in Colorado.

I again use that as an example to show that freedom works, that liberating States works. And we can see our low test scores come up if we give States the authority to help them come up. We can see crime in schools and discipline problems in schools be reduced if we give local authorities the ability to create and design programs that they know will work locally.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I want to play off the welfare thing, because as we are doing welfare correctly and improving the system, I really want the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM) to reinforce the point that he made earlier that says, as we are reducing the amount of money that we are spending in welfare, maybe we are freeing up some of that money so that it can be used on education.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would. And not a single one of the Members that I spoke about on that DSAUSA.org and the 58 Members that are listed in that in the progressive caucus, not a single one of them voted for the balanced budget. Not a single one of them voted for welfare reform. They all voted against tax relief. And that is their agenda.

Mr. Speaker, this is an easy way to remember what we are going to do over the next 2 years, and I want my col-

leagues to remember this. It is called best schools in military. B is for balanced budget. E is for education reform. S is for saving Social Security. T is for tax relief. Schools, different from education, is the infrastructure in schools construction to get the money there to do that. And military is to beef up, which we have not talked about, which is in sad shape and emergency shape. It is our defense. Those are the agenda items that we are going to focus on in this next Congress.

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I once again want to reemphasize the general theme that we have spoken about tonight, whether it was the opening remarks I had made about property rights or discussion about Social Security, balancing the budget, tax reform, fixing our schools, or even providing a national defense, which is something we did not discuss much tonight.

But that is the focus of a Republican party who has taken the majority here since 1995 and moving forward boldly in an effort to get our Government back to its constitutional authority, to move authority out of Washington, D.C., return authority back to the States and to the people ultimately, to talk about strategies to decentralize education bureaucracy and move real decision-making back to our parents and school board members and administrators.

In the end, that is the truest expression of compassion and a caring, humanitarian, conservative agenda that we stand for here on the House floor, to treat families as though they matter, to treat children like real Americans, and treat teachers like real professionals.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of family business.

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. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CAPPS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. CALVERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes each day, today and on March 24.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes each day, today and on March 24.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes each day, today and on March 25.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. ROUKEMA, for 5 minutes each day, today and on March 24.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WATKINS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGLISH, for 5 minutes, on March 24.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SESSIONS, for 5 minutes, on March 24.

Mr. LEACH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BOEHLERT, for 5 minutes on March 24.

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1206. A letter from the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Administration of the Forest Development Transportation System: Temporary Suspension of Road Construction and Reconstruction in Unroaded Areas (0596-AB68) received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1207. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Oxirane, methyl-, polymer with oxirane, mono [2-(2-butoxyethoxy) ethyl]ether; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300793; FRL-6059-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1208. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties that have sustained flood damage on multiple occasions;

to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1209. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need—received March 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1210. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Protection of Stratospheric Ozone; Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances [FRL-6237-5] (RIN: 2660-AG12) received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1211. A letter from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Ear, Nose, and Throat Devices; Classification of the Nasal Dilator, the Intranasal Splint, and the Bone Particle Collector [Docket No. 98N-0249] received March 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1212. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Polymers [Docket No. 97F-0412] received March 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1213. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 1998 Annual Report to Congress on progress in conducting environmental remedial action at federally owned or operated facilities, pursuant to Public Law 99-499, section 120(e)(5) (100 Stat. 1669); to the Committee on Commerce.

1214. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the annual report to Congress on the operations of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635g(a); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1215. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indiana Regulatory Program [SPATS No. IN-144-FOR] received March 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1216. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Procedures for State, Tribal, and Local Government Historic Preservation Programs (RIN: 1024-AC44) received March 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1217. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 25 [Docket No. 980318066-8066-01; I.D. 022698A] (RIN: 0648-AK77) received November 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1218. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Rocket Launches [Docket No. 980629162-9033-02; I.D. 093097E] (RIN: 0648-AK42) received March 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1219. A letter from the Executive Director, The American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to facilitate fund raising for the construction of a memorial to honor members of the Armed Forces who served in World War II and commemorate United States participation in that conflict and related matters; to the Committee on Resources.

1220. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's Twenty-First Annual Report to Congress pursuant to section 7A of the Clayton Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 18a(j); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1221. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-76-AD; Amendment 39-11054; AD 99-05-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1222. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. Model 214B and 214B-1 Helicopters [Docket No. 94-SW-23-AD; Amendment 39-11055; AD 99-05-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1223. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29474; Amdt. No. 1917] received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1224. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29475; Amdt. No. 1918] received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1225. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Engines AG (IAE) V2500-A1 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 98-ANE-76-AD; Amendment 39-11053; AD 99-05-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1226. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. PA-23, PA-24, PA-28, PA-32, and PA-34 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-CE-110-AD; Amendment 39-11057; AD 99-05-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1227. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems Model MD-900 Helicopters [Docket No. 98-SW-34-AD; Amendment 39-11056; AD 99-05-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Com-

mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1228. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-238-AD; Amendment 39-11052; AD 99-05-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1229. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-254-AD; Amendment 39-11051; AD 99-05-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1230. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Jetstream Model 3101 Airplanes [Docket No. 98-CE-100-AD; Amendment 39-10974; AD 99-01-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1231. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Jetstream Model 3101 Airplanes [Docket No. 98-CE-99-AD; Amendment 39-10973; AD 99-01-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1232. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA. 315B, SA. 316B, SA. 316C, SA. 319B, and SE. 3160 Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-14-AD; Amendment 39-11062; AD 99-05-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1233. A letter from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-80 Series Airplanes and Model MD-88 Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-292-AD; Amendment 39-11077; AD 99-06-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1234. A letter from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 97-NM-296-AD; Amendment 39-11085; AD 99-07-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1235. A letter from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-12 and PC-12/45 Airplanes [Docket No. 99-CE-03-AD; Amendment 39-11081; AD 99-06-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1236. A letter from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 and DC-9-80 Series Airplanes, Model MD-88 Airplanes, and C-9 (Military) Series Airplanes [Docket No. 96-NM-203-AD; Amendment 39-11086; AD 98-13-35 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1237. A letter from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, 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. 99-NM-33-AD; Amendment 39-11087; AD 99-05-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1238. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize programs for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1239. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for hazardous material transportation safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1240. A letter from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Waiver of Submission of Cost or Pricing Data for Acquisitions With the Canadian Commercial Corporation and for Small Business Innovation Research Phase II Contracts—Received March 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

1241. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Interest Rate [Revenue Ruling 99-16] received March 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1242. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to promote the growth of free enterprise and economic opportunity in the Caribbean Basin region, to increase trade between the region and the United States, and to encourage the adoption by Caribbean Basin countries of trade and investment policies necessary for participation in the Free Trade Area of the Americas; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1243. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide grant funding for additional Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Strategic Planning Communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1244. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Ways and Means.

1245. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 1999-2004, and for other purposes; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Ways and Means, Resources, and the Judiciary.

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. KASICH: Committee on the Budget. House Concurrent Resolution 68. Resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009 (Rept. 106-73). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. H.R. 10. A bill to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-74 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 154. A bill to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-75). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the union.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 125. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1141) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-76). Referred to the House Calendar.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 10. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than May 14, 1999.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. CARSON, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. SHOWS, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. DANER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. OLVER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. KLINK, and Ms. MCKINNEY):

H.R. 1214. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an enhanced quality assurance program within the Veterans

Benefits Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KLECZKA (for himself, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MATSUI, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BERMAN, Mrs. BONO, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. DIXON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. FROST, Mr. FILNER, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. OBEY, and Mr. OSE):

H.R. 1215. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage revenue bond financing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. LEACH, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mrs. BONO, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. MINGE, Mr. NEY, Mr. SAWYER, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mr. OLVER, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. KING, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. VENTO, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. ENGLISH, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. HORN, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. METCALF, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. MOORE, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. WELLER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. HILL of Indiana, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KLINK, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. TANNER):

H.R. 1216. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that pay adjustments for nurses and certain other health-care professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be made in the same manner as is applicable to Federal employees generally and to revise the authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make further locality pay adjustments for those employees; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFERSON (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BRYANT, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. COYNE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DICKS, Mr. DIXON, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FORD, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. HOYER, Mr. INSLEE, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs.