

S. 1998, to provide for expedited negotiations between the Secretary of the Interior and the villages of Chickaloon-Moose Creek Native Association, Inc., Ninilchik Native Association, Inc., Seldovia Native Association, Inc., Tyonek Native Corporation and Knikatu, Inc. regarding the conveyances of certain lands in Alaska under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, after receiving testimony from George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; William J. Chandler, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Mark W. Kroloff, Cook Inlet Region, Inc., and Agnes Brown, Cook Inlet United Deficiency Land Management Association, both of Anchorage, Alaska.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD INDONESIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings on United States policy and recent developments with regard to Indonesia, after receiving testimony from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Kurt M. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs; Paul D. Wolfowitz, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and Ernest Z. Bower, U.S.-ASEAN Council for Business and Technology, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Sidney Jones, Human Rights Watch/Asia, New York, New York; and Donald K. Emmerson, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

OMNIBUS PATENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1961, to establish the United States

Intellectual Property Organization, and to amend the provisions of title 35, United States Code, relating to procedures for patent applications, commercial use of patents, and reexamination reform, after receiving testimony from Senator Lautenberg; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights and Associate Librarian for Copyright Services, Library of Congress; Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce (Arlington, Virginia); Mary Ann Alford, Reebok International Ltd., New York, New York, on behalf of the International Trademark Association; William Patry, Yeshiva University, and Saul Schneiderman, Library of Congress Professional Guild, both of Washington, D.C.; Ronald J. Stern, Patent Office Professional Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Gary L. Griswold, 3M Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of the Intellectual Property Owners.

VIOLENT AND DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIMES PROSECUTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Bailey decision's effect on certain prosecutions of violent and drug trafficking crimes, after receiving testimony from Senator Helms; Kevin Di Gregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Tony Wilson, former Drug Enforcement Agency Agent, Chantilly, Virginia; Thomas Hungar, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, Washington, D.C.; David M. Zlotnick, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island; and Jeffrey Fluck, Raleigh Police Department, Raleigh, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4102-4113, were introduced. Pages H10601-02

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3024, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, amended (H. Rept. 104-713 Part II); and

H.R. 2988, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization projects are exempt from certain requirements of Environmental Protection Agency Rules, amended (H. Rept. 104-807). Page H10601

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hast-

ings of Washington to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10527

Intelligence Authorization Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Combest, Dornan, Young of Florida, Hansen, Lewis of California, Goss, Shuster, McCollum, Castle, Dicks, Richardson, Dixon, Torricelli, Coleman, Skaggs, and Pelosi; and from

the Committee on National Security for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related agencies: Representatives Stump, Spence, and Delums. **Page H10531**

Water Resources Conference: The House insisted on its amendment to S. 640, to provide for conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Shuster, Young of Alaska, Boehlert, Oberstar, and Bor-ski. **Pages H10531–32**

Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Railroad Unemployment Insurance: H.R. 2594, amended, to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act; **Pages H10532–34**

Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996: H.R. 3923, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual air carriers to take actions to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 418); **Pages H10534–40, H10552–53**

Deepwater Port Modernization Act: H.R. 2940, amended, to amend the Deepwater Port Act of 1974; **Pages H10540–43**

Snow Removal Policy Act of 1996: H.R. 3348, amended, to direct the President to establish standards and criteria for the provision of major disaster and emergency assistance in response to snow-related events; **Pages H10543–46**

Safe Container Act Amendments: H.R. 4040, to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to intermodal safe container transportation; **Pages H10546–48**

National Air and Space Museum Annex: S. 1995, to authorize construction of the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum Dulles Center at Washington Dulles International Airport—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H10548–50**

Mark O. Hatfield Court House: S. 1636, to designate the United States Courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse"—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H10550–52**

Department of Transportation Appropriations Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 19 nays,

Roll No. 419, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. **Pages H10553–67**

H. Res. 522, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H10553–57**

Referrals: Two Senate-passed measures, S. Con. Res. 67, to authorize printing of the report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, and S. 2085, to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services were referred to the Committee on House Oversight. **Page H10600**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10567.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10552–53 and H10567. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA—TEAM NUTRITION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review contracting practices and other activities at the USDA relating to Team Nutrition. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; and Ellen Haas, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.

SUMITOMO CORPORATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on recent events surrounding Sumitomo Corporation. Testimony was heard from Representative Schumer; Susan M. Phillips, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Brooksley E. Born, Chair, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills; H.R. 4012, to waive temporarily the Medicare enrollment composition rules for The Wellness Plan; H.R. 2923, to extend for 4 additional years the waiver granted to the Watts Health Foundation from the membership mix requirement for health maintenance organizations participating in the Medicare Program; H.R. 2988, amended, to amend the