received April 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Section 2522. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service’s final rule—Revisions to Schedule P (Form 1120–FSC) (Notice 99–23) received April 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Section 2523. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service’s final rule—Extension of Time to File FSC Grouping Redeterminations Under Transition Rule to be Included in Final Regulations (Notice 99–24) received April 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Section 2524. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service’s final rule—Effective Date of Regulations Under Section 141I and Qualified Intermediary (Notice 99–25) received April 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Section 2525. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the results of research conducted and the plan addressing the health consequences of military service in the Gulf War; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans’ Affairs.

Section 2526. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report to Congress regarding the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo and the surrounding area; (H. Doc. No. 106–28); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, International Relations, and Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Section 2527. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for public disclosure of accidental release scenario information in risk management plans; jointly to the Committees on Commerce, Government Reform, and the Judiciary.

Section 2528. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to address various management concerns of the Department; jointly to the Committees on Small Business, Armed Services, and Government Reform.

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:

[Pursuant to the order of the House on May 27, 1999 the following report was filed on May 28, 1999]

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, H.R. 1000. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106–167 Pt. I), ordered to be printed. [Submitted June 7, 1999]

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform, H.R. 1074. A bill to provide Government programs with regulatory relief, access to child care services for Federal employees (Rept. 106–165), referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform, H.R. 206. A bill to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees (Rept. 106–165), referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform, H.R. 1074. Making the Federal Government Accountable: Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management (Rept. 106–170). 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 Committees on Resources and the Budget discharged. H.R. 45 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XI, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

72. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2002 memorializing the President and Congress of the United States and the Department of Defense to increase the salary of military personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

73. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 162 memorializing the Congress of the United States to promptly enact legislation authorizing the President of the United States to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the nation; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

74. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to House Resolution No. 130 memorializing the Congress of the United States to urge the Department of Housing and Urban Development to carefully consider the needs of all residents of a complex or building with respect to placing new tenants in areas previously considered to be senior citizen housing; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

75. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 20 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to prohibit banking transaction screening practices that threaten personal privacy; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

76. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Maine, relative to Senate Paper No. 772 memorializing the United States Congress to provide such educational benefits as possible for Ability Act of 1990 beneficiaries; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

77. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 106 memorializing the United States Congress to oppose U.S. Food and Drug Administration rules requiring post-harvest treatment of oysters and other shellfish; to the Committee on Commerce.

78. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 208 HD1, memorializing all citizens and governments of the Earth to join with the people of Hawaii in the spirit of Aloha to dedicate the celebrations of the third millennium to peace and understanding of Peace” for all of Earth’s children; to the Committee on International Relations.

Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Nevada, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 19 memorializing the Secretary of the Interior to comply with the intent of Congress as stated in the Act of June 30, 1999 which requires a study of the issue by the National Academy of Sciences and prohibits further withdrawal of up to 3000 Regulations, before September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Resources.

80. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 4008 memorializing the President and Congress to recognize the destructive potential of aquatic species and act to minimize the destruction by supporting appropriation of the four million dollars authorized to fund state aquatic species management plans in fiscal year 2000 and future years; to the Committee on Resources.

81. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 22 memorializing Congress to pass legislation to restore and revitalize federal funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Resources.

82. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 25 memorializing the President, the Congress, and the appropriate agencies to continue to look closely at current immigration law and INS policies and practices in order that necessary changes be made so that problems surrounding immigration may be resolved as soon as possible; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

83. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, relative to House Concurrent Resolution 23 memorializing the Congress to provide adequate funding for major rehabilitation efforts on the Upper Mississippi River; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

84. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine, relative to House Paper 1547 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to limit the use of social security account numbers for only the purpose of receiving public assistance benefits, paying social security taxes and social security payments and refunds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

85. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, relative to Senate Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to reject any proposal to reform social security that includes mandates on employers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

86. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Nevada, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 22 memorializing Congress to oppose all efforts to extend mandatory Social Security coverage to...
newly hired state and local government employees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

87. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 521 memorializing the President and the United States Congress to take action to provide funds for independent research into illnesses suffered by Gulf War veterans and to initiate more effective programs to assist Gulf War veterans and their families, and urging the Governor of Kansas and appropriate heads of Kansas state agencies to continue efforts in support of the Kansas Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative; jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Veterans’ Affairs.

88. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, relative to House Concurrent Resolution 24 memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend the OASIS system requirements to apply them only to patients who are recipients of Medicare and not to all patients of Medicare-eligible home health agencies; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

89. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Kansas, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 541 memorializing the Congress of the United States to require Health Care Financing Administration OASIS reporting and data reporting requirements to apply only to Medicare patients and not to all patients of Medicare-certified home health agencies; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

90. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Kansas, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1616 memorializing Congress to remove or rescind any use of trade sanctions that are applied to agricultural products and that Congress ensure that the use of trade sanctions will result in meaningful results; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture, International Relations, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 1401
OFFERED BY: Mr. DeLauney
AMENDMENT No. 8: Strike section 1203 (page 319, line 22 through page 314, line 7) and insert the following:

SEC. 1203. LIMITATION ON MILITARY-TO-MILITARY EXCHANGES WITH CHINA'S PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY

(a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Defense may not authorize any military-to-military exchange or contact described in subsection (b) to be conducted by the Armed Forces with representatives of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China.

(b) COVERED EXCHANGES AND CONTACTS.—Subsection (a) applies to any military-to-military exchange or contact that includes any of the following:

(1) Force projection operations.
(2) Nuclear operations.
(3) Field operations.
(4) Logistics.
(5) Chemical and biological defense and other capabilities related to weapons of mass destruction.
(6) Surveillance, and reconnaissance operations.
(7) Joint warfighting experiments and other activities related to warfare.
(8) Military space operations.

(9) Other warfighting capabilities of the Armed Forces.

(10) Arms sales or military-related technology transfers.

(11) Release of classified or restricted information.

(12) Access to a Department of Defense laboratory.

(c) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) does not apply to any search and rescue exercise or any humanitarian operations.

(d) CERTIFICATION BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Service of the House of Representatives, not later than December 31 of each year, a certification in writing as to whether or not any military-to-military exchange or contact during that calendar year was conducted in violation of subsection (a).

(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than June 1 each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Service of the House of Representatives a report providing the Secretary’s assessment of the current state of military-to-military contacts with the People’s Liberation Army. The report shall include the following:

(1) A summary of all such military-to-military contacts during the period since the last such report, including a summary of topics discussed and questions asked by the Chinese participants in those contacts.

(2) A description of the military-to-military contacts scheduled for the next 12-month period and a five-year plan for those contacts.

(3) The Secretary’s assessment of the benefits the Chinese expect to gain from those military-to-military contacts.

(4) The Secretary’s assessment of the benefits the Department of Defense expects to gain from those military-to-military contacts.

(5) The Secretary’s assessment of how military-to-military contacts fit into the larger security relationship between United States and the People’s Republic of China.

H.R. 1401
OFFERED BY: Mrs. Fowler
AMENDMENT No. 9: At the end of title XII (page 317, after line 17), insert the following new section:

SEC. 1206. PROHIBITION ON USE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FUNDS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES GROUND FORCES TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION BY LAW.

(a) In General.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise available to the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended for the deployment of United States ground forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia unless such deployment is specifically authorized by a law enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to the initiation of missions specifically limited to rescuing United States military personnel in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia or rescuing military personnel of another member nation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, or as a result of operations as a member of an air crew.

H.R. 1401
OFFERED BY: Mr. Shays
AMENDMENT No. 10: At the end of title XII (page 317, after line 17), insert the following new section:

SEC. 1206. REDUCTION AND CODIFICATION OF NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE ARMED FORCES AUTHORIZED TO BE ON PERMANENT DUTY IN EUROPEAN MEMBER NATIONS OF NATO.

(a) In General.—(1) Section 123b of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(c) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection (b):

(b) European End-Strength Limitation.—(1) With the limitation prescribed by subsection (a), the strength level of members of the armed forces assigned to permanent duty ashore in European member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization may not exceed approximately—

(A) 100,000 at the end of fiscal year 1999;

(B) 75,000 at the end of fiscal year 2000; and

(C) 55,000 at the end of fiscal year 2001; and

(2) $25,000 at the end of fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(b) European End-Strength Limitation.—(1) Within the limitation prescribed by subsection (a), the strength level of members of the armed forces assigned to permanent duty ashore in European member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization may not exceed approximately—

(A) 100,000 at the end of fiscal year 1999;

(B) 75,000 at the end of fiscal year 2000; and

(C) 55,000 at the end of fiscal year 2001; and

(D) 25,000 at the end of fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter.

For purposes of paragraph (1), the following members are not counted:

(A) Members assigned to permanent duty ashore in Iceland, Greenland, and the Azores;

(B) Members performing duties in Europe for more than 179 days under a military-to-military contact program under section 168 of the Senate of the Republic of China;

(C) In carrying out the reductions required by paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense may not reduce personnel assigned to the Sixth Fleet; """

(3) in subsection (c), as redesignated by paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Subsection (d) does not apply in the event of declaration of war or an armed attack on any member nation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

H.R. 1401
OFFERED BY: Mr. Skelton
AMENDMENT No. 11: In section 1006—

(1) strike subsection (a) (page 270, lines 21 through 24); and

(2) in the section heading (page 270, line 20), insert "BUDGETING FOR OPERATIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR" and "SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR OPERATIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA—".

H.R. 1401
OFFERED BY: Mr. Taylor of Mississippi
AMENDMENT No. 12: At the end of title XII (page 317, after line 17), insert the following new section:

SEC. . OPERATIONS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

(a) Findings.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution provides that: "The Congress