

February 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

996. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Reorganization of and Revisions to Administrative and General Conformity Provisions; Documents Incorporated by Reference; Recodification of Existing SIP Provisions; Correction [VA085/086/089/102/103-5046a FRL-7455-7] received February 25, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

997. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report responding to Section 8171 of the Department of Defense and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-117); to the Committee on International Relations.

998. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report on the implementation of United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement, pursuant to Section 3105 of the Trade Act of 2002; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

999. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's plan for the construction and operation of the mixed oxide (MOX) facility at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina, pursuant to Section 3182 of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2003; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce.

1000. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2003"; jointly to the Committees on Resources, the Judiciary, International Relations, and Ways and Means.

1001. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's legislative initiatives for inclusion in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2004; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, Resources, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, 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:

Mr. BOEHNER: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 14. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-26). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 659. A bill to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals (Rept. 108-27). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. TAUZIN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 663. A bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety, and for other purposes;

with an amendment (Rept. 108-28). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DEFAZIO:

H.R. 1109. A bill to establish a Financial Markets Oversight Commission in order to combine the functions of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission in a single independent regulatory commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. TOWNS (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. ROSS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. FORD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. OWENS, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HALL, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma):

H.R. 1110. A bill to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. HOSTETTLER):

H.R. 1111. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the rules relating to the court-ordered apportionment of the retired pay of members of the uniformed services to former spouses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. KINGSTON (for himself, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. HOYER, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. FROST, Mr. NADLER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HOFFFEL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. MATHESON, and Mr. SCHROCK):

H.R. 1112. A bill to amend title 28 of the United States Code to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KINGSTON:

H.R. 1113. A bill to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. HYDE, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. BURR, Mr. MICA, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. TIBERI, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. BAKER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. McCRERY):

H.R. 1114. A bill to establish legal standards and procedures for the fair, prompt, inexpensive, and efficient resolution of personal injury claims arising out of asbestos

exposure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. DELAY, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. HYDE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. COX, and Mr. CRAMER):

H.R. 1115. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. PASCRELL):

H.R. 1116. A bill to reform the medical malpractice insurance business, to provide for Federal alternative medical malpractice insurance, and to limit frivolous lawsuits; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. COX:

H.R. 1117. A bill to improve health care choice by providing for the tax deductibility of medical expenses by individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BOEHLERT (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 1118. A bill to establish the SAFER Firefighter Grant Program; to the Committee on Science.

By Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Ms. DUNN, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. NORWOOD, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BALLENGER, Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. HART, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. STENHOLM, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. BONO, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. COLE, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. PETRI, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KELLER, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. KLINE, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BUYER, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DREIER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. OTTER, Mr. OSE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. HYDE, Mr. BAKER, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. SHAD-EGG):