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Text of H.R. 3734, as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.
(Total–237) Pages S8590–92, S8616

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 25, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8740.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1166, to improve the registration of pesticides, to provide minor use crop protection, and to improve pesticide tolerances to safeguard infants and children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee the amendment incorporates the text of S. 1491).

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness: Senators Cochran (Chairman), Warner, Helms, Coverdell, Grassley, Gramm, Pryor, Daschle, Baucus, Kerrey, and Heflin.

Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion: Senators Helms (Chairman), Cochran, McConnell, Santorum, Gramm, Conrad, Pryor, Baucus, and Heflin.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization: Senators Craig (Chairman), Coverdell, Warner, Helms, Grassley, Heflin, Harkin, Conrad, and Kerrey.

Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation: Senators McConnell (Chairman), Santorum, Craig, Gramm, Harkin, Daschle, and Pryor.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded oversight hearings on recent developments in consumer lending in the United States, the implications of consumer credit trends and the risks they impose on financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Ricki T. Helfer, Chairman, Federal Deposit

Insurance Corporation; Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; James Chessen, American Bankers Association, Washington, D.C.; Donald Ratajczak, Economic Forecasting Center/Georgia State University, Atlanta; and Edward Bankole, Moody's Investors Service, New York, New York.

SPACE STATION/SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded oversight hearings to examine the status of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's space station and space shuttle programs, after receiving testimony from Wilbur Trafton, Associate Administrator for Space Flight, Frederick D. Gregory, Associate Administrator for Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, both of NASA; and Thomas Schulz, Associate Director of National Security and International Affairs, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1873, authorizing funds for programs of the National Environmental Education Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2909, to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands;

S. 1875, to designate the United States Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the "James A. Redden Federal Courthouse";

H.R. 2504, to designate the Federal building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the United States courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Veach-Baley Federal Complex";

H.R. 3186, to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building";

H.R. 3400, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as "Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse";

H.R. 3572, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge"; and

S. 1977, to designate a United States courthouse located in Tampa, Florida, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Diaz was introduced by Senators Mack and Graham, and Mr. McGaffigan was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The Extradition Treaty with Hungary (Treaty Doc. 104-5), with a proviso, the Extradition Treaty with Belgium (Treaty Doc. 104-7), with a proviso, the Supplementary Extradition Treaty with Belgium (Treaty Doc. 104-8), with a proviso, the Extradition Treaty with Switzerland (Treaty Doc. 104-9), with a proviso, the Extradition Treaty with the Philippines (Treaty Doc. 104-16), with a proviso, the Extradition Treaty with Bolivia (Treaty Doc. 104-22), with a proviso, the Extradition Treaty with Malaysia (Treaty Doc. 104-26), with a proviso, the Treaty with the Republic of Korea on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104-1), with two provisos, the Treaty with the United Kingdom on Mutual Legal Assistance on Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104-2), with two provisos, the Treaty with the Philippines on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104-18), with two provisos, the Treaty with Hungary on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104-20), with two provisos, and the Treaty with Austria on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104-21), with two provisos;

S. Res. 270, urging continued and increased United States support for the efforts of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia to bring to justice the perpetrators of gross violations of international law in the former Yugoslavia;

S. Res. 275, to express the sense of the Senate concerning Afghanistan, with an amendment;

S. Res. 276, congratulating the people of Mongolia on embracing democracy in Mongolia through their participation in the parliamentary elections held on June 30, 1996; and

The nominations of Senators Grams and Pell, each to be a United States Representative to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Jeffrey Davidow, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, Alan Philip Larson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, and a for-

ign service officers' promotion list received in the Senate on June 26, 1996.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Franklin D. Raines, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee further testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability held hearings on S. 1434, to amend the Congressional Budget Act to provide for a two-year (biennial) budgeting cycle, and other related proposals, receiving testimony from Senators Domenici, Thomas, and Ford; Susan J. Irving, Associate Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; James L. Blum, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office; Ohio State Senator Richard H. Finan, Columbus; John Keel, Texas Legislative Budget Board, Austin; and Stephen Moore, Cato Institute, and Thomas E. Mann, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the United States Commission on Civil Rights, after receiving testimony from Mary Frances Berry, Chairperson, and Carl Anderson and Russell Redenbaugh, both Commissioners, all of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings to examine the role of the Federal Depository Library Program of the Government Printing Office in ensuring public access to Government information, receiving testimony from Judge Royce C. Lamberth, United States District Court for the District of Columbia; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Christopher H. Schroeder, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Donald R. Johnson, Director, National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce; Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Roy M. Francis, Chairman, Interagency

Council on Printing and Publications Services, Department of the Interior.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Small Business: Committee held oversight hearings on the implementation of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, receiving testimony from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Jere Glover, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration; William Smiland, Smiland Paint Company, Los Angeles, California; Richard Hardy, XIM Products, Inc., Westlake, Ohio; Jean Mohler, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; and Willis J. Goldsmith, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1791, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans;

S. 1711, to establish a commission to evaluate the programs of the Federal Government that assist members of the Armed Forces and veterans in readjusting to civilian life, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of S. 1711, S. 996, S. 281, S. 749, S. 994, S. 1342, S. 995, S. 1751, and Title III of H.R. 2289);

S. 1359, to revise certain authorities relating to management and contracting in the provision of health care services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of S. 1359, S. 1750, S. 1752, S. 1753, S. 403, S. 293, S. 425, S. 644, S. 612, and S. 548);

An original bill to authorize construction projects for fiscal year 1997 and for other purposes relating to VA real property management, including outpatient facility construction, inpatient facility construction, VA-requested leases of outpatient care fa-

cilities, and a VA-requested lease for a parking facility. (As approved by the committee, the bill incorporates provisions of S. 1669 and S. 1749); and

An original bill to reform veterans' health care eligibility requirements.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1962, to resolve certain legal disputes with regard to adoption procedures under the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978;

S. 199, to repeal certain provisions of law relating to trading with Indians;

S. 1972, to improve provisions relating to Indian programs under the Older Americans Act of 1965;

S. 1893, to provide for the settlement of issues and claims related to the trust lands of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians of California;

H.R. 2464, to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation;

H.R. 3068, to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1970, to make improvements to the National Museum of the American Indian Act.

DAYTON PEACE ACCORDS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to assess the current state of the implementation of the Dayton peace accords and the prospect for complete implementation by December, 1996, focusing on intelligence support and all military and civilian aspects of compliance with the Dayton peace accords, as well as the effort to bring war criminals in the former Yugoslavia to justice, receiving testimony from John Gannon, Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency; Lt. Gen. Patrick Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; Thomas Fingar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; Susan Woodward, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; John Huffman, World Vision, Newport Beach, California; and H. Roy Williams, International Rescue Committee, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3884–3893; 1 private bill, H.R. 3894; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 199–200 were introduced. **Pages H8374–75**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3680, to amend title 18, United States Code, to carry out the international obligations of the United States under the Geneva Convention to provide criminal penalties for certain war crimes (H. Rept. 104–698);

H.R. 3435, to make technical amendments to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, amended (H. Rept. 104–699);

H.R. 3287, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, amended (H. Rept. 104–700);

H.R. 3546, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Walhalla National Fish Hatchery to the State of South Carolina, amended (H. Rept. 104–701);

H.R. 3557, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama, amended (H. Rept. 104–702);

H.R. 3660, to make amendments to the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act, amended (H. Rept. 104–703);

H.R. 488, providing for consideration of H.R. 2391, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for all employees (H. Rept. 104–704);

H.J. Res. 166, granting the consent of Congress to the Mutual Aid Agreement between the city of Bristol, Virginia, and the city of Bristol, Tennessee (H. Rept. 104–705); and

H.J. Res. 113, granting the consent of Congress to the compact to provide for joint natural resources management and enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to natural resources and boating at the Jennings Randolph Lake Project lying in Garrett County, Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia, entered into between the States of West Virginia and Maryland (H. Rept. 104–706).

Pages H8329–30, H8374

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Everett to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8251**

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 Fi-

ancial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, Science, and Small Business. **Page H8253**

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 352, the House passed H.R. 3814, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. **Pages H8254–93**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back promptly with an amendment to increase funding for contributions to international peacekeeping activities with appropriate offsets. **Page H8293**

Agreed To:

The Rogers amendment that allocates National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration funding by increasing National Marine Fisheries Service funding by \$6 million for endangered species recovery; **Page H8254**

The Ensign amendment that limits any funding to distribute or provide prisoners with commercially published information or material that is sexually explicit or features nudity; **Pages H8261–62**

The Deutsch amendment that limits State and local law enforcement funding to jurisdictions that do not provide public safety officers continued health benefits, similar to benefits paid at the time of retirement or separation, for injuries sustained in the line of duty while responding to an emergency situation; **Pages H8264–66**

The Ganske amendment that limits any funding by the Patent and Trademark Office to issue patents for surgical procedures, with exceptions dealing with patents for equipment, composition of matter, and biotechnological processes (agreed to by a recorded vote of 295 yeas to 128 nays, Roll No. 349); **Pages H8276–80, H8289–90**

The Hutchinson amendment that limits funding to jails, prisons, or other similar facilities that do not report to the Attorney General the death of any individual who dies in custody, and the circumstances surrounding that death; and **Pages H8283–84**

The Norton amendment, as modified, that increases Equal Employment Opportunity commission funding by \$7 million with offsetting reductions from the Small business Administration disaster loan program account for administrative expense. **Pages H8284–86**

Rejected

The Goss amendment, debated on July 23, that sought to reduce Economic Development Administration funding by \$98.550 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 113 ayes to 301 noes, Roll No. 346);

Pages H8256–57

The Allard amendment that sought to remove the \$5 million funding for the Commerce Department Under Secretary for Technology and Office of Technology Policy (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 347);

Pages H8254–56, H8257–58

The Frank amendment that sought to limit any funding by the Federal Communications Commission to assign a license for advanced television services (rejected by a recorded vote of 16 ayes to 408 noes, Roll No. 348).

Pages H8267–72, H8289

The Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to increase the National Telecommunications and Information Administration grants program by \$10 million and reduce Federal Prison System funding accordingly;

Pages H8272–74

The Gutknecht amendment that sought to reduce all discretionary appropriations by 1.9 percent (rejected by a recorded vote of 125 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 350); and

Pages H8281–83, H8290

The Collins of Georgia amendment that sought to require Federal Prison Industries, to consider 20 percent as a reasonable share of the Federal market for new products and to describe the products produced using the Standard Industrial Classification Code and the National Stock Number assigned under the Federal Stock Classification System (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 351).

Pages H8286–88, H8290–91

Points of Order Sustained Against:

The Frank amendment that sought to limit any funding by the Federal Communications Commission to assign a license for advanced television services until the commission specifies, by rulemaking, the obligations of holders to operate in the public interest unless the license is assigned by competitive bidding; and

Pages H8266–67

The Gekas amendment that sought to provide an automatic continuing resolution when Congress and the President fail to enact a regular appropriations bill for a fiscal year.

Pages H8275–76

Withdrawn:

The Fowler amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to limit any funding for the COPS program for purposes other than to prevent crimes against persons or private property; and

Pages H8258–61

The Brown of California amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase National Weather Service Operations and Research

funding and prohibit funding for the Great Lakes Sea Lampicide Eradication program. **Pages H8262–64**

Welfare Reform: It was made in order to disagree with the Senate amendment to H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997, and agree to a conference. **Pages H8319–29**

Appointed as conferees Representatives Kasich, Archer, Goodling, Roberts, Bliley, Shaw, Talent, Nussle, Hutchinson, McCrery, Bilirakis, Smith of Texas, Johnson of Connecticut, Camp, Franks of Connecticut, Cunningham, Castle, Goodlatte, Sabo, Gibbons, Conyers, de la Garza, Clay, Ford, Miller of California, Waxman, Stenholm, Kennelly, Levin, Tanner, Becerra, Thurman, and Woolsey. **Page H8329**

By a recorded vote of 418 ayes, Roll No. 353, agreed to the Sabo motion to instruct conferees to do everything possible within the scope of the conference to eliminate any provisions in the House and Senate bills which shift costs to States and local governments and result in an increase in the number of children in poverty; maximize the availability of food stamps and vouchers for goods and services for children to prevent any increase in the number of children thrown into poverty while their parents make the transition from welfare to work; ensure that the bill preserves Medicaid coverage so that the number of people without access to health care does not increase and more children and old people are not driven into poverty; and provide that any savings that redound to the Federal Government as a result of this legislation be used for deficit reduction.

Pages H8319–29

Capital Markets: It was made in order to disagree with the Senate amendment to H.R. 3005, to amend the Federal securities laws in order to promote efficiency and capital formation in the financial markets, and to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to promote more efficient management of mutual funds, protect investors, and provide more effective and less burdensome regulation and agree to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees Representatives Bliley, Fields of Texas, Oxley, Tauzin, Schaefer, Deal of Georgia, Frisa, White, Dingell, Markey, Boucher, Gordon, Furse, and Klink.

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Energy and Water Development Appropriations: The House completed debate on H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and began consideration of amendments. Consideration will resume on Thursday, July 25.

Pages H8302–19, H8328–29, H8330–72

Agreed To:

The Solomon amendment that prohibits any contract or grant to institutions of higher learning (other than those with a long standing tradition of pacifism based on religious affiliation) that presents ROTC access to its campus or students, prevents military recruiting on its campus, and further prohibits expenditures to any contractor subject to the requirement in section 4214(d) of title 38, United States Code, that has not submitted an annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning the employment of veterans; **Pages H8336–37**

The Traficant amendment that prohibits contracts with persons who affix a "Made in America" inscription, or any inscription with the same meaning, to any product that is not made in the United States; **Pages H8337–38**

The Barton of Texas amendment that increases Department of Energy Inspector General funding by \$1 million and decreases departmental administration funding accordingly; **Pages H8340–41**

The Roemer amendment that decreases Department of Energy field activity funding by \$9.6 million; **Page H8341**

The Kolbe amendment that reduces funding for the Central Arizona Project by \$20.573 million; **Pages H8342–43**

The Bereuter amendment that limits any Corps of Engineer funding to revise the Missouri River Master Water Control Manual that includes an increase in the springtime water release program during the spring heavy rainfall and snow melt period; **Pages H8351–52**

The Petri amendment that eliminates the \$10 million funding for the Animas-LaPlata Water project (agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 354); and **Pages H8343–46, H8352–53**

The Hilleary amendment that limits any funds by the Tennessee Valley Authority to impose a performance deposit on persons constructing docks or making other residential shoreline alterations. **Pages H8371–72**

Rejected:

The Klug amendment that sought to reduce Tennessee Valley Authority economic development funding by \$16 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 236 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 355); **Pages H8347–49, H8353–54**

The Rohrabacher amendment that sought to allocate Department of Energy funding for photovoltaic energy research (rejected by a recorded vote of 90 ayes to 331 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 356); and **Pages H8349–51, H8354**

The Gutknecht amendment that sought to reduce all discretionary appropriations by 1.9 percent. **Page H8369**

Amendments Withdrawn:

The Rogers amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to include funding for the New Madrid Floodway; **Page H8337**

The Roemer amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to decrease funding for Department of Energy laboratories by \$10 million; **Pages H8341–42**

The Pickett amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to allocate funding of \$283,000 for Sandbridge Beach, Virginia erosion control and hurricane protection; and **Page H8346**

The Filner amendment that sought to allocate Corps of Engineers funding of \$600,000 to conduct a study concerning the Tijuana River Basin. **Pages H8370–71**

Pending:

The Obey amendment that seeks to eliminate the \$17 million funding for the Advanced Light Water Reactor Program; **Pages H8356–62**

The Schaefer amendment that seeks to increase funding by \$30 million for renewable energy programs; and **Pages H8362–66**

The Markey en bloc amendment that seeks to eliminate the \$20 million funding for pyroprocessing or electrometallurgical treatment by reducing energy research and development by \$5 million and defense environmental restoration and waste management by \$15 million. **Pages H8366–69**

H. Res. 483, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H8293–H8302**

Presidential Message—United Nations: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the activities of the United States Government in the United Nations—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H8372**

United States Naval Academy: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative McHale as a member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy to fill the existing vacancy thereon. **Page H8372**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8375–79.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H8309.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8256–57, H8257–58, H8289, H8289–90, H8290, H8291,

H8293, H8329, H8352-53, H8353-54, and H8354. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:08 on Thursday, July 25.

Committee Meetings

HEDGE-TO-ARRIVE CONTRACTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops and the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a joint hearing to review cash market forward contracts between producers and merchants, commonly known as hedge-to-arrive contracts. Testimony was heard from John Tull, Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held an oversight hearing on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of Treasury; Nicholas Retsinas, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3553, Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization Act of 1996; H.R. 447, amended, to establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; H.R. 2579, amended, United States National Tourism Organization Act of 1996; H.R. 2976, amended, Patient Right to Know Act of 1996; H.R. 3871, to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for certain health maintenance organizations; H.R. 3056, to permit county-operated health insuring organization to qualify as an organization exempt from certain requirements otherwise applicable to health insuring organizations under the Medicaid program notwithstanding that the organization enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries residing in another county; H.R. 3867, Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1996; H.R. 3868, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1996.

LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported amended H.R. 123, Language of Government Act of 1995.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3846, to amend the Foreign Assistant Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance for microenterprises; and H.R. 3735, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Development Fund for Africa under chapter 10 of part I of that Act.

The Committee also favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following bill be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 3870, to authorize the Agency for International Development to offer voluntary separation incentive payments to employees of that agency.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. TRUSTEE PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Trustee Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Executive Office, U.S. Trustees, Department of Justice; Joseph Patchan, Director; M. Scott Michel, and Clarkson Dow, both Regional Trustees; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: Mary Frances Berry, Chairperson; Robert George, Carl A. Anderson and Russell Redenbaugh, all Commissioners and Mary Mathews, Staff Director; and a public witness.

LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the Administration's efforts against the influence of organized crime in the Laborer's International Union of North America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on implementation of the Endangered Species Act with regard to Section 10(a) permits (Habit Conservation Plan) and other incentives. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of Texas; George T. Frampton, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.