

1431. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 01-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1432. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report pursuant to title VIII of Public Law 101-246, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1990-91, as amended; to the Committee on International Relations.

1433. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13-597, "21st Century Financial Modernization Act of 2000" received April 03, 2001, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1434. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1435. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1436. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting an Annual Report on Performance and Accountability for FY 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1437. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2000 Performance Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1438. A letter from the Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Program Performance Report and the Fiscal Year 2002 Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1439. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Annual Program Performance Report for FY 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1440. A letter from the Chair, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting an Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1441. A letter from the Acting Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting a report on FY 2000 Accountability; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1442. A letter from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for the Arkansas River Basin Population of the Arkansas River Shiner (RIN: 1018-AG12) received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1443. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska; Final 2001 Harvest Specifications and Associated Management Measures for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska [Docket No. 010112012-1070-02; I.D. 011101B] (RIN: 0648-A082) received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1444. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels 60 Feet Length Overall and Longer Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 010112013-1013-01; I.D. 032601B] received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1445. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Pacific Mackerel [Docket No. 000831250-0250-01; 031901D] received April 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1446. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—Disaster Assistance; Cerro Grande Fire Assistance (RIN: 3067-AD12) received April 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1447. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the Biennial Survey of Article III Judgeship Needs in the U.S. courts of appeals and the U.S. district courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1448. A letter from the General Counsel, National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting the annual audit report of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 4610; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1449. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (RIN: 3067-AD21) received April 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

1450. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Claims Based on the Effects of Tobacco Products (RIN: 2900-AJ59) received April 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1451. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Signature by Mark (RIN: 2900-AK07) received April 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1452. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision: Farmland Industries, Inc. v. Commissioner—received March 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the anti-trust laws (Rept. 107-32). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 601. A bill to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-33). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 601. A bill to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 107-34). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 581. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management (Rept. 107-35). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 182. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eight Mile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 107-36). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 8. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phaseout the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-37). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 974. A bill to increase the number of interaccount transfers which may be made from business accounts at depository institutions, to authorize the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to pay interest on reserves, and for other purposes, with amendments (Rept. 107-38). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 111. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phaseout the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and for other purposes, (Rept. 107-39). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FERGUSON (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. QUINN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. PLATTs, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. GILMAN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. GILCREST, Mr.

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. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 768. A bill to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to