

transmitting a determination authorizing the use of funds made available under Chapter 3 of Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act in order to provide a contribution to the United Nations Guards Contingent in Iraq; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

4054. A letter from the Secretary, Department of State, transmitting notification of intent to reprogram funds from FY 2001 and FY 2000 from within the International Organizations and Programs account; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

4055. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2000, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(f); 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. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 1992. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the opportunities for higher education via telecommunications; with an amendment (Rept. 107-225). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 248. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2646) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011 (Rept. 107-226). 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. RAMSTAD (for himself and Mrs. THURMAN):

H.R. 2973. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the expeditious coverage of new medical technology under the Medicare Program and to establish an Office of Technology and Innovation within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and 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. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. COYNE, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California):

H.R. 2974. A bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, to promote the systematic compilation of baseline paleontological resource data, science-based decisionmaking, and accurate public education, to provide for a unified management policy regarding paleontological resources on Federal lands, to promote legitimate public access to fossil resources on Federal lands, to encourage informed stewardship of the resources through educational, recreational, and scientific use of the paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HYDE, Mr.

COBLE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. JENKINS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CANNON, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. KELLER, Mr. ISSA, Ms. HART, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GOSS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BERMAN, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 2975. A bill to combat terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), International Relations, Resources, and 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. RAHALL (for himself and Mr. HANSEN):

H.R. 2976. A bill to provide for the issuance of a special entrance pass for free admission to any federally owned area which is operated and maintained by a Federal agency and used for outdoor recreation purposes to the survivors, victims' immediate families, and police, fire, rescue, recovery, and medical personnel directly affected by the September 11, 2001, terrorist hijackings and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. KUCINICH:

H.R. 2977. A bill to preserve the cooperative, peaceful uses of space for the benefit of all humankind by permanently prohibiting the basing of weapons in space by the United States, and to require the President to take action to adopt and implement a world treaty banning space-based weapons; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and International Relations, 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. ROUKEMA:

H.R. 2978. A bill to strengthen existing Federal laws and provide law enforcement agencies with enhanced enforcement tools necessary to combat money laundering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and International Relations, 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. ROUKEMA:

H.R. 2979. A bill to enhance the ability of law enforcement to combat money laundering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Energy and 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. GREENWOOD (for himself, Mr. FOSSELLA, and Mr. SIMMONS):

H.R. 2980. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize and improve the MedicareChoice Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and 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. UPTON (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. CAMP, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. BASS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr.

RADANOVICH, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. OSE, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mrs. KELLY, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. DREIER, Ms. DUNN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. BONO, Mr. DELAY, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. SHIMKUS):

H.R. 2981. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a 2-year recovery period for depreciation of computers and other technological equipment, a 24-month useful life for depreciation of computer software, and a 7-year useful life for depreciation of certain auction-acquired telecommunications licenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TURNER (for himself, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. WICKER, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. FROST, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. PITTS, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. WYNN, Mr. KING, Mr. CAMP, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. GEPHARDT, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. SHIMKUS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. BACA, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. ROSS, Mr. HILL, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. BERRY, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. MCINTYRE, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. JOHN, Mr. BOYD, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. STENHOLM, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. TANNER, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. GORDON, Mr. BARETT, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. HOYER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. MEEHAN):

H.R. 2982. A bill to authorize the establishment of a memorial within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as "Area I" or "Area II" to the victims of terrorist attacks on the United States, to provide for the design and construction of such a memorial, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. WILSON (for herself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. NORWOOD, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. WELLER, and Mr. WHITFIELD):

H.R. 2983. A bill to extend indemnification authority under section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 2984. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to ensure that aliens provided nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of that Act are counted, for purposes of determining whether the numerical limitation on the provision of such status has been reached, in a manner that is accurate, fair, and takes into account only those aliens who actually commence employment as such a nonimmigrant; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BASS (for himself, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TOWNS,