

4435. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations; Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations (RIN: 2900-AJ62) received August 25, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4436. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of the Niagara Escarpment Viticultural Area (2004R-589P) [T.D. TTB-33; Re: Notice No. 33] (RIN: 1513-AA97) received September 23, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4437. A letter from the SSA Regulations Officer, Office of Disability and Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Technical Revisions to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Regulations on Income and Resources (RIN: 0960-AE79) received July 26, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4438. A letter from the SSA Regulations Officer, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Impairments That Affect Multiple Body Systems [Regulation No. 4] (RIN: 0960-AF32) received September 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4439. A letter from the SSA Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Update to Divided State Retirement Systems Coverage Group List and Technical Coverage Corrections Required by the Social Security Protection Act of 2004 [Regulations No. 4] (RIN: 0960-AG18) received July 29, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4440. A letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization; Standards of Conduct and Referral of Known or Suspected Criminal Violations; Loan Policies and Operations; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Disclosure to Shareholders; Preferred Stock (RIN: 3052-AC21) received September 20, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Financial Services.

4441. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, CMS, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals: Federal Fiscal Year 2005 [CMS-2210-IFC] (RIN: 0938-A004) received August 25, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

4442. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Definition and Registration of Reverse Distributors [Docket No. DEA-108F] (RIN: 1117-AA19) received September 19, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary.

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BARTON of Texas: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3893. A bill to expedite the construction of new refining capacity in the United States, to provide reliable and affordable energy for the American people, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 109-244, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 481. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3983) to expedite the construction of new refining capacity in the United States, to provide reliable and affordable energy for the American people, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-245). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Forces, and Resources discharged for further consideration. H.R. 3893 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. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. HINCHY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. ANDREWS):

H.R. 3968. A bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. BONNER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr. WICKER):

H.R. 3969. A bill to provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other disaster agencies in responding to federally declared disasters; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 3970. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide liability protections for certain pandemics and countermeasures; 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. DEAL of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. JINDAL, Mr. BAKER, and Mr. BOUSTANY):

H.R. 3971. A bill to provide assistance to individuals and States affected by Hurricane Katrina; 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 Ms. HART (for herself and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD):

H.R. 3972. A bill to provide effective training and education programs for displaced homemakers, single parents, and individuals entering nontraditional employment; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. RAHALL):

H.R. 3973. A bill to authorize the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to carry out a series of pilot projects to encourage collaborative approaches to, and to provide research on, the rehabilitation of forest ecosystem health following uncharacteristic disturbances of forested Federal lands, to be conducted in a manner that protects wildlife habitat, water quality, and forest resiliency while also promoting social and economic opportunities in nearby communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, 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. LUCAS (for himself, Mr. HAYES, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. JENKINS):

H.R. 3974. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of county or local Farm Service Agency offices pending the completion of the next omnibus agriculture law; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JINDAL (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PORTER, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCRERY, and Mr. PICKERING):

H.R. 3975. A bill to ease the provision of services to individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PORTER, Mr. JINDAL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. MCCRERY, and Mr. PICKERING):

H.R. 3976. A bill to accelerate the reemployment and employment of individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by establishing grants to eligible entities to provide worker recovery accounts to eligible individuals; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 3977. A bill to require owners of property to test and disclose the water quality of qualified wells before selling or leasing the property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BEAUPREZ:

H.R. 3978. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to purchase certain essential mineral rights and resolve natural resource damage liability claims; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself and Mr. RAMSTAD):

H.R. 3979. A bill to suspend temporarily the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to the mandatory separation of members of the Capitol Police by reason of age or years of service; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, 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. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BOUCHER, and Ms. BALDWIN):

H.R. 3980. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the qualified Medicare beneficiary (QMB) and specified low-income Medicare beneficiary (SLMB) programs within the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk