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BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1180, to increase State flexibility in the use of mental health and substance abuse block grant funds while improving program accountability, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Mel Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, Chester A. Crocker, of the District of Columbia, Max M. Kampelman, of the District of Columbia, and Seymour M. Lipset, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, Marc R. Pacheco, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, and Eli J. Segal, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 2472–2477; 2 private bills, H.R. 2478, 2479 were introduced.

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Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 2353, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to delivery of health and medical care, amended (H. Rept. 104–275).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Personal Responsibility Act: The Speaker appointed Representative Tanner as an additional conferee in the conference on H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence. Page H9904

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, and Veterans' Affairs. Page H9904

Legislative Branch Appropriations: By unanimous consent, the veto message wherein the President announced his veto of H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 1996, and the bill, were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Agricultural Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 708, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to the House conferees to disagree to Senate amendment numbered 150 regarding chicken labeling (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 158 yeas to 264 nays, Roll No. 707).

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H. Res. 235, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Celebration of Jerusalem: House agreed to S. Con. Res. 29, providing for marking the celebration of Jerusalem on the occasion of its 3,000th anniversary—clearing the measure.

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Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization: By a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 713, the House passed H.R. 2405, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government.

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Agreed To:

The Walker en bloc amendments that modify language relating to NOAA marine services, provide for the termination of the Corps of Commissioned Officers, provide for the conveyance of National Marine

Fisheries Service Laboratory at Gloucester, Massachusetts, and provide for cleanup of NOAA facilities;

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The Farr amendment that requires the Secretary of Commerce to establish and maintain within NOAA a program to be known as the Ocean Applications Branch;

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The Saxton amendment that adds the Committee on Resources to the distribution list for a report on NOAA program terminations;

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The Saxton amendment that adds the Committee on Resources to the distribution list for a report on the review of NOAA laboratories;

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The Weldon perfecting amendment that increases the authorizations for the sea grant program by \$7 million;

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The Cramer amendment that restores the current requirement that the National Weather Service certify that there is no degradation of service before a Weather Service office is closed;

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The Thornberry amendment that directs the Defense Department, in conjunction with NOAA, to ensure that NEXRAD radar sites operated by the Defense Department function as fully committed, reliable elements of the national weather radar network, and operate with the same standards as the National Weather Service's radars;

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The Lofgren amendment, as modified, that provides that nothing in the bill would preclude NOAA from carrying out studies of long-term climate and global change;

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The Gekas amendment that provides for a report on the feasibility of existing and future FAA Terminal Doppler Weather Radars to provide reliable weather radar data, in a cost-efficient manner, to nearby weather forecast offices;

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The Walker amendment that adds language clarifying the commingling of fasteners;

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The Tanner amendment, as modified, that adds language regarding NIST's use of available funds to perform standards-related research and development activities in environmental technologies, health care, construction, and information infrastructure; and

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The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that recipients of funds should purchase, when available and cost-effective, American made equipment and when expending grant funds.

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Rejected:

The Lofgren amendment that sought to strike language prohibiting use of funds for EPA's Climate Change Action Plan (rejected by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 709);

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to strike language prohibiting use of funds to

conduct indoor air pollution research (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 710);

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The Brown of California amendment that sought to strike language prohibiting use of funds for EPA's Environmental Technology Initiative program (rejected by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 711); and

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The Brown of California amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide increased levels of funding for many of the authorized civilian science programs for a total authorization of \$25.1 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 712).

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The Saxton amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to strike language in the bill authorizing the sea grant program and repealing two specific sea grant programs.

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Callahan, Porter, Livingston, Lightfoot, Wolf, Packard, Knollenberg, Forbes, Bunn of Oregon, Wilson, Yates, Pelosi, Torres, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct house conferees to disagree to any Senate amendment that would require the Executive Branch to spend more in fiscal year 1996 than fiscal year 1995 for assistance to any country or project.

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Communications Act: House passed S. 652, to provide for a procompetitive, de-regulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition.

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Agreed to the Bliley motion to strike all after the enacting clause of S. 652, and insert the language of H.R. 1555 as passed by the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill.

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House then insisted on its amendments to S. 652, and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees:

From the Committee on Commerce: Representatives Bliley, Fields of Texas, Oxley, White, Dingell, Markey, Boucher, Eshoo, and Rush: *Provided*, That Representative Pallone is appointed in lieu of Representative Boucher solely for consideration of section 205 of the Senate bill.

As additional conferees, for consideration of sections 1–6, 101–104, 106–107, 201, 204–205, 221–225, 301–305, 307–311, 401–402, 405–406, 410, 601–606, 703, and 705 of the Senate bill, and title I of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Schaefer, Barton of Texas, Hastert, Paxon, Klug, Frisa, Stearns, Brown of Ohio, Gordon, and Lincoln.

As additional conferees, for consideration of sections 102, 202–203, 403, 407–409, and 706 of the Senate bill, and title II of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Schaefer, Hastert, and Frisa.

As additional conferees, for consideration of sections 105, 206, 302, 306, 312, 501–505, and 701–702 of the Senate bill, and title III of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Stearns, Paxon and Klug.

As additional conferees, for consideration of sections 7–8, 226, 404, and 704 of the Senate bill, and titles IV–V of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Schaefer, Hastert, and Klug.

As additional conferees, for consideration of title VI of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Schaefer, Barton, and Klug.

As additional conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the Senate bill (except sections 1–6, 101–104, 106–107, 201, 204–205, 221–225, 301–305, 307–311, 401–402, 405–406, 410, 601–606, 703, and 705), and of the House amendment (except title I), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, Moorhead, Goodlatte, Buyer, Flanagan, Conyers, Schroeder, and Bryant of Texas.

As additional conferees, for consideration of sections 1–6, 101–104, 106–107, 201, 204–205, 221–225, 301–305, 307–311, 401–402, 405–406, 410, 601–606, 703, and 705 of the Senate bill, and title I of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, Moorhead, Goodlatte, Buyer, Flanagan, Gallegly, Barr, Hoke, Conyers, Schroeder, Berman, Bryant of Texas, Scott, and Jackson-Lee.

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Agreed to the Dingell motion to instruct House conferees to insist upon those provisions of the Senate bill and House amendments thereto which open all telecommunications markets to fair competition as expeditiously as possible in order to achieve the goal of maximizing consumer choices and benefits.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of October 16. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Tuesday.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of October 18.

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Late Reports: Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce received permission to have until midnight on Monday, October 16, to file reports.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9921–22, H9922, H9949, H9953, H10003–04, H10019–20, and H10021–22. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING SAFETY AND ECONOMIC RELIEF ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 117, Senior Citizens Housing Safety and Economic Relief Act of 1985.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blute, Flanagan, Moran, and LaHood; and public witnesses.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION RECOMMENDATIONS; EXTENSION OF DISCRETIONARY CAPS AND PAYGO REQUIREMENTS

Committee on the Budget: Began consideration of the following: Reconciliation Recommendations for fiscal year 1996; and Extension of Discretionary Caps and Paygo Requirements.

CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE INDUSTRY COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Competition in the Cellular Telephone Service Industry. Testimony was heard from John Anderson, Director, Transportation and Telecommunications Issues, GAO; Anne Bingaman, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Regina Keeney, Chief-Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PRESERVATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: On October 11, the Committee ordered reported amended H.R. 2425, Medicare Preservation Act of 1995.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Civil Service Reform I: National Performance Review (NPR) and the Case for Reform. Testimony was