

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 1660, was introduced. Page H2882

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on May 18, H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 105-100);

H.R. 911, to encourage the States to enact legislation to grant immunity from personal civil liability, under certain circumstances, to volunteers working on behalf of nonprofit organizations and governmental entities, amended (H. Rept. 105-101 Part I); and

H. Res. 152, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 105-102). Page H2882

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2877

Recess: The House recessed at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m. Page H2881

Amendments: Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2883-H2925.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NASA'S MISSION AND AMERICA'S VISION—FUTURE OF SPACE EXPLORATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice continued hearings on Defining NASA's Mission and America's Vision for the Future of Space Exploration, Part II. Testimony was heard from the following Astronauts: Buzz Aldrin; Scott Carpenter and Gene Cernan; and public witnesses.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FY 1998

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. The rule waives all points of order against the resolution and against its consideration. The rule provides for five hours of general debate (including one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies) equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and 20 minutes controlled by Representative Minge or his designee. The rule provides for the consideration of those 5 amendments in the nature of a substitute designated in section 2 of the resolution, if printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose, which may be offered only in the order designated, may be offered only by a Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes (except as specified in the rule) equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. All points of order are waived against the amendments designated in section 2. 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. The rule provides that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except amendments offered by the chairman of the Committee on the Budget to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule further provides that the concurrent resolution will not be subject to a demand for a division of the question of its adoption. Finally, the rule provides that rule XLIX (establishment of statutory limit on the public debt) shall not apply with respect to the adoption by the Congress of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich, Representatives Hobson, Smith of Michigan, Shuster, Doolittle, Sam Johnson of Texas, Doggett, Thompson, Minge, Brown of California, Oberstar, Peterson of Minnesota, DeFazio, Waters, Boyd, and Turner.