

I have a bill, H.R. 268, which would direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to set cost-based rates for electricity in this situation where the rates are illegal and provides for the refunds to the consumers and to the utilities of California the \$20 billion that they have stolen from our State in just the last 10 months.

Madam Speaker, many seem to think that this is only a California problem. Many people say California brought it on themselves, let them dig themselves out. But the reality is this is everybody's problem. That is why the vast majority of Western governors have urged that cost-based rates be imposed by FERC. This disaster is affecting the entire Western region already, and it is going to spread quickly. According to the New York Times, State agencies from New England, the Midwest and the Mid-Atlantic have filed complaints about the high prices with FERC. The Energy Secretary of this Nation warned that New York may face similar problems next summer. This is a national problem. We had better act now.

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

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1322. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter in response to Senate Report 106-292; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1323. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter in response to the reporting requirement of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2001, which is anticipated to be completed by April 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1324. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Consumer Protections for Depository Institution Sales of Insurance; Change in Effective Date [Docket No. 2000-97] (RIN: 1550-AB34) received March 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1325. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Savings Association Bylaws; Integrity of Directors [No. 2001-15] (RIN: 1550-AB39) received March 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1326. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Liquidity [No. 2001-13] (RIN: 1550-AB42) received March 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1327. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medical Devices; Reclassification of the Shoulder Joint Metal/Polymer/Metal Non-constrained or Semi-Constrained Porous-Coated Uncemented Prosthesis [Docket No. 97P-0354] received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1328. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Toxicology Devices; Classification of B-Type Natriuretic Peptide Test System [Docket No. 00P-1675] received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1329. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food [Docket No. 00P-0789] received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1330. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Ferroalloys Production: Ferromanganese and Silicomanganese [FRL-6955-8] (RIN: 2060-AF29) received March 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1331. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Part 70 Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri [MO 112-1112a; FRL-6956-9] received March 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1332. A letter from the Acting Administrator and CEO, Bonneville Power Administration, transmitting the 2000 Annual Report of the Bonneville Power Administration, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1333. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a report entitled, "Analysis of the 1st Quarter Cash Collections Against the Revised FY 2001 Revenue Estimate"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1334. 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 Remove the Aleutian Canada Goose From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (RIN: 1018-AF42) received March 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1335. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Shark Management Measures [Docket No. 010112015-1015-01; I.D. 120500A] (RIN: 0648-AO85) received March 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1336. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 010112013-1013-01; I.D. 031301A] received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1337. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock by Vessels Catching Pollock for Processing by the Motherhood Component in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 010112013-1013-01; I.D. 030801B] received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1338. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 010112013-1013-01; I.D. 031301B] received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1339. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Financial Assistance for Research and Development Projects to Strengthen and Develop the U.S. Fishing Industry [Docket No. 960223046-1049-06; I.D. 011801D] (RIN: 0648-ZA09) received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1340. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Documentation Of Non-immigrants Under The Immigration And Nationality Act, As Amended: Aliens Ineligible To Transit Without Visas (TWOV)—received March 19, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1341. A letter from the Marshal of the Court, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting the annual report on the cost of the protective function provided by the Supreme Court Police to Justices, official guests and employees of the court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1342. A letter from the Chief Counsel, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Seaway Regulations And Rules Tariff Of Tolls [Docket No. SLSDC 2001-8785] (RIN: 2135-AA12) received