

not veering in one direction or another, and most definitely, not favoring one group over another. This leadership has clearly favored the privileged, and it is not like, there is no question about that; that is documented fact. The privileged, they are first in line to get theirs. And you know, if we can throw some crumbs to the people who are average everyday Americans, then you know that is fine, too.

But we have got to make sure that we get back to the competence that we need to run this government. We have to rid this government of the cronyism and the corruption, and we have got to restore the fourth C which is the American people's confidence.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. I have had very little to say in this condensed time that we have. I think it is important for us to make sure that folks are not just, Members are not just watching thinking that we are going, just coming out of the sky with this stuff. We gave it at the WashingtonPost.com. We also said, if you wanted to cosponsor on House Resolution 3764, which is a bill that we have put forth to be about the solution, making sure that we can head off a lack of governance, not paying attention to the things that we need to pay attention to.

One thing about Katrina, Madam Speaker, and Rita was the fact that we are not ready to respond to a catastrophic event here in the United States. And I can tell you that our military is ready, but the question is, are our American leaders ready to respond? Do we have what we need to have in place as it relates to the management?

And if you want to cosign on this independent commission, that I must say to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) that we talked about before, 81 percent of the polls show that Americans want to see an independent commission, you can sign on to this bill just as a regular U.S. citizen, HouseDemocrats.gov/Katrina.

With that, I say to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) that we have a lot of work here to do. No one is saying that anyone is guilty or whatever the case may be because we know that there will be a court of law that that will take plays and on behalf of the institution, I hope all works well as it relates to democracy prevailing.

But I will tell you that it is important, and it is embarrassing to be a Member of the 109th Congress with this cloud over this institution. And people are going to look at, they do not care. They look at you as a Member of the House, not as a Democrat or a Republican or the one independent that we have here in this House. They look at us as stewards of this democracy that people have died for us to have the opportunity.

And I yield back to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN).

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Well, I am just going to wrap up here in the final, unless the gentlewoman has any final comments.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. No, I was just going to suggest that you give out the website. And we always encourage people who watch us each week to contact us, give us your thoughts and opinions and please let Members know.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. It is a little late tonight. If you are still up, 30somethingdems@mail.House.gov. Send us some e-mails. We have been getting some really great ones, and a lot of them lately.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DELAHUNT (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 7.

Mr. CROWLEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. POE (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today after 2:00 p.m. on account of business in his district.

Mr. ROYCE (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today and October 7 on account of medical reasons.

#### 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:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SOLIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GRIJALVA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARROW, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today and October 7.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, October 7.

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

Mr. McHENRY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUHl of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, October 7.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and October 7.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, October 7.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, October 7.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 392. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Financial Services.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1413. An act to redesignate the Crowne Plaza in Kingston, Jamaica as the Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza.

#### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on October 3, 2005, he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 3863. Natural Disaster Student Aid Fairness Act.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), the House adjourned until today, Friday, October 7, 2005, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4398. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Title IV Conservators, Receivers, and Voluntary Liquidations; Receivership Repudiation Authorities (RIN: 3052-AC26) received September 26, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4399. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Investments, Liquidity, and Divestiture (RIN: 3052-AC22) received September 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4400. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Community Reinvestment Act Regulations [Regulation BB; Docket No. R-1225] received July 29, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4401. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Division of Consumer and Comm. Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Truth in Lending [Regulation Z; Docket No. R-1231] received August 10, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4402. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—

Community Reinvestment Act Regulations [Docket No. 05-11] (RIN: 1557-AB98) received August 3, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4403. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mixed-Finance Development for Supportive Housing for the Elderly or Persons With Disabilities and Other Changes to 24 CFR Part 891 [Docket No. FR-4725-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AH83) received September 21, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4404. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revisions to the Public Housing Operating Fund Program [Docket No. FR-4874-F-08] (RIN: 2577-AC51) received September 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4405. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Securities of Nonmember Insured Banks (RIN: 3064-AC88) received August 23, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4406. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Community Reinvestment Act Regulations (RIN: 3064-AC89) received August 23, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4407. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting the Office's final rule—Mortgage Fraud Reporting (RIN: 2550-AA31) received July 26, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4408. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Corporate Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—OWNERSHIP REPORTS AND TRADING BY OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND PRINCIPAL SECURITY HOLDERS [RELEASE NOS. 33-8600; 34-52202; 35-28013; IC-27025; File No. S7-27-04] (RIN: 3235-AJ27) received August 10, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4409. A letter from the Senior Regulatory Officer, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Industries in American Samoa; Wage Order—October 4, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4410. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits—received September 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4411. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Pensions Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits—received August 2, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4412. A letter from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation

and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Guidelines for Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting (RIN: 1901-AB11) received September 21, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4413. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures [Docket No. RM02-12-000] received July 29, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4414. A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Labeling and Advertising of Home Insulation: Trade Regulation Rule—received August 4, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4415. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC-UMS Revision 4 (RIN: 3150-AH75) received July 26, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4416. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Incorporation by Reference of ASME BPV Code Cases (RIN: 3150-AH35) received October 4, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4417. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE ACTIONS FOR SECURITY-BASED EVENTS [NRC BULLETIN 2005-02] received July 26, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4418. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Standardized NUHOMS-32PT, -24HB, and -24PTH Revision 8 (RIN: 3150-AH77) received September 26, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4419. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-171, "Prescription Drug Excessive Pricing Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4420. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting copy of D.C. ACT 16-170, "Walter Reed Property Tax Exemption Reconfirmation Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4421. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting copy of D.C. ACT 16-184, "Income Withholding Transfer and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4422. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-183, "District of Columbia Emancipation Day Alternate Date Temporary Amendment Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4423. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-173, "District of Columbia Bus Shelter Temporary Amendment Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-

233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4424. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-172, "Brentwood Retail Center Real Property Tax Exemption Temporary Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4425. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-182, "Dog Park Establishment Amendment Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4426. A letter from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archive and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Records Center Facility Standards (RIN: 3095-AB31) received September 1, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4427. A letter from the Director, Division of Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Information Technology Exchange Program (RIN: 3206-AJ91) received August 25, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4428. A letter from the Director, Division of Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter Retirement (RIN: 3206-AJ39) received July 29, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4429. A letter from the Director, Division of Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Retirement Credit for Certain Government Service Performed Abroad (RIN: 3206-AK84) received September 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4430. A letter from the Asst. Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Royalty Payment and Royalty and Production Reporting Requirements Relief for Federal Oil and Gas Lessees Affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita (RIN: 1010-AD28) received October 4, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4431. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, DHRC, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marine Mammals; Native Exemptions (RIN: 1018-AT48) received August 12, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4432. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Navajo Partitioned Lands Grazing Permits (RIN: 1076-AE46) received October 4, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4433. A letter from the Director Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exceptions to Definition of Date of Receipt Based on Natural or Man-made Disruption of Normal Business Practices (RIN: 2900-AL12) received September 2, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4434. A letter from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Jurisdictions and Addresses of Regional Counsels (RIN: 2900-AM20) received September 2, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4435. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations; Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations (RIN: 2900-AJ62) received August 25, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4436. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of the Niagara Escarpment Viticultural Area (2004R-589P) [T.D. TTB-33; Re: Notice No. 33] (RIN: 1513-AA97) received September 23, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4437. A letter from the SSA Regulations Officer, Office of Disability and Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Technical Revisions to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Regulations on Income and Resources (RIN: 0960-AE79) received July 26, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4438. A letter from the SSA Regulations Officer, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Impairments That Affect Multiple Body Systems [Regulation No. 4] (RIN: 0960-AF32) received September 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4439. A letter from the SSA Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Update to Divided State Retirement Systems Coverage Group List and Technical Coverage Corrections Required by the Social Security Protection Act of 2004 [Regulations No. 4] (RIN: 0960-AG18) received July 29, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4440. A letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization; Standards of Conduct and Referral of Known or Suspected Criminal Violations; Loan Policies and Operations; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Disclosure to Shareholders; Preferred Stock (RIN: 3052-AC21) received September 20, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Financial Services.

4441. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, CMS, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals: Federal Fiscal Year 2005 [CMS-2210-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AO04) received August 25, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

4442. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Definition and Registration of Reverse Distributors [Docket No. DEA-108F] (RIN: 1117-AA19) received September 19, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce 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. BARTON of Texas: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3893. A bill to expedite the construction of new refining capacity in the United States, to provide reliable and affordable energy for the American people, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 109-244, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 481. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3983) to expedite the construction of new refining capacity in the United States, to provide reliable and affordable energy for the American people, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-245). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Forces, and Resources discharged for further consideration. H.R. 3893 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. HINCHY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. ANDREWS):

H.R. 3968. A bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. BONNER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. WICKER):

H.R. 3969. A bill to provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other disaster agencies in responding to federally declared disasters; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 3970. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide liability protections for certain pandemics and countermeasures; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and 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. DEAL of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MCCREY, Mr. JINDAL, Mr. BAKER, and Mr. BOUSTANY):

H.R. 3971. A bill to provide assistance to individuals and States affected by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and 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 Ms. HART (for herself and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD):

H.R. 3972. A bill to provide effective training and education programs for displaced homemakers, single parents, and individuals entering nontraditional employment; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. RAHALL):

H.R. 3973. A bill to authorize the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to carry out a series of pilot projects to encourage collaborative approaches to, and to provide research on, the rehabilitation of forest ecosystem health following uncharacteristic disturbances of forested Federal lands, to be conducted in a manner that protects wildlife habitat, water quality, and forest resiliency while also promoting social and economic opportunities in nearby communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, 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. LUCAS (for himself, Mr. HAYES, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. JENKINS):

H.R. 3974. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of county or local Farm Service Agency offices pending the completion of the next omnibus agriculture law; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JINDAL (for himself, Mr.

BOEHNER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PORTER, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCREY, and Mr. PICKERING):

H.R. 3975. A bill to ease the provision of services to individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself, Mr.

BOEHNER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PORTER, Mr. JINDAL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. MCCREY, and Mr. PICKERING):

H.R. 3976. A bill to accelerate the reemployment and employment of individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by establishing grants to eligible entities to provide worker recovery accounts to eligible individuals; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3977. A bill to require owners of property to test and disclose the water quality of qualified wells before selling or leasing the property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BEAUPREZ:

H.R. 3978. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to purchase certain essential mineral rights and resolve natural resource damage liability claims; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself and Mr. RAMSTAD):

H.R. 3979. A bill to suspend temporarily the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to the mandatory separation of members of the Capitol Police by reason of age or years of service; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, 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. DINGELL (for himself, Mr.

BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BOUCHER, and Ms. BALDWIN):

H.R. 3980. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the qualified Medicare beneficiary (QMB) and specified low-income Medicare beneficiary (SLMB) programs within the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.