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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YOUNG of Florida).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 21, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable C. W. BILL YOUNG to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, throughout the ages, You have revealed Yourself to Your people and sought to deepen living faith.

Again today we pray for peace. At the heart of a wounded world people and nations pray for peace in the Middle East.

May Members of Congress do all they can to end the violence and negotiate a just peace so that both Israeli and Palestinian children may have hope, reconciliation, and a future.

Under the cover of the media and amidst the din of religious misunderstanding, may America hear the cry of Palestinian Christians, the earliest

Christian community which is often overlooked and not heard in today's conflict. To these "the forgotten faithful" show Yourself as Saviour and the Source of human life and freedom.

With them we call upon Your Holy Name now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BENTSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BENTSEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1070. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the

Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out projects and conduct research for remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern in the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2546. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit States from requiring a license or fee on account of the fact that a motor vehicle is providing interstate pre-arranged ground transportation service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4878. An act to provide for estimates and reports of improper payments by Federal agencies.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 209. An act for the relief of Sung Jun Oh.

S. 453. An act for the relief of Denes and Gyorgyi Fulop.

S. 963. An act for the relief of Ana Esparza and Maria Munoz.

S. 969. An act to establish a Tick-Borne Disorders Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

S. 1366. An act for the relief of Lindita Idrizi Heath.

S. 1468. An act for the relief of Ilko Vasilev Ivanov, Anelia Marinova Peneva, Marina Ilkova Ivanova, and Julia Ilkova Ivanova.

S. 1868. An act to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993, and for other purposes.

S. 1950. An act for the relief of Richi James Lesley.

S. 1998. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1995 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools.

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S. 2239. An act to amend the National Housing Act to simplify the downpayment requirements for FHA mortgage insurance for single family homebuyers.

S. 2527. An act to provide for health benefits coverage under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, for individuals enrolled in a plan administered by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 2530. An act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers.

S. 2936. An act to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments, and for other purposes.

S. 3149. An act to provide authority for the Smithsonian Institution to use voluntary separation incentives for personnel flexibility, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 142. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the goals and ideas of a day of tribute to all firefighters who have died in the line of duty and recognizing the important mission of the Fallen Firefighters Foundation in assisting family members to overcome the loss of their fallen heroes.

S. Con. Res. 148. Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of bread in American history, culture, and daily diet.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4794;

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That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4851;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5200;

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That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5308;

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That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5340;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5574;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5596;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5647;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5651;

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 406;

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 503;

That the Senate agreed to House amendment to S. 1533;

That the Senate agreed to House amendment to S. 2690.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

GERASIMOS C. VANS,

*Assistant to the Clerk of the House.*

“(ii) the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, or

“(iii) section 5 of the United Nations Participation Act, or

“(B) is designated in or pursuant to an Executive order or otherwise as supporting terrorist activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act) or terrorism (as defined in section 140(d)(2) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989).

“(3) DENIAL OF DEDUCTION.—No deduction shall be allowed under section 170, 545(b)(2), 556(b)(2), 642(c), 2055, 2106(a)(2), or 2522 for any contribution to an organization during the period such organization is a designated terrorist organization.

“(4) DENIAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL CHALLENGE OF SUSPENSION OR DENIAL OF DEDUCTION.—Notwithstanding section 7428 or any other provision of law, no organization or other person may challenge a suspension under paragraph (1), a designation described in paragraph (2), or a denial of a deduction under paragraph (3) in any administrative or judicial proceeding relating to the Federal tax liability of such organization or other person.

“(5) ERRONEOUS DESIGNATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If a designation of an organization pursuant to 1 or more of the provisions of law described in paragraph (2) is determined to be erroneous pursuant to such law and the erroneous designation results in an overpayment of income tax for any taxable year with respect to such organization, credit or refund (with interest) with respect to such overpayment shall be made.

“(B) WAIVER OF LIMITATIONS.—If credit or refund of any overpayment of tax described in subparagraph (A) is prevented at any time before the close of the 1-year period beginning on the date of the determination of such credit or refund by the operation of any law or rule of law (including res judicata), such refund or credit may nevertheless be made or allowed if claim therefor is filed before the close of such period.”

(b) NOTICE OF SUSPENSIONS.—If the tax exemption of any organization is suspended under section 501(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by subsection (a)), the Internal Revenue Service shall update the listings of tax-exempt organizations and shall publish appropriate notice to taxpayers of such suspension and of the fact that contributions to such organization are not deductible during the period of such suspension.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Mr. WOLF (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the technical corrections be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2002

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2002; and further, that when the House adjourns on October 24, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 2002.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 18, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 18, 2002 at 12:01 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 669;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 670;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2245;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2733;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3034;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3656;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3738;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3739;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3740;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4013;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4014;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4102;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4685;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4717;

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4755;

#### DIRECTING THE CLERK TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN EN- GROSSMENT OF H.R. 5603, SUS- PENDING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF DESIGNATED TERRORIST OR- GANIZATIONS

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 5603, the Clerk be directed to make the technical and substantive modifications that I have placed at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the technical corrections.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5603

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF DESIGNATED TERRORIST OR- GANIZATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to exemption from tax on corporations, certain trusts, etc.) is amended by redesignating subsection (p) as subsection (q) and by inserting after subsection (o) the following new subsection:

“(p) SUSPENSION OF TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF DESIGNATED TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The exemption from tax under subsection (a) with respect to any organization shall be suspended during any period in which the organization is a designated terrorist organization.

“(2) DESIGNATED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘designated terrorist organization’ means an organization which—

“(A) is designated as a terrorist organization in or pursuant to an Executive order or otherwise under the authority of—

“(i) section 212(a)(3) or 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act,

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT FUNDING REFORM ACT OF 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BENTSEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BAKER), the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KANJORSKI), and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY), to introduce legislation that will provide a mandatory funding stream for the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, the Federal safety and soundness regulator for the housing government-sponsored enterprises. Like that of other financial market regulators, I believe that there is a real need for this reform legislation because under current law, OFHEO's budget is subject to the annual appropriations process.

OFHEO is the financial safety and soundness regulator for the two housing government-sponsored enterprises, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. These enterprises are two of the largest nonbank financial companies in the world. At the end of 1992, the GSEs' portfolio held 19 percent of loans on their books and 81 percent in the form of mortgage-backed securities.

By March 2002, the housing GSEs held 43 percent of their assets on their books. As the Nation's mortgage markets have expanded, so too have the positions held directly by the GSEs, thus increasing the need to manage risk.

Under current law, each year, Congress approves the overall amount of the OFHEO's budget as part of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill, and OFHEO's budget is paid for by semiannual assessments on the GSEs. As a result, taxpayers do not contribute toward the cost of regulating these enterprises. The current budget for OFHEO is \$27 million. President Bush's fiscal year 2003 budget request is \$30 million.

The President's fiscal year 2003 budget also included the recommendation that OFHEO's budget be removed from the appropriations process. By taking it off-budget, this will put OFHEO on the same level as other financial safety and soundness regulators such as the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Federal Housing Finance Board, the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal

Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the National Credit Union Administration.

By removing OFHEO's budget from the appropriations process, my legislation would ensure that OFHEO has the flexibility to set its resources in response to a rapidly changing marketplace. Since the creation of OFHEO in 1993, the GSEs have more than doubled in size and have developed innovative mortgage, debt, and derivative products which require effective oversight by OFHEO. While subject to congressional oversight and authorization, annual review of the OFHEO budget is cumbersome and prevents long-term planning by OFHEO. For example, under the current continuing resolution process, OFHEO must curtail its operations until their final, full appropriation is enacted.

This year, OFHEO is operating with a \$27 million budget and does not yet know if their higher budget will be approved by Congress and as requested by the President. As a result, personnel and planning must wait until Congress approves a final bill.

Congress has long recognized that the safety and soundness regulators should have flexibility to respond to changes in the marketplace without restrictions of the annual appropriations process. This has proven quite successful in previous banking and thrift crises. The two housing GSEs of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac remain financially sound. And recent voluntary changes by those institutions in disclosure and reporting practices, along with the implementation of OFHEO's risk-based capital standards, have enhanced their safety and soundness. Yet concern has been raised about the duration of gaps between the companies' assets and liabilities due to the recent decline in interest and mortgage rates.

While I believe both institutions are sufficiently capitalized and liquid to withstand the current market volatility, I also believe their regulator must be sufficiently empowered to protect the public's interest.

This legislation will not add cost to the budget or to the taxpayers since OFHEO's funds are raised through assessments on the GSE.

I also believe that congressional oversight of OFHEO will continue to be vigilant. This bill in no way lessens the existing oversight by the authorizing committees. Under the bill, OFHEO would be required to submit copies of its financial plans, forecasts, and reports to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, OFHEO would be required to submit the results and conclusions of its examinations to Congress to ensure that Congress has the information it needs to review OFHEO's actions. All enforcement actions by OFHEO would also be reported to Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I am filing this legislation today in hopes that it can be adopted either by itself or as part of an omnibus appropriations bill when Con-

gress returns for legislative activities after the November elections. There is much consensus between the Bush administration and many in Congress, including members of OFHEO's authorizing committee, who join me in sponsoring this bill. By enacting this otherwise minor budgetary change, Congress would be ensuring continued stability in the financial markets with respect to the GSEs.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. BENTSEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BENTSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 209. An act for the relief of Sung Jun Oh; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 453. An act for the relief of Denes and Gyorgyi Fulop; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 963. An act for the relief of Ana Esparza and Maria Munoz; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 969. An act to establish a Tick-Borne Disorders Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 1366. An act for the relief of Lindita Idrizi Heath; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1468. An act for the relief of Ilko Vasilev Ivanov, Anelia Marinova Peneva, Marina Ilkova Ivanova, and Julia Ilkova Ivanova; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1868. An act to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1950. An act for the relief of Richi James Lesley, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1998. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools; to the Committee on Education and the Work Force.

S. 2239. An act to amend the National Housing Act to simplify the downpayment requirements for FHA mortgage insurance for single family homebuyers; to the committee on Financial Services.

S. 2527. An act to provide for health benefits coverage under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, for individuals enrolled in a plan administered by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. 2530. An act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers; to the Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2936. An act to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. 3149. An act to provide authority for the Smithsonian Institution to use voluntary separation incentives for personnel flexibility, and for other purposes, to the Committee on House Administration, the Committee on Government Reform, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2215. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2486. An act to authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the United States Weather Research Program, to conduct research and development, training, and outreach activities relating to inland flood forecasting improvement, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3253. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance emergency preparedness of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4015. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4967. An act to establish new non-immigrant classes for border commuter students.

H.R. 5542. An act to consolidate all black lung benefit responsibility under a single office, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1210. An act to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

S. 1227. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

S. 1270. An act to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mil Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse."

S. 1533. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and strengthen the health centers program and the National Health Service Corps, and to establish the Healthy Communities Access Program, which will help coordinate services for the uninsured and underinsured, and for other purposes.

S. 1646. An act to identify certain routes in the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico as part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

S. 2690. An act to reaffirm the references to one Nation under God in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reports that on October 17, 2002 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.J. Res. 113. Recognizing the contributions of Patsy Mink.

H.J. Res. 123. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 13 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, October 24, 2002, at 11 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9693. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment pursuant to Section 3 (d) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) from the Government of Switzerland [Transmittal No. RSAT-4-02]; to the Committee on International Relations.

9694. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to South Korea [Transmittal No. DTC 209-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9695. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with the United Kingdom [Transmittal No. DTC 280-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c) and 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9696. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with the Republic of Korea [Transmittal No. DTC 245-02], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c) and 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9697. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112(b)(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

9698. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the fourth of six annual reports on enforcement and monitoring of the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; to the Committee on International Relations.

9699. 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 Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 011218304-1304-01; I.D. 100302A] received October 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9700. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

tion, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 011218304-1304-01; I.D. 092602F] received October 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9701. 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; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) [Docket No. 011218304-1304-01; I.D. 092602C] received October 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9702. 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; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District [Docket No. 011218304-1304-01; I.D. 092702A] received October 21, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

#### 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. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 4912. A bill to increase the penalties to be imposed for a violation of fire regulations applicable to the public lands, National Park System lands, or National Forest System lands when the violation results in damage to public or private property, to specify the purpose for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-763 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4912 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 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

*[The following action occurred on October 18, 2002]*

H.R. 701. Referral to the Committees on Agriculture and the Budget extended for a period ending not later than November 22, 2002.

H.R. 3929. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than November 22, 2002.

H.R. 4966. Referral to the Committee on Science extended for a period ending not later than November 22, 2002.

*[Submitted October 21, 2002]*

H.R. 4912. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than October 21, 2002.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BENTSEN (for himself, Mr. BAKER, Mr. KANJORSKI, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 5696. A bill to amend the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 to provide that funding for the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight is made available in the same manner as other financial institutions regulatory agencies; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 5697. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a program, known as the Northern Border Prosecution Initiative, to provide funds to northern border States to reimburse county and municipal governments for costs associated with certain criminal activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 408: Mr. CLAY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. FRANK, and Mr. ISRAEL.  
 H.R. 770: Mr. HILL.  
 H.R. 792: Mr. HOEFFEL.  
 H.R. 2035: Mr. STUPAK.  
 H.R. 2220: Mr. ALLEN.  
 H.R. 3337: Mrs. CAPPs and Mr. JEFFERSON.  
 H.R. 3632: Mr. SCHAFFER.  
 H.R. 4582: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. ISRAEL.  
 H.R. 4606: Mr. WOLF and Mr. EVANS.  
 H.R. 4636: Mr. KELLER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida, and Mr. BARTON of Texas.  
 H.R. 4720: Mr. PLATTS.  
 H.R. 4728: Mr. WEXLER and Mr. SOUDER.  
 H.R. 4748: Mr. WAXMAN.  
 H.R. 4814: Ms. LOFGREN.  
 H.R. 4963: Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 5031: Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KING, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. McNULTY.

H.R. 5226: Mr. GALLEGLY.  
 H.R. 5250: Mr. WEXLER, Mr. FERGUSON, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. BOSWELL, and Mrs. CAPITO.

H.R. 5383: Mr. GRAHAM.  
 H.R. 5396: Mr. WALSH, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. MARKEY.

H.R. 5433: Mr. CAMP and Mr. PAUL.  
 H.R. 5491: Ms. KILPATRICK and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 5492: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida and Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 5508: Mr. WHITFIELD.  
 H.R. 5529: Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Ms. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 5562: Mr. SOUDER and Mr. DINGELL.  
 H.R. 5636: Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 5644: Mr. BONIOR.  
 H. Con. Res. 459: Mr. SCHAFFER.  
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