

Organization, receiving testimony from Joseph Shuldiner, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Dom Nessi, Director, Office of Native American Programs, and Michael A. Stegman, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Michael Mail, Quinault Indian Nation, Taholah, Washington; John SunChild Sr., Chippewa Cree Tribal Council, Box Elder, Montana; Jacqueline L. Johnson, Tlingit-Haida Indian Housing Authority, Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council; Robert Gauthier, Salish-Kootenai Housing Authority, Pablo,

Montana, on behalf of the National Commission on American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing; and Joel R. Thompson, Cherokee Nation Housing Authority, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: On Wednesday, June 7, committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-five public bills, H.R. 1786–1810; and one resolution, H. Res. 165 were introduced. Pages H5752–53

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 962, to amend the Immigration Act of 1990 relating to the membership of the United States Commission on Immigration Reform (H. Rept. 104–135); and

H. Res. 164, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1530, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104–136). Page H5752

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure. Page H5701

Budget: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Kasich, Hobson, Walker, Kolbe, Shays, Herger, Allard, Franks of New Jersey, Largent, Myrick, Parker, Sabo, Stenholm, Slaughter, Coyne, Mollohan, Costello, Johnston of Florida, and Mink. Pages H5701–10

Rejected the Sabo motion to instruct House conferees to agree to revenue levels (within the scope of the conference) that exclude the revenue effects of the Contract With America Tax Relief Act (H.R. 1215) and to insist on the House position regarding

the Earned Income Tax Credit (rejected by a yeand-nay vote of 183 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 361). Pages H5702–09

American Overseas Interests Act: By a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 366, the House passed H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997. Pages H5710–34

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified and amended.

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Rejected the Hamilton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to strike language abolishing the Agency for International Development, the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the International Development Cooperation Agency and, instead, provide for the streamlining of foreign affairs agencies by requiring the President to review programs described in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act, as well as other initiatives within the administration of international affairs programs, determine how best to achieve that cost savings and streamlining, and submit a report to the Committees on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate not later than six months after the date of enactment on the results of this review; and retain

funding for these programs, but with a maximum aggregate amount authorized to be appropriated of not to exceed \$16,505,843,000 for fiscal year 1996 and \$15,395,362,000 for fiscal year 1997 (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 ayes to 237 nays, Roll No. 365).

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Agreed To:

The Gilman en bloc amendment, as amended by the Hoyer amendment, that revises language regarding the sense of the Congress that the President should not take further steps toward upgrading diplomatic relations with North Korea unless there is action by the Government of North Korea to engage in a North-South dialogue with the Government of the Republic of South Korea; outlines the elements of such a dialogue including the resumption of joint military discussions to reduce tensions between the two countries, the expansion of trade relations between North and South Korea, the cooperation in science and technology, education, the arts, health, journalism and other fields, the establishment of postal and telecommunications services between North and South Korea; and the reconnection of railroads and roads between the two countries; that requires the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee to report by March 31, 1996 recommendations for reorganizing and better coordinating U.S. trade promotion programs; repeal the authority for participation by the United States in the Interparliamentary Union; strike provisions relating to prohibition on assistance to foreign governments engaged in espionage against the United States; provide for a report to Congress on the feasibility of transferring activities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to the private sector and makes provision for that privatization; provide for the use and control of earnings from frozen assets of foreign countries blocked by the President; that grants asylum in the United States to any citizen of Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, North Korea, South Korea, or China who personally delivers into the custody of the U.S. Government a living American POW or MIA from the Vietnam War or Korean Wars; strike language repealing of certain provisions of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations of 1988; strike language and inserts language related to the authority to meet unanticipated contingencies and related to a waiver provided the President to authorize assistance or loans to foreign countries; strike language relating to visits to the United States by officials of the Government of the Republic of China or Taiwan and strikes language related to the payment by agencies of voluntary separation incentives; provide language for the verification of missile technology control regime; adds language providing a twenty percent reduction to apply

to each of the first two fiscal years after implementation of a reorganization plan in the total level of expenditures for the functions transferred to the Department of State from amounts appropriated for such transferred functions for fiscal year 1995; authorize \$112,484,200 for fiscal year 1996 and \$88,680,800 for fiscal year 1997 appropriations for the Fulbright Academic Exchange Programs and authorizes \$77,265,800 for other exchange programs; and require the President to unilaterally lift the arms embargo against Bosnia upon the request of the Bosnian government (agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 364); and

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Agreed to the Hoyer amendment to the preceding Gilman en bloc amendment that requires the President to unilaterally lift the arms embargo against Bosnia upon the request of the Bosnian government (agreed to by a recorded vote of 318 ayes to 99 noes, Roll No. 362).

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Rejected:

On a division of the question, rejected the Burton of Indiana amendment originally included as part of the preceding Gilman en bloc amendment, that sought to cut operating expenses of the Agency for International Development by \$69 million in fiscal year 1996 and \$22 million in fiscal year 1997 (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 363).

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Legislative Program: The Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of June 12. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Tuesday.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of June 14.

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United States Commission on Immigration Reform: House passed H.R. 962, to amend the Immigration Act of 1990 relating to the membership of the United States Commission on Immigration Reform.

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Agreed to the Smith of Texas technical amendment.

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Navajo-Hopi Relocation Housing Program: House passed S. 349, to reauthorize appropriations for the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Housing Program—clearing the measure for the President.

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Indian Child Protection: House passed S. 441, to reauthorize appropriations for certain programs under the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act—clearing the measure for the President.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of the House today and appear on pages H5709, H5727, H5727-28, H5728-29, H5733-34, and H5734. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS REFORMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the Administration's proposals to reform the Food Stamp Program and Commodity Distribution Programs. Testimony was heard from Delegate Faleomavaega; Ellen Haas, Under Secretary, Food and Consumer Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

FARM BILL—PEANUT TITLE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops continued hearings on the 1995 Farm Bill—Peanut Title. Testimony was heard from Dallas Smith, Deputy Under Secretary, USDA; Robert Robinson, Associate Director, Food and Agricultural Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit concluded hearings on the broad issue of regulatory burden relief as well as those matters addressed in H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the Transformation of the Medicaid Program. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Jim Edgar, Illinois; Mike

Leavitt, Utah; Lawton Chiles, Florida; and John Engler, Michigan.

Hearings continue June 15.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials concluded joint hearings on H.R. 1062, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported amendment H.R. 1720, Privatization Act of 1995.

URBAN EDUCATION REFORM AND DC SCHOOLS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Urban Education Reform and the District of Columbia Schools. Testimony was heard from the following members of the City Council, District of Columbia: Kathleen Patterson, Representative, Ward 1; and William Lightfoot, Representative At-Large; and public witnesses.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Fair Labor Standards Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SITUATION IN BOSNIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Situation in Bosnia. Testimony was heard from Peter Tarnoff, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy; and Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on religious liberty and the Bill of Rights. Testimony was heard from Representative Istook, and public witnesses.

PATENT LEGISLATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 632, to enhance fairness in compensating owners of patents used by the United States; H.R. 1732, Patent Reexamination Reform