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Volunteer Mileage Bill

CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA A. MIKULSKI TODAY INTRODUCED A LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE OF THREE BILLS GRANTING TAX BREAKS TO VOLUNTEERS.

"THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED IN 1982 WAS \$64 BILLION," MIKULSKI SAID. "AND YET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT REWARD THIS CONTRIBUTION."

THE MIKULSKI VOLUNTEER PACKAGE CONTAINS THREE BILLS:

THE VOLUNTEER MILEAGE BILL RAISES THE AMOUNT OF DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES FOR THE USE OF AUTOMOBILES FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOLUNTEER WORK (PRESENTLY 9¢ PER MILE) TO EQUAL THE AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES (20¢ PER MILE).

THE VOLUNTEER DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT ALLOWS VOLUNTEERS TO CLAIM THE CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEER-RELATED CHILD CARE EXPENSES. PRESENT LAW ALLOWS THE CREDIT ONLY FOR EMPLOYMENT-RELATED CHILD CARE EXPENSES.

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THE VOLUNTEER TAX CREDIT GRANTS AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO AMERICANS WHO DONATE A MINIMUM OF 50 HOURS PER YEAR FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

"THE WORK OF VOLUNTEERS IS AN ESSENTIAL, POSITIVE COMPONENT OF OUR SOCIETY," SAID MIKULSKI AS SHE INTRODUCED THE PACKAGE. "VOLUNTEERS STAFF HELP-LINES IN BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTERS. VOLUNTEERS SAVE LIVES FIGHTING FIRES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES. VOLUNTEERS DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS TO ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO CAN REMAIN AT HOME BECAUSE VOLUNTEERS LOOK AFTER THEIR NUTRITIONAL NEEDS."

MIKULSKI NOTED THAT THIS IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK. "I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DID MORE THAN JUST RECOGNIZE THE PRICELESS CONTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS MAKE TO OUR LIVES AND TO OUR ECONOMY. IT'S TIME TO REWARD THAT CONTRIBUTION."

THE MIKULSKI VOLUNTEER PACKAGE WAS REFERRED TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

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THE MAHATMA HOAX
(By Patrick J. Buchanan)

To those who stayed up past midnight, Academy Awards Night became Gandhi Night. Eight Oscars. Best Actor for Ben Kingsley, Best Director for Sir Richard ("Call me Dickie") Attenborough. Best film of 1982.

If, however, a fraction of what I have finished reading for the third time in the March Commentary—"The Gandhi Nobody Knows" by critic and novelist Richard Grenier—is true, Hollywood was had. A "pious fraud," Grenier says of the film, pacifist propaganda, a rank distortion of the record of a man and his movement, hoked up for reasons of Indian pride and prejudice.

Purporting to be an independent and honest account, the film was heavily financed by the government of Indira Gandhi, with the screenplay "checked and rechecked by Indian officials at every stage, often by the Prime Minister herself, with close consultations on plot and even casting." (Can anyone imagine Hollywood sitting still for eight Oscars for a USIA-subsidized patriotic and pro-American film checked and rechecked for plot and character by Ronald Reagan?)

Far from being the loving and caring father and husband of Attenborough's portrayal, Gandhi was "monstrous" toward wife and children, writes Grenier. After kicking wife "Ba" out of his bedroom for the last 40 years of their life, Gandhi took to bedding down in the buff with teenage girls who gave him a daily mandatory body massage "testing" his vow of chastity. Refusing his wife the penicillin that could have saved her life, "considering it alien medicine," he watch her die on a noble principle that did not prevent his own taking of quinine to cure malaria. The Mahatma's morbid preoccupation with enemas and excreta—the Indian "edification of filth" in V.A. Naipul's phrase—is better related elsewhere.

While the hero of the film is a saintly man, a martyr for whom non-violence is constant theme and crowning virtue, Grenier's Gandhi is an opportunist, a late-blooming pacifist for whom non-violence is a selective tactic.

Nowhere in the film are we introduced to Gandhi's other record in South Africa. During the "Kaffir Wars" he was a regular Gunga Din, who "volunteered to organize a brigade of Indians to put down a Zulu uprising, and was decorated himself for valor under fire." In 1918, approaching fifty, he remained a zealot of the empire, writing the British Viceroy: "I have an idea that if I become your recruiting agent-in-chief, I might rain men upon you . . . I would make India offer all her able-bodied sons a sacrifice to the empire at this critical moment."

Pacifism was not infrequently discarded. As the British Raj was winding down, "suddenly Gandhi began endorsing violence, left, right and center . . . He blessed the Nawab of Maier Kotia when he gave order to shoot ten Muslims for every Hindu killed in his state. He sang the praises of Subhas Chandra Bose, who . . . organized in Singapore an Indian National Army with which he hoped to conquer India with Japanese support, establishing a totalitarian dictatorship."

During the independence era rioting, Gandhi proclaimed, "If the whole of Calcutta swims in blood it will not dismay me. For it will be a willing sacrifice of the innocent."

For other peoples, other advice. To the Jews facing Hitler's holocaust, he recom-

mended collective suicide, a moral example that would leave a "rich heritage to mankind." The Czechs should march out unarmed, he said, and face the Wermacht. His advice to embattled Britain after Dunkirk:

"Let them (the Nazis) take possession of your beautiful island with your many beautiful buildings. You will give all these, but neither your souls nor minds."

No record has been found of the response of The Fuhrer, then bestriding the Continent from the Atlantic wall to the Russian steppes, on receiving his "Dear Friend" letter from Gandhi, urging an embrace of all races and peoples.

In a film subsidized and overseen by the Indian Government, one might expect that Indira's father, Pandit Nehru, would emerge saintly while Mohammed All Jinnah, the Father of Pakistan, would be painted sinister; but the trashing of the British Raj and romanticizing of Indian Rule approaches the preposterous.

The Amritsar massacre of 1919, in which British troops cut down hundreds of Indian demonstrators, is recounted in loving detail. Yet not one scene from the year-long orgy of rape and atrocity that attended Indian independence in which an estimated four million Hindu and Moslem men, women and children were stabbed, hacked, butchered and bludgeoned to death.

When Sir Dickie captured the Best Picture award, he pronounced it a tribute to Gandhi and Gandhi's message for us all, a message repeated through the film: "Tyrants and murderers can seem invincible at the time, but in the end they always fall. Think of it. Always."

The tyrants of Gandhi's time were Stalin and Hitler. The first died in his bed; his tyranny endures and encompasses a third of the globe. The second, Hitler, died in his bunker, his Third Reich demolished, his death camps dismantled, because millions of Americans and British and Russians refused to live by the pacifist nonsense preached—but not always practiced—by Mahatma Gandhi.

VOLUNTEERS

HON. BARBARA A. MIKULSKI

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 1983

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of National Volunteers Week, I am today introducing my volunteer legislative package.

The work of volunteers is an essential, positive component of our society. Volunteers staff help-lines in battered women's shelters, giving comfort and information to victims of domestic violence. Volunteers save lives fighting fires in rural communities. Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to elderly people who can remain at home because volunteers look after their nutritional needs. The estimated value of hours donated in 1982 was \$64 billion.

The three bills in the volunteer package adjust the Tax Code to reflect the vital contributions volunteers make to our lives everyday.

The volunteer mileage bill raises the amount of deductible expenses for the use of automobiles for the purpose of volunteer work to equal the amount of the deduction allowed for business purposes. In Baltimore, the Meals on

Wheels program delivers more than 2,000 meals everyday by driving more than 150,000 miles per week. Drivers who use their cars to volunteer deserve the same tax break as drivers who use their cars for business—20 cents, not 9 cents per mile.

The volunteer dependent care tax credit bill allows volunteers to claim the dependent care credit for volunteer-related child care expenses. Present law declares only employment-related child care expenses to be eligible for the tax credit, a law reinforcing the fallacy that volunteer work is not real work.

The volunteer tax credit grants an income tax credit to Americans who volunteer a minimum of 50 hours per year. This bill gives minimum monetary recognition to the contribution volunteers make to the national economy.

Together, these bills demonstrate a public/private partnership. The millions of Americans who volunteer are a valuable part of our society. And yet the Federal Government provides few incentives to volunteers. This package of bills takes an important step toward recognizing volunteers' priceless contributions.

I urge my colleagues to demonstrate their support for the outstanding work of volunteers in this country by supporting this package of legislation. ●

H.R. 1244 A BILL TO CREATE A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES

HON. BOB EDGAR

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 1983

● Mr. EDGAR. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I had the pleasure of hosting a half-day symposium on Federal capital budgeting and the United States public infrastructure. The gathering was cohosted by my colleague from Pennsylvania, Congressman CLINGER, and organized by the House Wednesday Group. An additional sponsor was the Columbia Institute for Political Research, and further assistance was provided by a number of professional organizations. The conference centered on growing concern about the deteriorating condition of our basic public facilities—roads, bridges, sewers, and buildings.

Along with Congressman CLINGER, I am the sponsor of H.R. 1244, a bill to create a capital budget for the United States. In addition to requiring the executive branch to submit a capital budget report to Congress each year, this legislation would mandate an inventory and assessment of the Nation's public facilities. Such legislation would enable Congress to set spending priorities with a clear understanding of their long-term ramifications for our infrastructure, especially the con-

ting a report covering fiscal year 1982 on donations received and allocations made from the fund "14x8563 Funds Contributed for the Advancement of the Indian Race, Bureau of Indian Affairs," pursuant to the act of June 6, 1968 (82 Stat. 171, 25 U.S.C. 51); to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

978. A letter from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting the annual report of the Department of Justice covering fiscal year 1981, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 52; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

979. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting his annual report for calendar year 1982 on applications for court orders made to Federal and State Judges to permit the interception of wire or oral communications, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 2519(3); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

980. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to repeal the prohibition against targeting for certain services to vessels of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

981. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting a report from the Chief of Engineers, on New Organ fishery, California, together with her pertinent reports, in response to a resolution adopted May 10, 1977, by the Committee on Public Works and Transportation in the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

982. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations and the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs, transmitting the fifth annual report on progress in enhancing human rights through U.S. participation in international financial institutions, pursuant to section 701(c) of Public Law 95-118; jointly, to the Committees on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs and Foreign Affairs.

983. A letter from the Chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission, transmitting the 96th annual report of the Commission covering fiscal year 1982, pursuant to section 10311 of title 49, United States Code; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Public Works and Transportation.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 1 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BARNES:

H.R. 2673. A bill to authorize participation of the United States in parliamentary conferences with the National Congress of Brazil; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BATEMAN (for himself, Mr. SISISKY, and Mr. WHITEHURST):

H.R. 2674. A bill to authorize the project navigation at the port of Hampton Roads, Va.; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. BIAGGI:

H.R. 2675. A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to provide that information concerning an applicant for or recipient of aid to families with dependent children shall be made available (by the applicable agency) to any Federal, State, or local law enforcement authority who requests information for use in a felony investigation or prosecution; to the Committee on Energy and Means.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Mr. FORSYTHE):

H.R. 2676. A bill to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 1984 for the National Aquaculture Act; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. ANDERSON, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. WILSON, and Mr. TAUZIN):

H.R. 2677. A bill to amend the Interstate Commerce Act to reform and improve regulation of the transportation of oil by pipeline, and for other purposes; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. CHAPPIE:

H.R. 2678. A bill to improve the effectiveness and the efficiency of agricultural price support and production stabilization programs, to increase market opportunities for farmers, and to expedite economic recovery for agriculture; jointly, to the Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN of Missouri:

H.R. 2679. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide that certain education loans which are not dischargeable under chapter 7 of such title shall not be dischargeable under chapter 13 of such title; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DE LA GARZA:

H.R. 2680. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish reasonable standards for owners and operators of international bridges and toll roads and other persons with respect to the duty under such act to prevent the unauthorized landing of aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. WIRTH, Mr. BROVHILL, and Mr. RINALDO):

H.R. 2681. A bill to make certain amendments to sections 4, 15, and 15B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ERLBORN (for himself and Mr. GOODLING):

H.R. 2682. A bill to improve the operations of the bilingual education program by focusing the program on building the capacity of local educational agencies to carry out programs of bilingual education, by broadening the range of instructional approaches eligible for assistance, by targeting assistance on the children of limited English proficiency most in need of such programs, and by providing financial assistance to State educational agencies for reviewing, evaluating, and monitoring programs of bilingual education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. FLORIO:

H.R. 2683. A bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act respecting the application of section 6 of that act to the business of insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FRANK (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS of California, Mr. KASTENMEIER, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. GLICKMAN, Mr. SEIBERLING, Mr. LEVITAS, Mr. SCHEVER, and Mr. FLORIO):

H.R. 2684. A bill amending the Ethics in Government Act to provide an independent counsel to prosecute contempts certified by the House of Representatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOODLING:

H.R. 2685. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of antibiotics administered intravenously at home to patients with a chronic infectious disease requiring long-term intravenous antibiotic therapy; jointly, to the Com-

mittees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Mr. GUARINI (for himself, Mr. STARK, and Mr. FRENZEL):

H.R. 2688. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the treatment of business development companies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT:

H.R. 2687. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to reduce the holding period required for long-term capital gain or loss treatment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOWARD (for himself and Mr. SNYDER) (by request):

H.R. 2688. A bill to transfer the Appalachian Development Highway System to the Secretary of Transportation; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. HUBBARD (for himself and Mr. TAUZIN):

H.R. 2689. A bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1984 for the operation and maintenance of the Panama Canal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

By Mr. HYDE:

H.R. 2690. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to limit the amount of severance taxes imposed by States on oil, natural gas, and coal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. STANGLAND):

H.R. 2691. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to determine the degree of inspection to be conducted in meat, poultry, and egg-processing plants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. FORSYTHE, Mr. BIAGGI, Mr. SNYDER, and Mrs. BOXER):

H.R. 2692. A bill to revise the laws regarding the transportation of Government cargoes in U.S.-flag vessels; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

By Mr. LANTOS:

H.R. 2693. A bill entitled: "The Highway Safety Act of 1983"; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. McEWEN:

H.R. 2694. A bill to authorize construction of a modification of the Gallipolis locks and Dam, Ohio River, Ohio and West Virginia, and to insure that this work shall be completed expeditiously; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. MacKAY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. McCOLLUM, Mr. SMITH of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PEPPER, and Mr. MACK):

H.R. 2695. A bill to deauthorize the Cross-Florida Barge Canal project, to adjust the boundaries of the Ocala National Forest, Fla., and for other purposes; jointly, to the Committees on Public Works and Transportation and Agriculture.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

H.R. 2696. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide that the performance of certain volunteer service shall be treated as gainful employment for purposes of the tax credit allowable for expenses for household and dependent care services necessary for gainful employment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2697. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide that the standard mileage rate for use of a passenger automobile which may be used in computing the charitable contribution deduction

shall be the same as the standard mileage rate which may be used in computing the business expense deduction; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2698. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide a credit against income tax for individuals who perform voluntary services for certain public service organizations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MYERS:

H.R. 2699. A bill to amend title 18 to limit the insanity defense; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBERSTAR:

H.R. 2700. A bill to make it clear that the recent amendments liberalizing the public pension offset provisions of the Social Security Act (made by section 337 of the Social Security Amendments of 1983) will apply with respect to all individuals receiving public pensions for months after June 1983 without regard to the date of their initial eligibility for such pensions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OBEY (for himself and Mr. McDade):

H.R. 2701. A bill making an urgent supplemental appropriation for health care benefits for the unemployed for fiscal year 1983; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PORTER:

H.R. 2702. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that a Member of Congress may not be paid an annuity under the civil service retirement system for service as a Member if convicted of any felony, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

By Mr. ROEMER (for himself, Mrs. Boggs, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Huckaby, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Long of Louisiana, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Tauzin):

H.R. 2703. A bill to redesignate the building known as the Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Shreveport, La., as the "T. Overton Brooks Memorial Veterans' Administration Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROTH:

H.R. 2704. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to deepen the Fox River Channel, Green Bay, Wis., to 27 feet; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

By ST GERMAIN:

H.R. 2705. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to require defense contractors to conduct job training programs; to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2706. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to waive the interest penalty for failure to pay estimated income tax for elderly and retired persons, in certain situations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHELBY:

H.R. 2707. A bill to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army to correct certain erosion problems along the banks of the Warrior River near Moundville, Ala.; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. SIMON (for himself, Mr. Coleman of Missouri, Mr. Goodling, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Ford of Michigan, Mr. Corrada, Mr. Dwyer of New Jersey, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Moakley, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Oberstar, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Lehman of Florida, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Rodino, Mr. Fauntroy, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Daschle, Mrs. Kennelly, Mr. Downey of New York, Mr. D'A-mours, Mr. Gledson, Mr. Wirth, Mr. Edgar, and Mr. Seiberling):

H.R. 2708. A bill to further the national security and improve the economy of the

United States by providing grants for the improvement of proficiency in critical languages, for the improvement of elementary and secondary foreign language instruction, and for per capita grants to reimburse institutions of higher education to promote the growth and improve the quality of postsecondary foreign language instruction; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. SKELTON:

H.R. 2709. A bill to direct the U.S. Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Harry S. Truman; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

By Ms. SNOWE:

H.R. 2710. A bill to terminate the authorization for the Eastport Harbor, Maine, navigation project; to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

By Mr. VANDER JAGT:

H.R. 2711. A bill to amend the Tariff Schedules of the United States to impose a one-tenth of 1 cent duty on apple and pear juice; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WAXMAN:

H.R. 2712. A bill to extend title XVII of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WAXMAN (for himself, Mr. Dingell, Mr. Berman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Levine of California, Mr. Lowry of Washington, Mr. Orttinger, Mr. Scheuer, Mrs. Schneider, and Mr. Weiss):

H.R. 2713. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize appropriations to be made available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for research for the cause, treatment, and prevention of public health emergencies; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WEAVER (for himself, Mr. Foley, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Rose, Mr. Bevell, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Penny, Mr. Evans of Illinois, Mr. Tauke, Mr. Bereuter, Mr. Fuqua, Mr. Beilenson, Mr. Gledson, Mr. Simon, Mr. Neal, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Williams of Montana, Mr. Sabo, Mr. Vento, Mr. Ford of Tennessee, Mr. Kastner, Mr. Fauntroy, Mr. Seiberling, Mr. Dellums, Mr. Oberstar, Mr. De Lugo, Mr. Frank, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Horton, Mr. Fazio, Mr. Swift, Mr. Scheuer, Mrs. Schroeder, Mr. Kolter, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Gingrich, Mr. Bosco, Mr. Orttinger, Mr. Lowry of Washington, Mr. Bonior of Michigan, Mr. Howard, Mr. Moakley, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Sunia, Mr. Lundine, Mr. Roe, Mr. Wirth, Mr. Lehman of California, and Mrs. Kennelly):

H.R. 2714. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take certain actions to improve the productivity of American farmers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. WHITEHURST:

H.R. 2715. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, with respect to the provision of medical benefits to certain former spouses of retired members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WHITTEN:

H.J. Res. 245. Joint resolution to correct Public Law 98-8 due to errors in the enrollment of H.R. 1718; considered and passed.

By Mr. BREAUX:

H.J. Res. 246. Joint resolution to declare 1984 the "Year of the Fan"; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

By Mr. COELHO:

H.J. Res. 247. Joint resolution to designate April 24, 1984, as "National Day of Remem-

brance of Man's Inhumanity to Man"; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Mr. MAVROULES (for himself, Mr. Ottinger, Mr. Wolpe, Mr. Ford of Tennessee, Mr. Frank, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Markey, Mr. Hall of Ohio, Mr. Guarini, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Edwards of California, Mr. Simon, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Sunia, Mr. Vento, Mr. Pascell, Mr. Solarz, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Ratchford, Mr. Mineta, Mr. Bevell, Mr. Jeffords, and Mr. Scheuer):

H.J. Res. 248. Joint resolution calling on the executive branch to conform to the recommendations of the Global 2000 report; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

By Mr. REGULA:

H.J. Res. 249. Joint resolution to authorize the President to proclaim a "Day of Recognition" for firefighters; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

By Mr. FOLEY:

H. Con. Res. 114. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of the two Houses on Wednesday, April 27, 1983, to receive a message from the President of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KRAMER:

H. Con. Res. 115. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the tax reductions and indexing of individual income tax rates enacted by the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 remain fundamental ingredients to the prolonged economic recovery now underway and that any repeal or delay in those fundamental ingredients clearly jeopardize such recovery; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MICHEL (for himself, Mr. Broomfield, Mr. Lott, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Cheney, Mr. Martin of North Carolina, Mr. Loeffler, Mr. Lungren, Mr. Carney, and Mr. Gingrich):

H. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution demonstrating America's commitment to individual rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOEFFLER:

H. Res. 168. Resolution electing Representative Nielson of Utah to the Committee on Education and Labor, and Representative Schaefer of Colorado to the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Small Business; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GIBBONS:

H. Res. 169. Resolution authorizing printing of the transcript of proceedings of the Committee on Ways and Means incident to presentation of a portrait of the Honorable Dan Rostenkowski; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. Walgren, Mr. Bonker, Mrs. Schroeder, Mr. Whitehurst, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Pepper):

H. Res. 170. Resolution concerning the proper treatment of laboratory animals; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

By Mr. PASHAYAN (for himself and Mr. Waxman):

H. Res. 171. Resolution to affirm the Armenian genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. RANGEL:

H. Res. 172. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should reduce imports of apparel so that imported apparel comprise no more than 25 percent of the American ap-