

Tests have concluded that ethanol does not increase corrosion, nor will it harm any seals or valves.

Q. Will ethanol plug my fuel filter?

A. Generally no. You can feel safe using ethanol. Ethanol is a very clean burning fuel that has some detergent properties.

These detergents work to reduce build-up and keep your engine running smooth. In fact, using ethanol may even improve the performance of your vehicle.

Q. How will ethanol affect my fuel injection system?

A. Ethanol helps keep fuel injection systems clean so they perform better. Problems with fuel injection plugging are the result of dirty fuel—not ethanol. Some gasolines today do not, by themselves, contain enough detergent additive. Therefore, ethanol is also valuable as a cleaning agent that helps prevent problems.

Q. Will using ethanol help me during the winter?

A. Yes. The ethanol recommended for use in motor fuels is an anhydrous, or water-free additive. It absorbs moisture and helps prevent gas-line freeze-up in cold weather. It works much like gasoline antifreeze that some motorists add to their gas tanks in the winter.

Using ethanol-blended fuel in the winter means you won't need to add expensive and possibly harmful additives to your fuel. Ethanol in your gasoline will protect your vehicle from gas-line freeze-up.

Q. Does ethanol help reduce air pollution?

A. Yes. There is a significant reduction in both carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon tailpipe emissions when ethanol is used. Many cities and states across the nation take advantage of the environmental benefits of ethanol provides. These cities include Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

Ethanol is used in virtually every state in the nation, from Alaska to Florida and from California to New York. For the United States, ethanol-blended fuels offer the promise of cleaner air. Ethanol is an abundant new source of energy for the future that also helps conserve natural petroleum resources.

Q. What is ethanol?

A. Ethanol is a clean burning, renewable, domestically produced product made from fermented agricultural products such as corn.

Ethanol contains oxygen, which helps gasoline burn cleaner and more efficiently. When used in vehicles, ethanol reduces all types of emissions including carbon dioxide—a major contributor to global warming.

Although burning ethanol releases carbon dioxide during its production and combustion, the crops that ethanol is produced from absorb that carbon dioxide. So, during ethanol production, greenhouse gases do not build up in the environment—they are naturally recycled.

Q. What does research say about ethanol-blended fuels?

A. The American Institute of Chemical Engineers compared ethanol fuel to straight gasoline. In a published report, the institute said ethanol was "very similar in driving characteristics to straight gasoline, except that pre-ignition and dieseling (run-on) are noticeably reduced and acceleration can be improved" with ethanol.

The report continued, "Ethanol should be looked at as an octane enhancer. Mixing it with gasoline in a 9 to 1 ratio improves the octane rating about three octane numbers." There have been many other tests of ethanol during the past 20 years. Those tests found ethanol completely safe to use in all types of engines.

#### THE CLEAN AIR CHOICE

Using ethanol-blended fuel is one of the easiest ways you can help reduce air pollu-

tion and our dependence on imported oil. While many solutions for improving our nation's air quality are being debated, ethanol is here today. Using ethanol-blended fuels in your car, outboard motor, lawnmower, chainsaw, snowmobile and other small engines can make a difference now.

Mr. Speaker, Congress should pass this bill. We would be making good sound policy decisions. We would be benefiting America's environment. We would be helping America's farmers, and we would be addressing our Nation's energy needs.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting a comprehensive solution that does not force us to choose between clean air and clean water. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 4011. I will be happy to share any additional information with them.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 3 o'clock and 17 minutes a.m.

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#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 290, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET—FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-535) on the resolution (H. Res. 446) providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 290) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of the fiscal years 2002 through 2005, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HILL of Indiana (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 12 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. DOOLITTLE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for March 21 on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. BEREUTER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 5 p.m. on account of official business.

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#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

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

Mr. NADLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JEFFERSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. WILSON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, March 28.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, March 29.

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#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 97. Concurrent resolution expressing the support of Congress for activities to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis; to the Committee on Commerce.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 18 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, March 23, 2000, at 10 a.m.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6714. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Changes in Producer District Boundaries [Docket No. FV00-993-1-FIR] received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6715. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Changing the Term of Office and Nomination Deadlines [Docket No. FV00-955 2 FIR] received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6716. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Streamlining of Regulations for Real Estate and Chattel Appraisals; Correction (RIN: 0569-AF69) received March 13, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6717. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislative Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting notification that the Commander of

Tinker Air Force Base (AFB), Oklahoma has conducted a cost comparison to reduce the cost of the Civil Engineering functions, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6718. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Fiscal Year 1999 report on Purchases From Foreign Entities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6719. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting Final Funding Priorities—Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers and Model Spinal Cord Injury Centers, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6720. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Special Education & Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 2000–2001 for Certain Centers—received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6721. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; South Coast Air Quality Management District [CA 200–0217; FRL–6550–4] received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

6722. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2000–17: to Provide Emergency Disaster Assistance in Southern Africa, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

6723. A letter from the Assistant Secretary-Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations (RIN: 1090-AA71) received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6724. A letter from the Director, Financial Services, Library of Congress, transmitting the United States Capitol Preservation Commission Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1999; to the Committee on House Administration.

6725. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, 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 Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 000211039-0039-01; I.D. 030100D] received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6726. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast and Western Pacific States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Adjustment in the Opening Date of the Recreational Seasons from Point Arena to the U.S.-Mexico Border [Docket No. 990430113-913-01; I.D. 02220E] received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6727. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting

the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Species in the Rock sole/Flathead sole/“Other flatfish” Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 000211040-0040-01; I.D. 030200B] received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

6728. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company GE90–85B Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2000-NE-06-AD; Amendment 39-11619; AD 2000-05-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6729. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bob Fields Aerocessories Inflatable Door Seals [Docket No. 98-CE-88-AD; Amendment 39-11621; AD 98-21-21 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6730. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher GmbH & Co. Model ASW-27 Sailplanes [Docket No. 99-CE-70-AD; Amendment 39-11609; AD 2000-04-26] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6731. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200, -200PF, and -200CB Series Airplanes Powered by Rolls-Royce RB211-535C/E4/E4B Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2000-NM-67-AD; Amendment 39-11618; AD 2000-05-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6732. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA.315B, SA.316B, SA.316C, SA 318C, SA.319B, SE 3130, SE.3160, and SA 3180 Helicopters [Docket No. 99-SW-76-AD; Amendment 39-11620; AD 2000-05-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 9, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6733. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-193-AD; Amendment 39-11581; AD 2000-03-21] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6734. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -200, and 747SP Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-339-AD; Amendment 39-11582; AD 2000-03-22] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6735. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 172R, 172S, 182S 206H, and T206H Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-CE-07-AD; Amendment 39-11583; AD 2000-04-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2000, pursu-

ant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6736. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Models DC-3 and DC-4 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-139-AD; Amendment 39-11585; AD 2000-04-03] received February 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6737. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Hoffmann Propeller Co. H027(0) and H04/27 Series Propellers [Docket No. 98-ANE-64-AD; Amendment 39-11592; AD 2000-04-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6738. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd., Model Astra SPX Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-256-AD; Amendment 39-11587; AD 2000-04-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6739. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Cameron Balloons Ltd. (Thunder & Colt) Titanium Propane Cylinders, Part Number (P/N) CB2380 and P/N CB2383 [Docket No. 2000-CE-08-AD; Amendment 39-11594; AD 2000-04-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6740. A letter from the Deputy Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Report of Building Project Survey for the Food and Drug Administration Consolidation in Suburban Maryland, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 606(a); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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#### 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. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. House Concurrent Resolution 89. Resolution recognizing the Hermann Monument and Herman Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage (Rept. 106-534). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 446. Resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Des. 290) establishing the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 (Rept. 106-535). Referred to the House Calendar.

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#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 4051. A bill to establish a grant program that provides incentives for States to