

The close-down on the war on drugs continued on the international scene. I do not have time to get into all the statistics tonight, but there is no question that this administration closed down the international programs that were so successful under the Reagan and Bush Administrations, that stopped drugs at their source, that stopped drugs before they came in to the United States and came in to our borders.

What is sad is they perpetuated a myth that the war on drugs has been a failure, and some of their policies, again, closing down the efforts to stop drugs at their source, have resulted in an incredible volume of heroin, cocaine, coming into the United States.

The most dramatic example, of course, is Colombia. For 6 or 7 years now this administration has done everything possible to stop resources, assistance, right up until the last few months, from getting to Colombia, and even the efforts to get equipment, resources, there, surplus materials, equipment authorized by the Congress, has been a bungled effort. That has had some direct impact.

Colombia in 1992-1993 almost produced zero cocaine. There was almost no coca produced in Colombia. There was almost zero, none produced, of heroin. The poppies were almost nonexistent except for floral bouquets when this administration adopted its policy of stopping assistance in aid and drug combatting resources getting to Colombia. Now we are overwhelmed with the sheer volume.

If that did not do enough damage, the policy of this administration is revealed in this Dallas Morning News article that appeared March 13, 2000, about going after drug traffickers. "Federal drug offenders spending less time in prison, study finds."

Now, liberal papers like the New York Times would have you believe that everyone who puffed a joint or was guilty of some minor possession would be behind bars. In fact, recently I have heard that comment after they editorialized and said we have to do away with the harsh Rockefeller laws.

Our subcommittee in fact found that you really have to work hard to get in prison on a drug offense in the State of New York; that in fact 70 percent of the people behind bars, according to the most recent and most extensive study ever taken by judicial officials in New York that was revealed to our committee, are in jail for committing two or more felonies. Of the 30 percent who remain, they have committed at least one felony, and very few of those who were in prison on lesser charges are there because of small possessions of drugs. In fact, most of them that are there on lower charges, the study found, are there because the charge was reduced. It was plea bargained down.

So we have people who have committed in fact multiple felonies and serious offenses behind bars for these offenses. Our prisons and jails in New York, in particular, this study confirms, are not there because of minor drug offenses.

Unfortunately, tonight we do not have time to get into further detail. We will try to do that in subsequent special orders and update the Congress, you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues on these issues, to try to separate fact from fiction and shed some light on how we can do a better job in a multifaceted approach to bringing one of the most serious social challenges we have ever faced as a Nation or a Congress under control.

With those comments, unfortunately, my time has expired, and the business of the House has been completed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MARKEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family illness.

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 Ms. SANCHEZ) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, June 20.

Mr. BUYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today, June 14, and June 15.

Mr. LAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. OBEY and to insert tables and extraneous material on H.R. 4577 in the Committee of the Whole today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), the House adjourned until today, Wednesday, June 14, 2000, 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:

8098. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Release of the Reserve Established for the 1999-2000 Crop Year [Docket No. FV00-981-1 IFR] received May 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8099. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Allocation of Funds Under the Capital Fund; Capital Fund Formula; Amendment [Docket No. FR-4423-C-08] (RIN: 2577-AB87) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8100. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (RIN: 1840-AC82) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8101. A letter from the Associate Division Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Truth-in-Billing Format [FCC 00-111; CC Docket No. 98-170] received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8102. A letter from the Secretary, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("Appliance Labeling Rule")—received May 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8103. A letter from the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Holtec HI-STORM 100 Addition (RIN: 3150-AG-31) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8104. A letter from the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: PSNA VSC-24 Revision (RIN: 3150-AG36) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8105. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: TN-68 Addition (RIN: 3150-AG30) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8106. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the quarterly report on the denial of safeguards information, pursuant to Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954; to the Committee on Commerce.

8107. A letter from the Mayor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of the report entitled: "The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year 1999," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47—119(c) Public Law 94—399; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8108. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule To List the Alabama Sturgeon as Endangered (RIN: 1018—AF56) received May 3, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8109. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone Regulations; San Juan Harbor, San Juan, Puerto Rico [COTP San Juan 00-013] (RIN: 2115—AA97) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8110. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 1021.9 and 1022.6, Palm Beach, FL [CGD07-00-037] (RIN: 2115—AE47) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8111. A letter from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Sacramento River, CA [CGD11-00-002] received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8112. A letter from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety of Uninspected Passenger Vessels Under the Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993 (PVSA) [USCG-1999-5040] (RIN: 2115—AF69) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8113. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Restricted Areas R-5117, R-5119, R-5121 and R-5123; [Airspace Docket No. 95-ASW-6] (RIN: 2120—AA66) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8114. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Repair Assessment for Pressurized Fuselages [Docket No. 29104; Amendment Nos. 91-264, 121-275, 125-33 & 129-28] (RIN: 2120—AF81) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8115. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Model R22 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-69-AD; Amendment 39-11695-; AD 2000-08-09] (RIN: 2120—AA64) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8116. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas

Model MD-11 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-97-AD; Amendment 39-11689; AD 2000-08-03] (RIN: 2120—AA64) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8117. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Agusta Model A109C and A109K2 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-28-AD; Amendment 39-11691; AD 2000-08-05] (RIN: 2120—AA64) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8118. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, and -800 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NM-88-AD; Amendment 39-11694; AD 2000-08-08] (RIN: 2120—AA64) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8119. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200 and -200PF Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-57-AD; Amendment 39-11667; AD 2000-07-13] (RIN: 2120—AA64) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8120. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GMBH Model MBB-BK 117 A-1, A-3, A-4, B-1, B-2, and C-1 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-73-AD; Amendment 39-11702; AD 2000-08-16] (RIN: 2120—AA64) received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8121. A letter from the Chairman, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Ocean Common Carriers Subject to the Shipping Act of 1984 [Docket No. 99-10] received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8122. A letter from the Attorney General, transmitting the 1999 annual report on the number of applications that were made for orders and extension of orders approving electronic surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1807; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

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:

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 525. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4635) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-675). 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. BURTON of Indiana (for himself and Mr. SCARBOROUGH):

H.R. 4642. A bill to make certain personnel flexibilities available with respect to the General Accounting Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mrs. BONO (for herself and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California):

H.R. 4643. A bill to provide for the settlement of issues and claims related to the trust lands of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. FORD:

H.R. 4644. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to protect consumers from the adverse consequences of incomplete and inaccurate consumer credit reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. OBEY, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. SERRANO):

H.R. 4645. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GOODE:

H.R. 4646. A bill to designate certain National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the State of Virginia as wilderness areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, 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. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 4647. A bill to terminate the authority under title 5, United States Code, under which the head of an agency may fix certain age limits for an original appointment as a law enforcement officer; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. HALL of Ohio:

H.R. 4648. A bill to provide for grants to establish the Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland memorial fellowship programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. KUCINICH):

H.R. 4649. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish a transitional adjustment assistance program for workers adversely affected by reason of the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 4650. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require candidates for election for Federal office to report information to the Federal Election Commission on the use of aircraft of the Federal government in the course of campaigns; to the Committee on House Administration.