

S. 662. An Act to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel VORTICE; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 880. An Act to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel DUSKEN IV; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶107.51 ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2209. An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2443. An Act to designate the Federal building located at 601 Fourth Street, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building", in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisiano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe.

H.R. 2248. An Act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes.

¶107.52 BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following title:

On September 24, 1997:

H.R. 111. An Act to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school.

On September 25 1997:

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¶107.53 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. ROGAN, for today;

To Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, for today after 1 p.m. and the balance of the week;

To Mr. LAZIO, for today after 2:30 p.m.; and

To Mr. YOUNG of Alaska for today after 6 p.m.

And then,

¶107.54 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. MORELLA, at 11 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶107.55 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. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2516. A bill to extend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 through March 31, 1998; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105-270). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶107.56 SUBSEQUENT ACTION ON A REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 5 of Rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 695. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than September 29, 1997.

¶107.57 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. MORELLA:

H.R. 2544. A bill to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally owned inventions; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. BROWN of Ohio (for himself,

Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FROST, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. FAZIO of California):

H.R. 2545. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for prostate cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. CLAY (for himself and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 2546. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make college more affordable and accessible; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. FARR of California (for himself,

Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. GILCREST, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. GOSS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. ORTIZ):

H.R. 2547. A bill to develop and maintain a coordinated, comprehensive, and long-range national policy with respect to ocean and coastal activities that will assist the Nation in meeting specified objectives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 2548. A bill to curtail illegal immigration through increased enforcement of the employer sanctions provisions in the Immigration and Nationality Act and related laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 2549. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to restrict the application of the windfall elimination provision to individuals whose combined monthly income from benefits under such title and other monthly periodic payments exceeds \$2,000 and to provide for a graduated implementation of such provision on amounts above such \$2,000 amount; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KLECZKA:

H.R. 2550. A bill to adjust the rules for deducting military separation pay amounts from veterans' disability compensation; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. LAFALCE (for himself, Mr.

HOUGHTON, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, and Mr. OBERSTAR):

H.R. 2551. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the Attorney General to eliminate the fee associated with the issuance of an I-68 landing permit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself and Mr. BACHUS):

H.R. 2552. A bill to amend the requirements in the Federal Credit Union Act relating to audit requirements and supervisory committee oversight of insured credit unions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mr.

ALLEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. FROST, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 2553. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the dependent care credit refundable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 2554. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of certain factors with respect to any aspect of a surety bond transaction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr.

JONES, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 2555. A bill to prohibit the Department of the Interior from expending any funds for a mid-Atlantic coast offshore oil and gas lease sale; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SAXTON:

H.R. 2556. A bill to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 2557. A bill to provide for the removal of abandoned vessels; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 2558. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payment for hospital outpatient department services equal to payment rates established for similar services provided outside the hospital setting; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. STARK:

H.R. 2559. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the ability of hospitals to treat noncontiguous facilities as hospital outpatient departments; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. THOMPSON:

H.R. 2560. A bill to award congressional gold medals to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred to collectively as the "Little Rock Nine" on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. WELDON of Florida:

H.R. 2561. A bill to provide low-income children educational opportunities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. HALL of Texas):

H. Con. Res. 158. Concurrent resolution condemning the deployment of United States military personnel in the service of the United Nations in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, 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. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. HORN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. MANTON, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. RIGGS):

H. Con. Res. 159. Concurrent resolution honoring the memory of the victims of the Great Irish Potato Famine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. THOMAS:

H. Res. 244. Resolution demanding that the Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California file criminal charges against Hermandad Mexicana Nacional for failure to comply with a valid subpoena under the Federal Contested Elections Act; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. ROYCE (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. PAYNE):

H. Res. 245. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of a free and fair referendum on self-determination for the people of Western Sahara; to the Committee on International Relations.

107.58 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE 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. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1313. A bill for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson (Rept. No. 105-269). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

107.59 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 26: Mr. NEY, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 38: Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 44: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. NEY, and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 45: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 59: Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 65: Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 135: Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 146: Mr. MANTON and Mr. GOODE.

H.R. 303: Mr. LEACH and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 453: Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. OLVER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 600: Mr. SAWYER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JOHN, Mr. BERRY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. TANNER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. DIXON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. CONNIT, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. REYES, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. STOKES, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 621: Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 627: Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado.

H.R. 628: Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. HILLIARD, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. NEY, Mr. MCNULTY, and Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 687: Mr. BONIOR and Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

H.R. 715: Mr. PACKARD.

H.R. 754: Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 758: Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. MCINNIS, and Mr. LARGENT.

H.R. 774: Mr. CAPPS.

H.R. 789: Mr. BOB SCHAFFER.

H.R. 815: Mr. HAYWORTH and Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

H.R. 859: Mr. PASTOR.

H.R. 991: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 1009: Mr. HEFLEY.

H.R. 1010: Mr. SNOWBARGER.

H.R. 1023: Mr. ADERHOLT.

H.R. 1025: Ms. DELAURO and Ms. HARMAN.

H.R. 1031: Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

H.R. 1114: Mr. FORD, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. PARKER, Mr. SOLOMON, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. VENTO, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 1147: Mr. HILLEARY.

H.R. 1151: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MANTON, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1161: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1234: Mr. BONIOR.

H.R. 1450: Mr. HINOJOSA and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 1481: Mr. GILCHREST.

H.R. 1595: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SKEEN, and Mr. STUMP.

H.R. 1608: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. BLILEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. MARTINEZ.

H.R. 1625: Mr. HASTERT, Mr. BONO, Mr. GALLEGLEY, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. TALENT.

H.R. 1823: Mr. NEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 1842: Mr. SHADEGG.

H.R. 1870: Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 1909: Mr. TALENT.

H.R. 1951: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HEFNER, and Mr. EDWARDS.

H.R. 2013: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 2023: Mr. COSTELLO

H.R. 2121: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 2129: Mr. MCKEON and Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 2163: Mr. LINDER.

H.R. 2195: Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 2228: Ms. WOOLSEY and Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 2232: Ms. PELOSI.

H.R. 2257: Mr. FILNER, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. KUCINICH, and Mr. SANDERS.

H.R. 2348: Mr. MATSUI, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. FALOMAVAEGA, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 2349: Mr. DEFazio, Mr. FROST, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. PASTOR, and Mr. BONIOR.

H.R. 2400: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. COBLE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WISE, Mr. EWING, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. HORN, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. MICA, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. QUINN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. FOWLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BACHUS, Ms. DANNER, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BAKER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BASS, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. NEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. METCALF, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. PEASE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. COOK, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. FALOMAVAEGA, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WELLER, Mr. MANTON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 2422: Mr. FROST, Mr. OLVER, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

H.R. 2439: Mr. KLUG.

H.R. 2449: Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. CANNON, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. KASICH, and Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H.R. 2453: Mr. HORN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. SNYDER, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. QUINN.

H.R. 2456: Mr. SKEEN.

H.R. 2457: Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 2481: Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. MANTON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 2483: Mr. DELAY, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. JONES, Mr. BLILEY, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. PARKER, Mr. KASICH, Mr. MICA, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. RILEY, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, and Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 2489: Mr. NEY, Mr. KLUG, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. MCHUGH, and Mr. JACKSON.

H.R. 2492: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H. Con. Res. 19: Mr. LEVIN.