

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1619–1648; 1 private bill, H.R. 1649; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 80–82 and H. Res. 151, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 150, providing for consideration of H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States (H. Rept. 105–98).

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

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Journal Vote: By a yea-and-nay vote of 334 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 128, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, May 14.

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Presidential Messages:

Flank Document Agreement—CFE Treaty: Read a letter from the President, received by the Clerk on May 14, wherein he transmits his report concerning the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (the CFE Flank Document) adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, May 14—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–83); and

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National Security Strategy: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmits his report on the National Security Strategy of the United States—referred to the Committee on National Security.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 178 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 136, the House passed H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

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Agreed To:

The Obey amendment that provides an additional \$38 million for the Special Supplemental Food Program for the Women, Infants, and Children program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 338 yeas to 89 noes, Roll No. 131);

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The McKeon amendment that authorizes a commission on the cost of higher education and provides \$650,000 in funding for this purpose;

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The Dingell amendment that provides \$300,000 in funding for costs incurred by Monroe County, Michigan, for the Conair air crash;

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The Thune amendment that provides \$500 million in Community Development Block Grant funding for disaster relief to communities affected by the flooding in the upper midwest and other disasters in fiscal year 1997;

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The Traficant amendment that requires compliance with the provisions of the Buy America Act and prohibits contracts with persons falsely labeling products as made in America;

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The Gekas amendment that automatically provides a continuation of FY 1997 spending through the end of FY 1998 in the absence of regular appropriations or a continuing resolution at 100 percent of FY 1997 spending levels (approved by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 134);

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The Diaz-Balart amendment that postpones the termination of Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid payments to legal immigrants and rescinds \$240 million from the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills program to offset the cost (agreed to by a recorded vote of 345 yeas to 74 noes, Roll No. 133);

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The Kolbe amendment that extends the San Carlos Apache Water Rights Settlement Act of 1992 to March 31, 1999;

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The Barcia amendment that authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to the City of Bay City, Michigan, for environmental remediation and rehabilitation of publicly owned real property included in the boundaries of the Center for Ecology Research and Training;

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The Barr amendment that provides \$2 million for the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement;

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The Vento amendment that provides regulatory relief and expedited funds availability to depository institutions to expedite the assistance to areas affected by the 1997 flooding of the Red River of the North, the Minnesota River, and their tributaries;

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The Hoyer amendment that authorizes a leave transfer program for federal employees to donate annual leave to other federal employees affected by disasters or emergencies; and

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The Barr amendment that prohibits the use of funds for studies of medical use of marijuana.

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Rejected:

The Neumann amendment that sought to strike \$2.3 billion in forward funding for FEMA, eliminates the recapture to HUD of \$3.8 billion rescission, and rescinds \$3.6 billion of discretionary appropriations and requires the President to allocate the rescission with 30 days of enactment (rejected by a recorded vote of 100 ayes to 324 noes, Roll No. 132); and

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The Neumann amendment that sought to reduce forward funding for FEMA Disaster Relief by \$1.7 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 305 noes, Roll No. 135).

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Points of Order Sustained Against:

Conservation Reserve Program language that reduces the acres of land in the Conservation Reserve Program from 19,000,000 acres to 14,000,000;

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The Goodling amendment that sought to prohibit the expenditure of any funding by the Department of Education for any national testing program in reading or mathematics;

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The Section 303 language that expands the emergency provisions of the Endangered Species Act;

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The Maloney of New York amendment that sought to provide additional funding of \$1.7 million for the Federal Election Commission;

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The language concerning the construction of a garage at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Cleveland, Ohio;

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The language concerning the rescission of contract authorization for the Federal Aviation Administration;

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The language concerning the rescission of contract authorization for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration;

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The language concerning the rescission of contract authorization for the Federal Transit Administration; and

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The language concerning the rescission of contract authorization for Highway Trust Fund Discretionary Grants.

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Withdrawn:

The Fazio amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide \$1 million in disaster relief funding to assist the purchase of farm labor housing;

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The Sanders amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide \$10 million in funding to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for emergency research and treatment of Gulf War Syndrome;

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide an additional \$2 million for the National In-

stitute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and reduce FEMA Disaster Relief funding accordingly;

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The Sam Johnson of Texas amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to authorize the approval of State plans to integrate enrollment services for federally funded public health and human services programs; and

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The Barr amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit any funds appropriated by this or any other act to be used for any study on the medicinal use of marijuana.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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Earlier, during the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, the call of the Committee was vacated when a quorum was constituted.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 149, providing for consideration of the bill, by a recorded vote of 269 ayes to 152 noes, Roll No. 130. Pursuant to the rule, an amendment striking an additional amount for the Federal Election Commission was considered as adopted. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 129.

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Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group:

The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Gilman, Vice Chairman, and Representatives Dreier, Barton of Texas, Campbell, Manzullo, Gejdenson, Lantos, Filner, Reyes, and Delegate Underwood to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group.

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Referrals: S. 670 to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2785–94.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2684.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2683–84, H2695–96, H2696, H2722, H2731–32, H2760–61, H2761–62, H2765–66, and H2774–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING DAIRY REFORMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the USDA's progress in implementing the dairy reforms in the Foreign Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT STUDY OF CASH SURPLUSES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury Study of Cash Surpluses at the San Antonio Branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Enforcement; Stanley Morris, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and Edward Federico, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, IRS; Jonathan Wiener, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Began markup of the Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution.

Will continue tomorrow.

REVIEW OF EPA'S OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER NAAQS REVISIONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued joint hearings on Review of EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Carol M. Browner, Administrator; Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation; and Jonathan Z. Cannon, General Counsel.

OVERSIGHT—JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Judicial Misconduct and Discipline. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr of Georgia, DeLay, Hostettler and Lowey; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a joint hearing on National Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from

the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology); and Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY REFORM ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 741, Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator Breaux; Representative Stearns; Robert Streecher, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Brent Manning, Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management Law Enforcement Authorities. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Baca, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND LITERACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1385, Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes, which shall be considered by division rather than by section and each division shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (appropriating on a legislative bill) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for the consideration of the amendment numbered 1 printed in the Congressional Record if offered by Representative McKeon or his designee, which is considered as read, not subject to amendment or to a division of the question, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and Representatives McKeon, Kildee and Clay.