

contingent liabilities of the United States for vessels insured under the authority of Title XII of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, and for aircraft insured under the authority of chapter 433 of title 49, United States Code, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 1079(a) (110 Stat. 2670); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Transportation and Infrastructure.

2645. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on U.S. Contributions to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

2646. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's fourth report in the series entitled "Effectiveness of Occupant Protection Systems and Their Use," pursuant to Public Law 102-240, section 2508(e) (105 Stat. 2086); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Commerce.

2647. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Railroad Retirement Act to make permanent the exemption of the Railroad Retirement Board trust funds from the payment of full commercial rent for real property occupied by the agency; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Government Reform.

2648. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the provision of new hire information to the Railroad Retirement Board; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

2649. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 2000, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f; jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

#### 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. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 592. A bill to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills"; with an amendment (Rept. 106-188). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

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

H.R. 434. Referral to the Committees on Ways and Means and Banking and Financial Services extended for a period ending not later than June 17, 1999.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GEPHARDT:

H.R. 2235. A bill to establish a Commission on the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Pur-

chase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. LAFALCE (for himself, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Mr. MEEKS of New York):

H.R. 2236. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants in the form of forgivable capital advances to help preserve community hospitals experiencing financial difficulties; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. WALSH, Mr. MCHUGH, and Mrs. KELLY):

H.R. 2237. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency assistance to apple producers and onion producers in the State of New York who incurred extensive crop losses in 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BALDACCI:

H.R. 2238. A bill to authorize the provision of waivers to allow welfare-to-work funds to be used to cover the start-up costs of forming alliances designed to enable small businesses to purchase discounted health insurance for their employees among whom are individuals eligible for assistance under a welfare-to-work program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. BERRY, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. HAYES, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. BOYD, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. SHOWS):

H.R. 2239. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage and administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. COYNE (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 2240. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise payment amounts to home health agencies under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes; 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. FOLEY (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. LARSON):

H.R. 2241. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to limit the reductions in Federal payments under the Medicare prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services; 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. GREENWOOD (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. COOKSEY):

H.R. 2242. A bill to establish limits on medical malpractice claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. HEFLEY:

H.R. 2243. A bill to restrict United States assistance for certain reconstruction efforts in the Balkans region of Europe to United States-produced articles and services; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. HUNTER:

H.R. 2244. A bill to prohibit United States assistance to the Republic of Panama if a defense site or military installation built or formerly operated by the United States has been conveyed by the Government of the Republic of Panama to any foreign government-owned entity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. MCINTOSH (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CONDIT, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia):

H.R. 2245. A bill to ensure the liberties of the people by promoting federalism, to protect the reserved powers of the States, to impose accountability for Federal preemption of State and local laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and 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. RYUN of Kansas (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, and Mr. MARKEY):

H.R. 2246. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to require the collection of data from home health agencies furnishing services under the Medicare Program under the OASIS data collection program from non-Medicare patients, and for other purposes; 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. SHIMKUS:

H.R. 2247. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("Superfund") to exempt small business concerns from certain liability under that Act; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. WAMP (for himself and Mr. STUPAK):

H.R. 2248. A bill to provide for the establishment, use, and enforcement of a consistent and comprehensive system for labeling violent content in audio and visual media products; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WICKER:

H.R. 2249. A bill to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park in the vicinity of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 2250. A bill to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of