

Committee recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving

testimony from John Keeney, Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Division, Joseph Gangloff, Principal Deputy Chief, Public Integrity Section, G. Allen Carver, Principal Deputy Chief, Frauds Section, and Gerald McDowell, Chief of Assets and Forfeiture, all of the Department of Justice.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 2722–2734; 1 private bill, H.R. 2735; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 118, and H. Res. 292 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

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 fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–384);

H. Res. 291, waiving points of order against the further 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 (H. Rept. 104–385);

H.R. 1787, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to repeal the saccharin notice requirement (H. Rept. 104–386); and

H.R. 325, 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 non-attainment areas designated as severe, amended (H. Rept. 105–387).

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

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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, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, and Science. Page H14030

Federal Securities Litigation: By a yea-and-nay vote of 320 yeas to 102 nays with 1 voting

“present”, Roll No. 839, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1058, to reform Federal securities litigation—clearing the measure for the President.

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H. Res. 290, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 318 yeas to 97 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 838.

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Two-Thirds Vote Waiver: H. Res. 260, waiving a requirement of clause 5(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, was laid on the table.

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Bills Re-referred: H.R. 103, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Civil Service Retirement and disability Fund be excluded from the budget of the United States Government, which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, was re-referred to the Committee on the Budget as the primary committee;

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H.R. 564, to provide that receipts and disbursements of the Highway Trust Fund, the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund shall not be included in the totals of the budget of the United States Government as submitted by the President or the congressional budget, which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, was discharged from that committee's consideration and re-referred to the Committee on the Budget as the primary committee and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and

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H.R. 842, to provide for off-budget treatment for the Highway Trust Fund, the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and the Harbor Trust Fund, which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, was discharged from that committee's consideration and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation

and infrastructure as the primary committee and in addition to the Committee on the Budget.

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Maritime Security: House passed H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine.

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Agreed To:

The Bateman amendment, as modified, made in order by the rule; and

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The Bateman amendment that provides that the Secretary shall accept applications for enrollment of vessels in the fleet no later than 30 days after enactment.

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H. Res. 287, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Agreed to the Quillen amendment that provided 20 minutes instead of 10 minutes of debate on the amendment made in order by the rule.

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Commerce-State-Justice Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 841, the House agreed to the conference report on 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—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 840, rejected the Skaggs motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions that within the scope of the differences committed to them, the House conferees insist that the funds intended for community policing block grants be provided instead for the COPS Program.

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H. Res. 289, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Presidential Veto Message—Budget Reconciliation: Read a message from the President wherein he announces his veto of H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996; and explains his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–141).

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Agreed to the Kolbe motion to refer the veto message and the bill accompanying bill to the Committee on the Budget.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that the House will meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 7.

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Presidential Message—Export Licenses: Read a message from the President wherein he reports he has issued an Executive order to revise the existing

procedures for processing export license applications submitted to the Department of Commerce—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–142).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H14025.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H14038–39, H14055, H14111–12, and H14112. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OFFICE OF RISK ASSESSMENT AND COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the USDA's Office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Alwynelle Ahl, Director, Office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis; and Keith Collins, Chief Economist.

OVERSIGHT—PACIFIC NORTHWEST POWER SYSTEM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the Pacific Northwest Power System. Testimony was heard from Randall W. Hardy, Administrator and CEO, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

PARENTS, SCHOOLS, AND VALUES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings on Parents, Schools, and Values. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: WHAT'S ESSENTIAL?

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Government Shutdown: What's Essential? Testimony was heard from Walter Broadnax, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Dwight Robinson, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Thomas P. Glynn, Deputy Secretary, Department of Labor; George Munoz, Assistant Secretary, Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury; Eugene A. Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Human