

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. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. WAMP, Mr. BAKER of California, and Mrs. MORELLA):

H.R. 2142. A bill to promote the scientific, technological, and the national security interests and industrial well-being of the United States through establishing missions for and streamlining Department of Energy laboratories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, 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. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FARR, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MANTON, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MINETA, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MORAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PORTER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. STARK, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. VENTO, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. YATES):

H.R. 2143. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or market nonambulatory cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. VOLKMER, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. HEINEMAN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

H.R. 2144. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, in a manner which ensures to a greater degree the ability of utility providers to establish, improve, operate, and maintain utility structures, facilities, and equipment for the benefit, safety, and well-being of consumers by removing limitations on maximum driving and on-duty time in regard to utility vehicle operators and drivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GILCHREST (for himself, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. MINETA, Mr. WISE, and Mr. WICKER):

H.R. 2145. A bill to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut:

H.R. 2146. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the nonconventional fuel tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, and Mrs. CHENOWETH):

H.R. 2147. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to permit producers greater discretion in deciding to purchase catastrophic risk protection and to amend the Agricultural Act of 1949 to clarify the prevented planting rule for the calculation of crop acreage bases; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H. Con. Res. 89. Concurrent resolution waiving provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 requiring adjournment of Congress by July 31; considered and agreed to.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

145. By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine, relative to memorializing the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to require development of a gasoline that reduces ozone without endangering health; to the Committee on Commerce.

146. Also, memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, relative to requesting the Congress of the United States to continue its efforts to determine the location and status of all U.S. military personnel still missing in Southeast Asia; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 60: Mr. BONO and Mr. CANADY.

H.R. 533: Mr. EHLERS.

H.R. 580: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MINETA.

H.R. 743: Mr. LATHAN and Mr. HANSEN.

H.R. 784: Mr. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 789: Mr. GALLEGLY.

H.R. 863: Mr. SANDERS.

H.R. 940: Mr. DICKS, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. TUCKER, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 1226: Mr. EMERSON, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. LINDER.

H.R. 1423: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. MINETA, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, and Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 1594: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 1619: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. LOBIONDO.

H.R. 1687: Mr. FOX, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 1821: Mr. HORN, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. RIGGS, and Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 1833: Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DELAY, Mr. POMBO, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. DICKEY.

H.R. 1846: Mr. BEREUTER and Mr. BONIOR.

H.R. 1974: Mr. HOEKSTRA.

H.R. 1978: Mr. ROHRBACHER.

H.R. 1980: Ms. NORTON, Mr. TORRES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Mr. FLAKE.

H.R. 2045: Mr. McDERMOTT.

H.J. Res. 70: Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

H. Res. 174: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, and Ms. FURSE.

H. Res. 200: Mr. FORBES.

AMENDMENTS

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

H.R. 1555

OFFERED BY: MR. MARKEY

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Page 126, after line 16, insert the following new subsection (and redesignate the succeeding subsections and accordingly):

(f) STANDARD FOR UNREASONABLE RATES FOR CABLE PROGRAMMING SERVICES.—Section 623(c)(2) of the Act (47 U.S.C. 543(C)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) STANDARD FOR UNREASONABLE RATES.—The Commission may only consider a rate for cable programming services to be unreasonable if such rate has increased since June 1, 1995, determined on a per-channel basis, by a percentage that exceeds the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (as determined by the Department of Labor) since such date.”

Page 127, line 4, strike “or 5 percent” and all that follows through “greater,” on line 6.

Page 129, strike lines 16 through 21 and insert the following:

“(d) UNIFORM RATE STRUCTURE.—A cable operator shall have a uniform rate structure throughout its franchise area for the provision of cable services.”

Page 130, line 16, insert “and” after the semicolon, and strike line 20 and all that follows through line 2 on page 131 and insert the following:

directly to subscribers in the franchise area and such franchise area is also served by an unaffiliated cable system.”

Page 131, strike line 6 and all that follows through line 21, and insert the following:

“(m) SMALL CABLE SYSTEMS.—

“(1) SMALL CABLE SYSTEM RELIEF.—A small cable system shall not be subject to subsections (a), (b), (c), or (d) in any franchise area with respect to the provision of cable programming services, or a basic service tier where such tier was the only tier offered in such area on December 31, 1994.

“(2) DEFINITION OF SMALL CABLE SYSTEM.—For purposes of this subsection, ‘small cable system’ means a cable system that—

“(A) directly or through an affiliate, serves in the aggregate fewer than 250,000 cable subscribers in the United States; and

“(B) directly serves fewer than 10,000 cable subscribers in its franchise area.”

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OFFERED BY: MR. MARKEY

AMENDMENT NO. 3: Page 150, beginning on line 24, strike paragraph (1) through line 19 on page 151 and insert the following:

“(1) NATIONAL AUDIENCE REACH LIMITATIONS.—The Commission shall prohibit a person or entity from obtaining any license if such license would result in such person or entity directly or indirectly owning, operating, or controlling, or having a cognizable interest in, television stations which have an aggregate national audience reach exceeding 35 percent. Within 3 years after such date of enactment, the Commission shall conduct a study on the operation of this paragraph and submit a report to the Congress on the development of competition in the television marketplace and the need for any revisions to or elimination of this paragraph.

Page 150, line 4, strike “(a) AMENDMENT.—”

Page 150, line 9, after “section,” insert “and consistent with section 613(a) of this Act.”

Page 154, strike lines 9 and 10.

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OFFERED BY: MR. MARKEY

AMENDMENT NO. 4: Page 157, after line 21, insert the following new section (and redesignate the succeeding sections and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 304. PARENTAL CHOICE IN TELEVISION PROGRAMMING.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following findings: