

H. Res. 394, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation (H. Rept. 104-503). **Page H2949**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Vucanovich to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2875**

United States-Canada Interparliamentary Group: Read a letter from Representative Manzullo wherein he resigns as leader of the House delegation to the United States-Canada Interparliamentary Group. **Page H2875**

Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Houghton to the United States-Canada Interparliamentary Group. **Page H2875**

Library of Congress Trust Fund: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mrs. Marguerite S. Roll, from private life, to a three-year term on the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board on the part of the House. **Page H2875**

Recess: House recessed at 4:41 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Pages H2894-95**

Partial Abortion Ban Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 129 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 94, the House agreed to the Canady motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial birth abortions—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H2905-29**

H. Res. 389, the rule which provided for the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 269 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 93. **Pages H2895-H2905**

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

Anniversary of Iraqi massacre of Kurds: H. Res. 379, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the eighth anniversary of the massacre of over 5,000 Kurds as a result of a gas bomb attack by the Iraqi Government (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas, Roll No. 95). This measure was debated on Tuesday; and **Pages H2929-30**

Condemnation of Iranian treatment of Baha'is: H. Con. Res. 102, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas, Roll No. 96). This measure was debated on Tuesday. **Page H2930**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Radiation control for health: Message wherein he transmits the report of the Department of Health

and Human Services regarding the administration of the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act of 1968 during calendar year 1994—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and **Page H2931**

Trade agreements program: Message wherein he transmits the 1996 Trade Policy Agenda and the 1996 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Page H2931**

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2951-65.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2904-05, H2928-29, H2929-30, and H2930. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GOALS REVIEW—AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing to review the goals and priority setting mechanisms of federally supported agricultural research, education, and extension. Testimony was heard from Karl Stauber, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources and Environment and on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Paul W. Johnson, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Eugene Moos, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Programs; Grant B. Buntrock, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; August Schumacher, Jr., Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service; and Christopher E. Goldthwait, General Sales Manager.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on

Attorney General. Testimony was heard from Janet Reno, Attorney General.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Reclamation, the NRC, and on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary; and Eluid Martinez, Commissioner of Reclamation; the following officials of the NRC: Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, Kenneth Rogers and Greta J. Dicus, all Commissioners; and Elizabeth Moler, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on fiscal year 1997 Air Force Posture and on Air Force Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary; Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF, Chief of Staff; Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition; Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition; and Brig. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, USAF, Director, Supply, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Transit Administration and on the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority. Testimony was heard from Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; and Bob Polk, Acting General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on White House Operations and on U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from Frank Rdder, Director, Office of Administration, Executive

Office of the President; and Marvin Runyon, Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lazio and Brownback; the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary; and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General; and Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Issues Related to Recent Developments in Electronic Benefits Transfer. Testimony was heard from Russell D. Morris, Commissioner, Financial Management Services, Department of the Treasury; Edward DeSeve, Comptroller, OMB; and public witnesses.

PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Prospects for Economic Growth. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: FURLOUGHS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy: Furloughs and Financial Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: L. Dow Davis, Litigation Attorney, and Deborah J. Bullock, both with the Office of the General Counsel; Anne Troy, Attorney; and Joseph F. Vivona, Chief Financial Officer; and public witnesses.

FCC REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held a hearing on FCC Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Reed E. Hundt, Chairman; James Quello, Sussan Ness, Andrew C. Barrett, and Rachelle B. Chong, all Commissioners.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS REFORM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Federal

Budget Process Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barton of Texas, Cox of California, Smith of Michigan, Crapo, Stenholm, Thornton, Castle, Royce, and Smith of Texas; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the Department of Defense Joint Requirements Oversight Council. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council, Department of Defense: Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Ronald H. Griffith, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. Jay J. Johnson, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, Jr., USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force; and Gen. Richard D. Hearney, USMC, Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a hearing on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on morale, welfare and recreation issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Fred Pang, Assistant Secretary, Force Management; Maj. Gen. Richard Beale, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Commissary Agency; Maj. Gen. A. Doug Bunker, USAF, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Capt. Bruce R. Bennett, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Brig. Gen. James R. Joy, USMC (Ret.), Director, MWR Support Activity, USMC; Brig. Gen. John G. Meyer, USA, Commander, Army Community and Family Support Center; Brig. Gen. Patrick O. Adams, USAF, Director of Services, USAF; and RAdm. Larry R. Marsh, USN, Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Readiness and Community Support, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

OVERSIGHT—FISCAL YEAR 1997 BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 1997 budget requests from Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and NOAA and on the following bills: H.R. 2909, Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Eminent Domain Prevention Act, and H.R. 2982, Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Beville and Bass; Robert Streeter, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; the following offi-

cial of the Department of Commerce: D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere; and Diana Josephson, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA; Robert W. Correll, Assistant Director, Geosciences, NSF; and public witnesses.

HEALTH COVERAGE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT; ERISA TARGETED HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3160, modified by the amendment specified in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules, will be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended and against its consideration (except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, relating to unfunded mandates). The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage, without intervening motion except as specified. The rule provides for two hours of debate with 45 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, 45 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce, and 30 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities. The rule provides for one amendment in the nature of a substitute to be offered by the Minority Leader or his designee, specified in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules, which shall be in order without the intervention of any point of order (except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) or a demand for a division of the question, and shall be debatable for one hour to be equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides for one motion to recommit, which may include instructions only if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. The rule provides that the yeas and nays are ordered on final passage and that the provisions of clause 5(c) of Rule XXI (requiring three-fifths vote on any amendment or measure containing a Federal income tax rate increase)

shall not apply to the votes on the bill, amendments thereto or conference reports thereon. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Archer, Bliley and Goodling; Representatives Hastert, Johnson of Connecticut, Roukema, Gunderson, Fawell, Shays, Schiff, Gutknecht, Bunn of Oregon, Roberts, Gibbons, Dingell, Cardin, Richardson, Pallone, Furse, Eshoo, Pelterson of Florida, Pomeroy, and Poshard.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA ADVANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 3136, to provide for enactment of the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1996, the Line-Item Veto Act, and the Small Business Growth and Fairness Act of 1996, and to provide for a permanent increase in the public debt limit; as modified by the amendment designated in the report of the Committee on Rules on the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except section 425(a) of the Budget Act (unfunded mandate point of order). The rule orders the previous question to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; (2) one amendment to be offered by Rep. Archer or his designee, debatable for 10 minutes; and (3) one motion to recommit which, if containing instructions may only be offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that if the Clerk has, before March 30, 1996, received a message from the Senate that the Senate has adopted the conference report on S. 4, the Line-Item Veto Act, then the Clerk shall delete title II (the Line-Item Veto Act) from the engrossment of the bill (unless amended), and the House shall be considered to have adopted the conference report. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Archer, Hyde, Meyers of Kansas, and Clinger; and Representatives Smith of Michigan, Blute, Quinn, Orton, and DeLauro.

CONFERENCE REPORT—FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2854, Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, and against its consideration. The rule further provides that S. Con. Res. 49 is agreed to.

CONFERENCE REPORT—PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against

the conference report to accompany H.R. 956, Product Liability Reform, and against its consideration.

PAPERWORK ELIMINATION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs held a hearing on H.R. 2715, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; the following officials of the SBA: Jere Glover, Chief Counsel, Office of advocacy; and Monika Harrison, Associate Administrator, Office of Business Initiatives; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

UNITED STATES AVIATION RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.K. AND JAPAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Problems in the United States Aviation Relationship with the United Kingdom and Japan. Testimony was heard from Public witnesses.

Hearings continue April 24.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action H.R. 3159, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments of 1996.

RAIL SAFETY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on Rail Safety Oversight: High Technology Train Control Devices. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; James Arena, Director, Office of Surface Transportation Safety, National Transportation Safety Board; Dennis Sullivan, CEO, National Rail Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); and public witnesses.

REPLACING THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on Replacing the Federal Income Tax. Testimony was heard from Representatives Armeij, Gephardt, Schaefer, Tauzin, and Chrysler, and public witnesses.

ANALYSIS/EXPLOITATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Analysis/Exploitation. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of certain veterans' organizations, after receiving testimony from James L. Brazee, Jr., Vietnam Veterans of America, Lawrence S. Moses, America Ex-Prisoners of War, and Carroll M. Fyffe, Military Order of the Purple Heart, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth E. Wolford, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

AUTHORIZATION—RYAN WHITE CARE ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 641, authorizing funds for programs of the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMPREHENSIVE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D263)

H.R. 2036, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide needed flexibility. Signed March 26, 1996. (P.L. 104-119)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Food Safety and Inspection Service and the

Marketing and Regulatory Programs of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, 11 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings on the multiyear procurement proposal for the C-17 strategic airlifter, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1547, to limit the provision of assistance to the Government of Mexico using the exchange stabilization fund established pursuant to section 5302 of title 31, United States Code, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to resume oversight hearings on issues relating to competitive change in the electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to resume hearings on the Convention on Chemical Weapons (Treaty Doc. 103-21), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the role of radio in Africa, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to resume markup of proposed legislation relating to legal immigration (incorporating provisions of S. 1394), 11 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the recent settlement and accommodation agreements concerning the Navajo and Hopi land dispute, 9 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence, closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine adverse drug reactions in the elderly, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings Scheduled Ahead, see page E467 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Departmental Administration/Office of Chief Financial Officer, 10 a.m., and on Rural Economic and Community Development, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Supreme Court, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Appalachian Regional Commission, 10 a.m., on TVA, 11 a.m., and, executive, on Naval Reactors, 1 p.m., and, executive, on Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.