

Mr. MCINNIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 100. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 926) to promote regulatory flexibility and enhance public participation in Federal agency rule-making, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-52). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. House Resolution 80. Resolution requesting the President to submit information to the House of Representatives concerning actions taken through the exchange stabilization fund to strengthen the Mexican peso and stabilize the economy of Mexico; with an amendment (Rept. 104-53). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 531. A bill to designate the Great Western Scenic Trail as a study trail under the National Trails System Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-54). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 529. A bill to authorize the exchange of National Forest System lands in the Targhee National Forest in Idaho for non-Federal lands within the forest in Wyoming; with an amendment (Rept. 104-55). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

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 Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 1057. A bill to provide for hearing care services by audiologists to Federal civilian employees; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. BLILEY (for himself, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. TAUZIN):

H.R. 1058. A bill to reform Federal securities litigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, 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. FALCOMAVALAEGA:

H.R. 1059. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to extend a nutrition assistance program to American Samoa, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 1060. A bill to include the Territory of American Samoa in the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. CRANE, Mrs. KENNELLY, and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 1061. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to more accurately codify the depreciable life of semiconductor manufacturing equipment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEACH:

H.R. 1062. A bill to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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. MARKEY:

H.R. 1063. A bill to provide a framework for Securities and Exchange Commission super-

vision and regulation of derivatives activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H.R. 1064. A bill to repeal the Impoundment Control Act of 1974; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 1065. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program to provide pregnant women with certificates to cover expenses incurred in receiving services at maternity and housing services facilities and to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide assistance to nonprofit entities for the rehabilitation of existing structures for use as facilities to provide housing and services to pregnant women; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, 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.

H.R. 1066. A bill to establish grant programs and provide other forms of Federal assistance to pregnant women, children in need of adoptive families, and individuals and families adopting children; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, and in addition to the Committees on National Security, Banking and Financial Services, Ways and Means, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. 1067. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require renal dialysis facilities to meet hemodialysis standards as a condition of receiving payment for renal hemodialysis services furnished under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

H.R. 1068. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a demonstration project under which payment shall be made under the Medicare Program for renal disease management services furnished to individuals at risk for end stage renal disease to accurately assess whether those management services can prevent the progression of renal disease to renal failure and thereby delay the onset of dialysis and cause savings for the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. UNDERWOOD (for himself and Mr. FRAZER):

H.R. 1069. A bill to extend the Supplemental Security Income Benefits Program to Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 9: Mr. DREIER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 24: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 70: Mr. CHABOT and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.

H.R. 89: Mr. GUNDERSON.

H.R. 93: Mr. STUMP.

H.R. 94: Mr. QUILLEN and Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.

H.R. 218: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 248: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 312: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. TALENT, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. SOUDER and Mr. COX.

H.R. 371: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 375: Mr. HERGER.

H.R. 377: Ms. FURSE and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 436: Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. MINGE, and Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 489: Mr. DICKEY, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.

H.R. 490: Mr. DICKEY and Mr. RIGGS.

H.R. 497: Mr. PACKARD, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. MCKEON, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 605: Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. ROYCE.

H.R. 638: Mr. ENGEL and Mr. REED.

H.R. 652: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mr. BEILENSON.

H.R. 676: Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. JACOBS, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BROWN of California, Ms. ESHOO, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 682: Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 697: Mr. ALLARD.

H.R. 721: Ms. DELAURO and Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 726: Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. FILNER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. SISISKY, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 733: Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. LINDER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 734: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. LINDER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 763: Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. BEILENSON, Mr. LEACH, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HORN, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. SHAW, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FALCOMAVALAEGA, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 782: Mr. DAVIS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 788: Mr. SOUDER and Mrs. WALDHOLTZ.

H.R. 789: Mr. ALLARD.

H.R. 795: Mr. HERGER.

H.R. 800: Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. RIGGS, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 804: Mr. SOUDER and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland.

H.R. 833: Mr. LEACH and Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 861: Mr. COLEMAN and Mr. BILBRAY.

H.R. 873: Mr. STEARNS, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 949: Mr. FUNDERBURK and Mr. JACOBS.

H.R. 952: Mr. CANADY, Mr. MINGE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 963: Mr. GOSS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. FROST, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. HANCOCK.

H.R. 971: Mr. STARK.

H.R. 1015: Mr. NEUMANN.

H.R. 1043: Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. OLVER.

H.J. Res. 52: Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.J. Res. 61: Mr. COBLE, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. QUILLEN, Mr.

KNOLLENBERG, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. JONES, Mr. BARR, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TATE, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. EWING, Mr. WELLER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mrs. SEASTRAND.

H. Con. Res. 12: Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. TALENT, Mr. COX, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H. Con. Res. 28: Mr. CONYERS.

H. Con. Res. 31: Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. RANGEL.

H. Res. 56: Mr. FOLEY.

H. Res. 80: Mr. FILNER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 925

OFFERED BY: MR. FATTAH

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Page 2, line 8, after the period insert "The Federal Government may, in a civil action, obtain equitable contribution toward the payment of any compensation required under this Act from any property owners the value of whose property was increased by the agency action that gave rise to the right to that compensation."

H.R. 925

OFFERED BY: MR. TRAFICANT

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Page 2, line 5, strike "10" and insert "25".

H.R. 925

OFFERED BY: MR. TRAFICANT

AMENDMENT NO. 3: Page 5, after line 8, insert the following:

SEC. . DUTY OF NOTICE TO OWNERS.

Whenever an agency takes an agency action limiting the use of private property, the agency shall give notice to the owners of that property explaining their rights under this Act and the procedures for obtaining any compensation that may be due to them under this Act.

Redesignate succeeding sections accordingly.

H.R. 925

OFFERED BY: MR. WATT OF NORTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT NO. 4: Page 4, strike lines 6 through 21.

H.R. 925

OFFERED BY: MR. WATT OF NORTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT NO. 5: Page 2, lines 12 and 13, change the heading to read:

"(a) CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH NO COMPENSATION SHALL BE AWARDED.—"

Page 2, after line 19, add the following:

"No compensation shall be made under this Act with respect to an agency action which is reasonably related to or in furtherance of the purposes of any law enacted by Congress, unless such law is determined to be in violation of the United States Constitution."

Page 4, strike lines 6 through 21.

H.R. 926

OFFERED BY: MR. EWING

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Page 2, line 11, strike "180 days" and insert "one year", in line 24, strike "(2)(A)" and all that follows through "(B)" in line 4 on page 3, and in line 8 on page 3, strike "180 days" and insert "one year".

H.R. 926

OFFERED BY: MR. TRAFICANT

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Page 15, line 22, strike "and", in line 3 on page 16 strike the period and insert "; and", and add after line 3 the following:

"(D) any regulation proposed or issued in connection with imposing trade sanctions against any country that engages in illegal trade activities against the United States that are injurious to American technology, jobs, pensions, or general economic well-being.

H.R. 926

OFFERED BY: MR. TRAFICANT

AMENDMENT NO. 3: Page 15, line 22, strike "and", in line 3 on page 16 strike the period and insert "; and", and add after line 3 the following:

"(D) any regulation proposed or issued in connection with ensuring the collection of taxes from a subsidiary of a foreign company doing business in the United States.

H.R. 926

OFFERED BY: MR. WATT OF NORTH CAROLINA

AMENDMENT NO. 4: On page 6, line 16, strike the period and insert the following new language:

"(4) SPECIAL RULE.—No proposed rules issued by an appropriate federal banking agency (as that term is defined in section 3(q) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(q)), the National Credit Union Administration, or the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, shall be subject to the requirements of this subsection."

H.R. 1022

OFFERED BY: MR. BARTON OF TEXAS

AMENDMENT NO. 5: Page 36, after line 2, insert the following new title, redesignate title VI as title VII, and redesignate section 601 on page 36, line 4, as section 701:

TITLE VI—PETITION PROCESS

SEC. 601. PETITION PROCESS.

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to provide an accelerated process for the review of Federal programs designated to protect human health, safety, or the environment and to revise rules and program elements where possible to achieve substantially equivalent protection of human health, safety or the environment at a substantially lower cost of compliance or in a more flexible manner.

(b) ACCELERATED PROCESS FOR CERTAIN PETITIONS.—Within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the head of each Federal agency administering any program designed to protect human health, safety, or the environment shall establish accelerated procedures for accepting and considering petitions for the review of any rule or program element promulgated prior to the effective date of this Act which is part of such program, if the annual costs of compliance with such rule or program element are at least \$25,000,000.

(c) WHO MAY SUBMIT PETITIONS.—Any person who demonstrates that he or she is affected by a rule or program element referred to in subsection (b) may submit a petition under this section.

(d) CONTENTS OF PETITIONS.—Each petition submitted under this section shall include adequate supporting documentation, including, where appropriate, the following:

(1) New studies or other relevant information that provide the basis for a proposed revision of a risk assessment or risk characterization used as a basis of a rule or program element.

(2) Information documenting the costs of compliance with any rule or program element which is the subject of the petition and information demonstrating that a revision could achieve protection of human health, safety or the environment substantially equivalent to that achieved by the rule or program element concerned but at a substantially lower cost of compliance or in a manner which provides more flexibility to States, local, or tribal governments, or regu-

lated entities. Such documentation may include information concerning investments and

other actions taken by persons subject to the rule or program element in good faith to comply.

(e) DEADLINES FOR AGENCY RESPONSE.—Each agency head receiving petitions under this section shall assemble and review all such petitions received during the 6-month period commencing upon the promulgation of procedures under subsection (b) and during 15 successive 6-month periods thereafter. Not later than 180 days after the expiration of each such review period, the agency head shall complete the review of such petitions, make a determination under subsection (f) to accept or to reject each such petition, and establish a schedule and priorities for taking final action under subsection (g) with respect to each accepted petition. For petitions accepted for consideration under this section, the schedule shall provide for final action under subsection (g) within 18 months after the expiration of each such 180-day period and may provide for consolidation of reasonably related petitions. The schedule and priorities shall be based on the potential to more efficiently focus national economic resources within Federal regulatory programs designed to protect human health, safety, or the environment on the most important priorities and on such other factors as such Federal agency considers appropriate.

(f) CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PETITIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An agency head shall accept a petition for consideration under this section if the petition meets the applicable requirements of subsections (b), (c), and (d) and if there is a reasonable likelihood that the revision requested in the petition would achieve protection of human health, safety or the environment substantially equivalent to that achieved by the rule or program element concerned but a substantially lower cost of compliance or in a manner which provides more flexibility to States, local, or tribal governments, or regulated entities.

(2) FINAL AGENCY ACTION.—If the agency head rejects the petition, the agency head shall publish the reasons for doing so in the Federal Register. Any petition rejected for consideration under this section may be considered by the agency under any other applicable procedures, but a rejection of a petition under this section shall be considered final agency action.

(3) CONSIDERATION.—In determining whether to accept or reject a petition with respect to any rule or program element, the agency shall take into account any information provided by the petitioner concerning costs incurred in complying with the rule or program element prior to the date of the petition and the costs that could be incurred by changing the rule or program element as proposed in the petition.

(g) FINAL AGENCY ACTION.—In accordance with the schedule established under subsection (e), and after notice and opportunity for comment, the agency head shall take final action regarding petitions accepted under subsection (f) by either revising a rule or program element or determining not to make any such revision. When reviewing any final agency action under this subsection, the court shall hold unlawful and set aside the agency action if found to be unsupported by substantial evidence.

(h) OTHER PROCEDURES REMAIN AVAILABLE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the review or revision of any risk characterization document, risk assessment document, rule or program element at any time under any other procedures.