

**JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Youth Violence concluded hearings to examine the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 and their impact on the increase in youth violence or juvenile crime, and S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, after receiving testimony from Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice; Arizona State Senator John Kaites, Phoenix; Judge W. Don Reader, Ohio Court of Appeals, Fifth Judicial District, Canton; Patricia L. West, Virginia Department of Public Safety, Richmond; Earl L. Dunlap, Richmond, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Juvenile Detention Association; Gwendolyn C. Chunn, North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Raleigh; Mark I. Soler, Youth Law Center, Washington, D.C.; Bill Franklin, Elmore County, Alabama; Carol Crump, Casper, Wyoming; and Judy Nish, Marion, Iowa.

**IMMUNIZATION GRANT PROGRAM**

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded hearings

on proposed authorizations for the immunization grant program (section 317(j)(1)) of the Public Health Service Act, focusing on grants to States for purchase of vaccine and support of the vaccine delivery infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Senator Bumpers; Walter A. Orenstein, Director, National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Christopher G. Atchison, Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; Thomas F. Tonniges, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics; and Peter Paradiso, Wyeth-Lederle Vaccines and Pediatrics, Rochester, New York.

**NOMINATION**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held hearings on the nomination of George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence, where the nominee, who was introduced by Senators D'Amato, Moynihan, Sarbanes, and Mikulski and former Senator Boren, testified and answered question in his own behalf.

Hearings continue tomorrow in closed session.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 1532–1541; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 73–74, and H. Res. 144, were introduced. Pages H2253–54

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 142, providing for consideration of H.R. 478, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the ability of individuals and local, State, and Federal agencies to comply with that Act in building, operating, maintaining, or repairing flood control projects, facilities, or structures (H. Rept. 105–88); and

H. Res. 143, providing for consideration of H.R. 3, to combat violent youth crime and increase accountability for juvenile criminal offenses (H. Rept. 105–89). Page H2253

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H2178

**Presidential Message—Re Export Administration Act:** Read a letter from the President wherein he transmits his report on the national emergency declared with respect to the lapse of the Export Ad-

ministration Act of 1979—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–80). Pages H2180–81

**Suspension—Trade Agencies Authorization Act:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1463, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission. Pages H2181–83

**Suspension—Consumer Price Index:** The House completed all debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 93, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Bureau of Labor Statistics alone should make any adjustments, if any are needed, to the methodology used to determine the Consumer Price Index. The vote on this motion was postponed until Wednesday, May 7. Pages H2183–88

**Housing Authority and Responsibility Act:** The House resumed consideration of amendments to 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. The House completed all debate on Wednesday, April 30 and considered amendments to the bill on Thursday, May 1. Consideration of amendments will resume on Wednesday, May 7.

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**Agreed To:**

The Lazio en bloc amendment that clarifies that certain specified resident programs and services may be included, but are not mandated; requires that local housing authorities notify local government officials of proposed housing developments and provide information as may reasonably be requested by the local government; clarifies that operating funds from block grants may be used for child care services for public housing residents; extends hardship rent and voucher provisions to a family that includes a member who is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence who would be entitled to public benefits but for the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; specifies that no rental assistance shall be given to private housing projects unless the owners consent to allow law enforcement officers enter common areas without advance notice upon a determination of probable cause that criminal activity is taking place; directs that the award criteria for economic development initiative grants include the extent of regional cooperation demonstrated by the proposed plan; extends emergency homeownership counseling to veterans; prohibits action during the two years following enactment that would reduce the inventory of senior citizen housing owned by the housing authority of the City of Las Vegas and directs HUD to assist the housing authority to identify alternative repayment options without reducing senior citizen housing; prohibits any person classified as a sexually violent predator from receiving public housing assistance; and allows the Tamaqua highrise project in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania to be converted from tenant based assistance to project based rental assistance for certain residents;

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The Waters amendment that excludes from administrative grievance procedures an eviction or termination of tenancy in public housing that involves any activity that threatens the health and safety of other tenants or any drug-related criminal activity and, for other evictions establishes an administrative grievance process with time limits for the hearing and final action regarding the grievance; and

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The Jackson-Lee amendment that requires that public housing authorities and contractors working within housing projects shall try to hire public hous-

ing residents to the maximum extent that is possible.

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**Rejected:**

The Watt of North Carolina amendment that sought to require that public housing agencies compensate each person who provides work at a rate that is not less than the minimum wage rate (rejected by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 103);

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The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to allow public housing agencies the option of complying with the family self-sufficiency agreement requirements (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 104);

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to revise the income mix of public housing units by requiring that not less than 40 percent shall be occupied by families whose incomes do not exceed 30 percent of the area median income; not less than 90 percent shall be occupied by families whose incomes do not exceed 60 percent of the median income for the area with the option to reduce to 80 percent occupancy if such a reduction would enhance the viability of the housing development; prohibits the concentration of very low-income families in certain housing developments; and strikes the fungibility with choice-based assistance provisions; and

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to increase the authorized funding by \$1.2 billion for capital grants, increase funding by \$.3 billion for operating grants, and authorize sums as may be necessary to fully fund operating costs.

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**Withdrawn:**

The Waters amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to only exclude from administrative grievance procedures an eviction or termination of tenancy in public housing that involves any activity that threatens the health and safety of other tenants or any drug-related criminal activity; and

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The Jackson-Lee amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish a housing replacement requirement in areas with public housing shortages.

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**Vote Postponed:**

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment was offered that seeks to establish a monthly rent, determined by the public housing agency, that does not exceed 30 percent of the monthly adjusted income of the family or 10 percent of the monthly income of the family (the vote was postponed until Wednesday, May 7).

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On April 30, the House agreed to H. Res. 133, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2255–56.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2209–10 and H2210. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREIGN POLICY REFORM ACT

*Committee on International Relations:* Continued markup of H.R. 1486, Foreign Policy Reform Act.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following measures: H. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States and the United Nations should condemn coral reef fisheries that are harmful to coral reef ecosystems and promote the development of sustainable coral reef fishing worldwide; H.R. 608, Marion National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; and H.R. 796, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. Testimony was heard from Representative Hilliard; Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State; William Knapp, Chief, Division of Fish Hatcheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 985, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within Arapaho and White River National Forests, CO, to include the lands known as the Slate Creek Addition upon the acquisition of the lands by the United States; H.R. 1019, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest, CO, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys; H.R. 1020, to adjust the boundary of the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado to include all National Forest System lands within Summit County, CO, which are currently part of the Dillon Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest; H.R. 1439, to facilitate the sale of certain land in Tahoe National Forest, in the State of California to Placer County, California;

and H.R. 79, Hoopa Valley Reservation South Boundary Adjustment Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Riggs; Janice McDougle, Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; and a public witness.

### OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PROJECT FINANCING

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on Bureau of Reclamation Project financing. Testimony was heard from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; Betsy A. Cody, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### FLOOD PREVENTION AND FAMILY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 478, Flood Prevention and Family Protection Act of 1997. The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes and said amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. 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 Young and Representatives Herger and Miller of California.

### JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a modified closed rule on H.R. 3, Juvenile Crime Control Act of 1997, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute will be considered as an original bill for amendment purposes and will be considered as read. 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 (appropriations on a legislative bill).

The rule provides that no amendments to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute will be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, and is not amendable except as specified in the report.