

Commission's final rule—Licensing, Financial Responsibility Requirements, and General Duties For Ocean Transportation Intermediaries [Docket No. 98-28] received April 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2511. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to designate the facility known as the "Federal Executive Institute Annex" located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, the "Pamela B. Gwin Hall"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2512. A letter from the Director of the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Announcement of Availability of Funding for Competitions—Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Technology (EPSCoT) [Docket No. 990122027-9027-01] (RIN: 0692-ZA02) received April 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

2513. A letter from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Evaluation and Incentives—received May 12, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

2514. A letter from the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Reservists Education: Increase in Educational Assistance Rates (RIN: 2900-AJ38) received May 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

2515. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of his determination that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for the Republic of Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(c) and (d); (H. Doc. No. 106-76); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

2516. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of his determination that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for the People's Republic of China will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(c) and (d); (H. Doc. No. 106-77); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

2517. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of his determination that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for Vietnam will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(c) and (d); (H. Doc. No. 106-78); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

2518. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last in, first out inventories [Rev. Rul. 99-26] received May 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2519. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tax forms and instructions [Rev. Proc. 99-25] received May 13, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2520. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Renewable Electricity Production Credit, Publication of Inflation Adjustment Factor and Reference Prices for Calendar Year 1999—received May 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2521. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Use of Actuarial Tables in Valuing Annuities, Interests for Life or Terms of Years, and Remainder or Reversionary Interests [TD8819] (RIN: 1545-AX14) received April 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2522. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Effective Date of Regulations Under Section 1441 and Qualified Intermediary [Notice 99-25]—received April 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2523. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Extension of Time to File FSC Grouping Redeterminations Under Transition Rule to be Included in Final Regulations [Notice 99-24] received April 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2524. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revisions to Schedule P (Form 1120-FSC) [Notice 99-23] received April 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2525. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the results of research conducted and the plan addressing the health consequences of military service in the Gulf War; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs.

2526. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report to Congress regarding the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo and the surrounding area; (H. Doc. No. 106-80); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, International Relations, and Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2527. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for public disclosure of accidental release scenario information in risk management plans; jointly to the Committees on Commerce, Government Reform, and the Judiciary.

2528. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to address various management concerns of the Department; jointly to the Committees on Small Business, Armed Services, and Government Reform.

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:

[Pursuant to the order of the House on May 27, 1999 the following report was filed on May 28, 1999]

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1000. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-167 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

[Submitted June 7, 1999]

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 1074. A bill to provide Governmentwide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-168). Referred to the

Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 206. A bill to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees (Rept. 106-169). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. Making the Federal Government Accountable: Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management (Rept. 106-170). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[The following action occurred on June 2, 1999]

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committees on Resources and the Budget discharged. H.R. 45 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

[The following action occurred on May 28, 1999]

H.R. 1000. Referral to the Committees on the Budget and Rules extended for a period ending not later than June 11, 1999.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

72. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2002 memorializing the President and Congress of the United States and the Department of Defense to increase the salary of military personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

73. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 162 memorializing the Congress of the United States to promptly enact legislation authorizing the President of the United States to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the nation; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

74. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to House Resolution No. 130 memorializing the Congress of the United States to urge the Department of Housing and Urban Development to carefully consider the needs of all residents of a complex or building with respect to placing new tenants in areas previously considered to be senior citizen housing; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

75. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 30 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to prohibit banking transaction screening practices that threaten personal privacy; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

76. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Maine, relative to Senate Paper No. 772 memorializing the United States Congress to increase funding to support special education at a level originally envisioned in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

77. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 106

memorializing the United States Congress to oppose U.S. Food and Drug Administration rules requiring post-harvest treatment of oysters and other shellfish; to the Committee on Commerce.

78. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 208 HD1, memorializing all citizens and governments of the Earth to join with the people of Hawaii in the spirit of Aloha to dedicate the celebrations of the third millennium to peace and understanding as "The Millennium of Peace" for all of Earth's children; to the Committee on International Relations.

79. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Nevada, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 19 memorializing the Secretary of the Interior to comply with the intent of Congress as stated in the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998 which requires a study of the issue by the National Academy of Sciences and prohibits final revision of 43 C.F.R. Part 3809, the 3809 Regulations, before September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Resources.

80. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 4008 memorializing the President and Congress to recognize the destructive potential of aquatic nuisance species and act to minimize the destruction by supporting appropriation of the four million dollars authorized to fund state aquatic species management plans in fiscal year 2000 and future years; to the Committee on Resources.

81. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 4012 memorializing Congress to pass legislation to restore and revitalize federal funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Resources.

82. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 4015 memorializing the President, the Congress, and the appropriate agencies to continue to look closely at current immigration law and INS policies and practices, and that necessary changes be made so that problems surrounding immigration may be resolved as soon as possible; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

83. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, relative to House Concurrent Resolution 23 memorializing the Congress to provide adequate funding for major rehabilitation efforts on the Upper Mississippi River; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

84. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine, relative to House Paper 1547 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to limit the use of social security account numbers for only the purpose of receiving public assistance benefits, paying social security taxes and receiving social security payments and refunds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

85. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, relative to Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to reject any proposal to reform social security that includes mandatory coverage for public employees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

86. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Nevada, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10 memorializing Congress to oppose all efforts to extend mandatory Social Security coverage to newly hired state and local government employees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

87. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, relative

to House Concurrent Resolution No. 5021 memorializing the President and the United States Congress to take action to provide funds for independent research into illnesses suffered by Gulf War veterans and to initiate more effective programs to assist Gulf War veterans and their families, and urging the Governor of Kansas and appropriate heads of Kansas state agencies to continue efforts in support of the Kansas Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Veterans' Affairs.

88. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, relative to House Concurrent Resolution 24 memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend the OASIS system requirements to apply them only to patients who are recipients of Medicare and not to all patients of Medicare-certified home health agencies; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

89. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Kansas, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 5041 memorializing the Congress of the United States to require Health Care Financing Administration OASIS reporting and data reporting requirements to apply only to Medicare patients and not to all patients of Medicare-certified home health agencies; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

90. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Kansas, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1616 memorializing Congress to remove or restrict the use of trade sanctions as they apply to agricultural products and that Congress ensure that the use of trade sanctions will result in meaningful results; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture, International Relations, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 1401

OFFERED BY: MR. DELAY

AMENDMENT No. 8: Strike section 1203 (page 310, line 22 through page 314, line 7) and insert the following:

SEC. 1203. LIMITATION ON MILITARY-TO-MILITARY EXCHANGES WITH CHINA'S PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY.

(a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Defense may not authorize any military-to-military exchange or contact described in subsection (b) to be conducted by the Armed Forces with representatives of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China.

(b) COVERED EXCHANGES AND CONTACTS.—Subsection (a) applies to any military-to-military exchange or contact that includes any of the following:

- (1) Force projection operations.
- (2) Nuclear operations.
- (3) Field operations.
- (4) Logistics.
- (5) Chemical and biological defense and other capabilities related to weapons of mass destruction.
- (6) Surveillance, and reconnaissance operations.

(7) Joint warfighting experiments and other activities related to warfare.

(8) Military space operations.

(9) Other warfighting capabilities of the Armed Forces.

(10) Arms sales or military-related technology transfers.

(11) Release of classified or restricted information.

(12) Access to a Department of Defense laboratory.

(c) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) does not apply to any search and rescue exercise or any humanitarian exercise.

(d) CERTIFICATION BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Service of the House of Representatives, not later than December 31 of each year, a certification in writing as to whether or not any military-to-military exchange or contact during that calendar year was conducted in violation of subsection (a).

(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than June 1 each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Service of the House of Representatives a report providing the Secretary's assessment of the current state of military-to-military contacts with the People's Liberation Army. The report shall include the following:

(1) A summary of all such military-to-military contacts during the period since the last such report, including a summary of topics discussed and questions asked by the Chinese participants in those contacts.

(2) A description of the military-to-military contacts scheduled for the next 12-month period and a five-year plan for those contacts.

(3) The Secretary's assessment of the benefits the Chinese expect to gain from those military-to-military contacts.

(4) The Secretary's assessment of the benefits the Department of Defense expects to gain from those military-to-military contacts.

(5) The Secretary's assessment of how military-to-military contacts with the People's Liberation Army fit into the larger security relationship between United States and the People's Republic of China.

H.R. 1401

OFFERED BY: MRS. FOWLER

AMENDMENT No. 9: At the end of title XII (page 317, after line 17), insert the following new section:

SEC. 1206. PROHIBITION ON USE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FUNDS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES GROUND FORCES TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION BY LAW.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise available to the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended for the deployment of United States ground forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia unless such deployment is specifically authorized by a law enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to the initiation of missions specifically limited to rescuing United States military personnel or United States citizens in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia or rescuing military personnel of another member nation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as a result of operations as a member of an air crew.

H.R. 1401

OFFERED BY: MR. SHAYS

AMENDMENT No. 10: At the end of title XII (page 317, after line 17), add the following new section:

SEC. 1206. REDUCTION AND CODIFICATION OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AUTHORIZED TO BE ON PERMANENT DUTY ASHORE IN EUROPEAN MEMBER NATIONS OF NATO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Section 123b of title 10, United States Code, is amended—