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WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee met

to review certain evidence with regard to its investigation of matters relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3393–3410; 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 172, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3269, to amend the Impact Act program to provide for a hold-harmless with respect to amounts for payments relating to the Federal acquisition of real property (H. Rept. 104–560);

H.R. 2066, to amend the National School Lunch Act to provide greater flexibility to schools to meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans under the school lunch and school breakfast programs, amended (H. Rept. 104–561);

H.R. 2464, to amend Public Law 103–93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation (H. Rept. 104–562);

H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997, amended (H. Rept. 104–563);

H. Res. 426, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2406 to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs (H. Rept. 104–564);

H. Res. 427, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3322, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government (H. Rept. 104–565); and

H. Res. 428, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children (H. Rept. 104–566).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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British American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the British-American Interparliamentary Group on the part of the House: Representatives Hamilton, Lantos, Hastings of Florida, and Kennelly.

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Welfare Indicators Advisory Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the Advisory Board on Welfare Indicators of the following individuals from private life on the part of the House: Ms. Eloise Anderson of California, Mr. Wade Horn of Maryland, Mr. Marvin H. Kusters of Virginia, and Mr. Robert Greenstein of the District of Columbia.

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Permission 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 Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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

Racing and Restored Vehicle Display: H. Con. Res. 150, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event sponsored by the Specialty Equipment Market Association. Agreed to amend the title;

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Impact Aid: H.R. 3269, to amend the Impact Aid program to provide for a hold-harmless with respect to amounts for payments relating to the Federal acquisition of real property;

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Violent Crime Control: H.R. 2137, amended, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to require the release of relevant information to protect the public from sexually violent offenders (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas, Roll No. 149); and

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Stalking Punishment and Prevention: H.R. 2980, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking.

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Violent Crime Control: By a recorded vote of 414 yeas to 4 noes, Roll No. 148, the House passed H.R.

2974, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide enhanced penalties for crimes against elderly and child victims.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page H4492

Agreed To:

The Frost amendment that broadens Federal jurisdiction over sex crimes against children and requires life sentences without parole upon the conviction of a second sex crime against a child in Federal court;

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The Slaughter amendment that broadens Federal jurisdiction over repeat offenders of rape or serious sexual assault and requires life sentences without the possibility of parole upon the second conviction of rape or sexual assault (agreed to by a recorded vote of 411 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 146);

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The Deutsch amendment that provides a sentencing enhancement of not less than six levels for sexual crimes of violence against children;

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The Conyers amendment that includes crimes of violence involving the environment;

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The Stupak amendment that amends the Federal sentencing guidelines to provide an appropriate sentencing enhancement for violent crimes committed against vulnerable persons, including law enforcement officers, in which the defendant used body armor; and

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The DeLauro amendment that provides enhanced penalties for offenders who commit a violent crime while in possession of a firearm with a laser sighting device.

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Rejected:

The Watt amendment that sought to broaden the definition of a vulnerable person to include residents in any neighborhood in which the incidence of violent crime is above the national average; and

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The Watt amendment that sought to have the United States Sentencing Commission review the Federal sentencing guidelines to determine an appropriate sentencing enhancement for crimes of violence committed against vulnerable persons (rejected by a recorded vote of 41 ayes to 370 noes, Roll No. 147).

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Points of order were sustained against the following amendments:

The Conyers amendment that sought to include a crime involving fraud or deception; and

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The Conyers amendment that sought to include an environmental crime against a child, elderly person, or other vulnerable person.

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The Clerk was authorized to correct cross references and section designations and to make such

other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill. Page H4493

H. Res. 421, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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It was made in order that, during further consideration of H.R. 3120 pursuant to H. Res. 422, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment, and that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may reduce to not less than five minutes the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than 15 minutes.

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Witness Retaliation, Tampering, and Jury Tampering: The House passed H.R. 3120, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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H. Res. 422, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4504–31.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4438.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4481, H4492, H4492–93, and H4494. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:00 p.m. and adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and on Telecommunications Issues. Testimony was heard from John D. Holum, Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Reed E. Hunt,