

Congressional Gold Medal to Frank Sinatra: H.R. 279, to award a congressional gold medal to Francis Albert Sinatra; Pages H1938–41

Donation of Surplus Property to Nonprofit Organizations: H.R. 680, amended, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 93). Agreed to amend the title; and Pages H1941–43, H1953

Electric and Magnetic Fields Research: H.R. 363, amended, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 387 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 94). Page H1943–46, H1953–54

Congressional Gold Medal to Frank Sinatra: The House passed S. 305, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert “Frank” Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities—clearing the measure for the President. Subsequently, H.R. 279, a similar bill passed earlier by the House was laid on the table. Page H1940

FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act: By a ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 95, the House passed H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration’s research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000. Pages H1946–52, H1954–55

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended. Page H1951

Agreed to:

The Morella amendment that specifies that the FAA grant agreements made from the Research, Engineering, and Development Account are subject to the provisions relating to competitive, merit-based award processes. Page H1950

The Jackson-Lee amendment that identifies undergraduate Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions as institutions eligible for the FAA Research Grants Program Involving Undergraduate Students. Pages H1950–51

On Thursday, April 24, the House agreed to H. Res. 125 the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Pages H1803–04

Recess: the House recessed at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. Page H1952

Late Report: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight Tuesday, April 29, 1997, to file a privileged report on a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. Page H1952

Supplemental Report: The Committee on Banking and Financial Services received permission to file a Supplemental Report on H.R. 2, 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. Page H1955

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1989–H2007.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1952, H1953, H1953–54, and H1954–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. Testimony was heard from Rita Rodriguez, Acting Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank; Meg Lundsager, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Trade and Investment Policy, Department of the Treasury; Benjamin F. Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senators Bryan, Reid and Grams; Representatives Ensign, Gibbons and Gutknecht; Lake Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; the following officials of the NRC; Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman; and Ed McGaffigan, Commissioner; Jared L. Cohon, Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Warren D. Arthur, IV, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of South Carolina; Don L. Keskey, Assistant Attorney General in Charge, Public Service Division, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL TESTING PROPOSAL

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on the Administration's National Testing Proposal. Testimony was heard from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education.

DC RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on DC Retirement System: Coping with Unfunded Liabilities. Testimony was heard from G. Edward DeSeve, Comptroller, OMB; James L. Blum, Deputy Director, CBO; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Chief Financial Officer; and Betty Ann Kane, Retirement Board; and public witnesses.

PROMOTION OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR CENSUS 2000

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on "Promotion Outreach Efforts for Census 2000". Testimony was heard from Michael Morgan, Commissioner, Department of City Development, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Leon Meyer, Director, City Planning, Cincinnati, Ohio.

JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3, Juvenile Crime Control Act of 1997.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST HEALTH, ECOLOGY, AND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Health, Ecology, and Management. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Testimony was heard from Senators Bennett and Hatch; Kathleen McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Michael O. Leavitt, Governor, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

THE ADOPTION PROMOTION ACT OF 1997

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman

and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of committee reports), and sections 303(a) and 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of budgetary legislation prior to the adoption of the budget resolution and requiring a CBO cost estimate in the committee report on legislation containing new budget authority, new spending authority, new credit authority, or a change in revenues, respectively). The rule makes in order the Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes, modified as specified in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each section of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, shall be considered as read. Points of order are waived against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (germaneness) and sections 303(a) and 306 (prohibits consideration of legislation with Budget Committee's jurisdiction unless reported by the Budget Committee) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer, Representatives Shaw, Camp, Tiahrt, and Maloney of New York.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1997

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2, 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, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of committee reports) or clause 7(b) of rule XIII (relating to cost estimate availability in the report). The rule makes in order the Banking and Financial Services Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes and provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered by title. The rule waives points of order against the Committee amendment in the nature of

a substitute for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI (relating to appropriations in a legislative bill). Before the consideration of any other amendment, the rule provides that it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 1997, if offered by Representative Lazio of New York or his designee. The rule provides that the amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole and all points of order against the amendment are waived. The rule provides that if the amendment is adopted, the bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment. The rule provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules, and provides that pre-printed amendments will be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Leach, Representatives Lazio, Gonzalez, and Kennedy of Massachusetts.

WETLANDS—RECENT REGULATORY AND JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Wetlands—recent regulatory and judicial developments. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; Robert H. Wayland, III, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; and public witnesses.

COORDINATED CARE OPTIONS FOR SENIORS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Coordinated Care Options for Seniors. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPANDING U.S. TRADE WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Expanding U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade

Representative; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the structure and modernization of the National Guard, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense, natural disaster relief and other emergency assistance, and other non-emergency assistance, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on social security investment in the securities markets, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on the nomination of Andrew J. Pincus, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of emerging trade issues on the U.S. consumer, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on the use of "Telepresence", the enabling technology for telemedicine and distance learning, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on increasing children's access to health care, and the nominations of Kevin L. Thurm, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Richard J. Tarplin, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, 9:45 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on fighting crime and violence in the District of Columbia, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the operations of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine equal opportunity issues in the Federal construction industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on the Administration's Proposal, 11 a.m., H-144 Capitol.