

agreed to the Obey motion to recommit to the committee of conference the conference report on H.R. 2099, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; with instructions to the House conferees to insist on the House position on Senate amendment numbered 4 (to provide an additional \$213 million in veterans medical care funding).

Pages H13750–64

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H13804–05.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H13744–45 and H13763–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 325, amended, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for an optional provision for the reduction of work-related vehicle trips and miles traveled in ozone nonattainment areas designated as severe; and H.R. 1787, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to repeal the saccharin notice requirements.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service concluded hearings on Civil Service Reform IV: Streamlining Appeals Procedures. Testimony was heard from Timothy Bowling, Associate Director, GAO; Allan Heuerman, Director, OPM; Benjamin Erdreich, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; Gilbert F. Casellas, Chairman, EEOC; Phyllis Segal, Chairwoman, Federal Labor Relations Authority; Kathleen Day Koch, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, the following former officials of the Merit Systems Protection Board: Daniel Levinson, Chairman; and Llewellyn Fischer, General Counsel; and public witnesses.

AMTRAK REFORM AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1788, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1995. The rule waives all points of order against the consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in

the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides for the consideration of the substitute, as modified, by title rather than by section, with the first section and each title considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified. The rule provides for the consideration of a manager's amendment to be printed in part 2 of the report, which is considered as read, not subject to amendment or to a division of the question, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. All points of order are waived against the amendment. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Molinari, Oberstar, and Lipinski.

CONFERENCE REPORTS—CORRECTIONS IN ENROLLMENTS

Committee on Rules: By unanimous consent, vacated its proceedings of Friday, November 17, 1995, by which it ordered reported a rule providing for the adoption of a concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of two bills (Treasury/Postal Appropriations for fiscal year 1996 and Legislative Branch Appropriations for fiscal year 1996) to reflect a single enrollment.

ETHICS INVESTIGATION

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to continue to take testimony regarding the ethics investigation of Speaker Gingrich. Testimony was heard from Elliott Millenson, formerly with Direct Access Diagnostics; and Peter Bewley, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, NovaCare Inc.

DIVERSITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Diversity. Testimony was heard from Robert Bryant, Assistant Director, FBI, Department of Justice; the following officials of the CIA: John M. Deutch, Director; and Nora Slatkin, Executive Director; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: VAdm. J.M. McConnell, USN, Director, NSA; and Lt. Gen. Kenneth A. Minihan, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

Joint Meetings

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee held oversight hearings to examine collection security and financial management activities of the Library of Congress, receiving testimony from James Billington, Librarian of Congress, John Rensbarger, Inspector General, and Ken Keeler, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, all of the Library of Congress; William Gadsby, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, General Government Division, and Robert Gramling, Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, and Rosemary Jellish, Assistant Director, Financial Management Policies and Issues, both of the Accounting and Information Management Division, all of the General Accounting Office; and Robert Featheringham and Michael Kenney, both of Computer Sciences Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia.

Committee recessed subject to call.

EMERGENCY SALVAGE TIMBER SALE PROGRAM

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held joint oversight hearings with the Timber Salvage Task Force of the House Resources Committee on the implementation of section 2001 (relating to emergency salvage of diseased dead timber on Federal forest lands) of the Fiscal Year 1995 Emergency Appropriations Supplemental and Rescissions bill (P.L. 104-19), receiving testimony from James Meissner, Associate Director, Natural Resources Management Issues, and Robert B. Arthur, Senior Evaluator, both of the General Accounting Office; Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, and Dave Hessel, Director of Timber Management, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Rolland Schmitten, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Donald Barry, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and Nancy Hayes, Chief of Staff, Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior; Peter Coppelman, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Robert Sanderson, Director, Office of Federal Activities, Environmental Protection Agency.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE/JUSTICE/STATE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the

Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM

Conferees on Tuesday, November 28, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1058, to amend the Federal securities laws to curb certain abusive practices in private securities litigation.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1384)

S. 395, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Department of Energy to sell the Alaska Power Administration, and to authorize the export of Alaska North Slope crude oil. Signed November 28, 1995. (P.L. 104-58)

S. 440, to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System. Signed November 28, 1995. (P.L. 104-59)

S. 1328, to amend the commencement dates of certain temporary Federal judgeships. Signed November 28, 1995. (P.L. 104-60)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the nominations of Joseph H. Gale, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Melissa T. Skolfield, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Darcy E. Bradbury, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, David A. Lipton, of Massachusetts, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Jeffrey R. Shafer, of New Jersey, to be an Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, and David C. Williams, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on Bilateral Treaties Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment (Treaty Docs. 104-19, 103-36, 103-38, 104-13, 103-35, 104-12, 104-10, 104-14, and 104-11), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.