

ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Aging concluded hearings to examine challenges for treating Alzheimer's disease, focusing on biomedical research options, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Zaven S. Khachaturian, Potomac, Maryland, on behalf of the Alzheimers' Association Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute; Allen D. Roses, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina; Sam Sisodia, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; Stephen Gracon, Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Eric B. Larson, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle.

CHILD BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine the status of medical and scientific findings into prenatal and postnatal brain development and implications that federal policies have on childhood development, after receiving testimony from Harry Chugani, Children's Hospital of Michigan/Wayne State University, Detroit; Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland; Anthony DeCasper, University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Diane Fisher, Kensington, Maryland, on behalf of the Independent Women's Forum; Carlie Sorensen Dixon, Lawyers at Home and Mothers First, Arlington, Virginia; and Edward Zigler, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action**Bills Introduced:**

30 public bills, H.R. 1795-1824; 1 private bill, H.R. 1825; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 92-94, were introduced. **Pages H3566-68**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 162, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 (H. Rept. 105-120); and

H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (H. Rept. 105-121).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3479**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Steve Kummernuss of Doylestown, Ohio. **Page H3479**

Foreign Relations Authorization Act: The House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

The House completed all debate and began consideration of amendments on Wednesday, June 4.

Pages H3481-99, H3516-19**Agreed To:**

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits population planning assistance to any foreign organization until the organization certifies that it will not perform abortions in any foreign country except where the life of the mother would be endangered or in cases of rape or incest and certifies that it will not engage in any activity to alter the laws or policies of any foreign country concerning the circumstances under which abortion is permitted, regulated, or prohibited; and prohibits any funds to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) unless the President certifies that UNFPA has terminated all activities in the People's Republic of China or during the 12 months preceding such certification there have been no coerced abortions associated with the family planning policies of the People's Republic of China (agreed to by recorded vote of 232 ayes to 189 noes Roll No. 168); and **Pages H3481-95, H3517-18**

The Brown of Florida amendment that expresses the sense of Congress relating to the rights of prisoners, timely legal procedures, and international standards of due process in the Andean countries of Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, and Venezuela;

Page H3497**Rejected:**

The Campbell amendment to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of population planning assistance for abortions in any

foreign country except where the life of the mother would be endangered or in cases of rape or incest; prohibit the use of funding to lobby for or against abortion; and prohibit any U.S. funding to the United Nations Population Fund to be used for a country program in the People's Republic of China and imposes a dollar-for-dollar reduction of U.S. contributions to the U.N. Population Fund for any amounts used on future programs in China (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 218 noes Roll No. 167);

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Vote Postponed:

The Nethercutt amendment that seeks to express the sense of Congress relating to the abduction and detention of Donald Hutchings of the State of Washington by Al-Faran, a militant organization that seeks to merge Kashmir with Pakistan was debated and a recorded vote was postponed.

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On Wednesday, June 5, the House agreed to H. Res. 159, the rule that provided for consideration of H.R. 1757.

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Order of Business—Foreign Relations Authorization Act: It was made in order that during further consideration of H.R. 1757, in the Committee of the Whole, that each further amendment and all amendments thereto, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, except for the following amendments: Amendments en bloc offered by the chairman of the Committee on International Relations pursuant to this unanimous consent agreement; Representative Kennedy of Rhode Island regarding Indonesia; Representative Miller of California regarding Cuba; Representative Schumer regarding Egypt; Representative Paxon or Engel regarding Palestinian land transactions; Representative Ney regarding Libya; Representative Sanford regarding authorization levels; Representative McKinney regarding arms transfer code of conduct; Representative Capps regarding Tibet; Representative Gilman regarding counternarcotics authorities; Representative Hamilton; and Representative Gilman. It shall be in order at any time for the Chairman of the Committee on International Relations or a designee, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member of that committee or a designee, to offer amendments en bloc. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this unanimous consent agreement shall be considered as read, 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 may amend portions of the bill previously read for amendment. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record

immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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Budget Resolution for FY 1998: By a yea-and-nay vote of 327 yeas to 97 nays, Roll No. 166, the House agreed to the conference report 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.

Pages H3501–16

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 160, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report on H. Con. Res. 84, by a yea-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 47 nays, Roll No. 165.

Pages H3499–H3500, H3501

Recess: The House recessed at 4:07 p.m. and reconvened at 5:14 p.m.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 169, the House agreed to the conference report on 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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Earlier, it was made in order that at any time today to consider a conference report to accompany H.R. 1469, that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived, and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency re Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Weapons: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to the threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons and of the means of delivering such weapons—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–94).

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Meeting Hour—Saturday, June 7: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, June 6, it adjourn to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7.

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Meeting Hour—Tuesday, June 10: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Saturday, June 7, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 11.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H3548.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3501, H3516, H3517, H3517-18, and H3544. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9.45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST HEALTH—SCIENTIFIC REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on Scientific Review of Forest Health. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, on the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission and on the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Weisberg, Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; Mary Lu Jordan, Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; and the following officials of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service: John Calhoun Wells, Director; C. Richard Barnes, Deputy Director, Field Operations; Wilma B. Liebman, Deputy Director, National Office Operations; and Fran Leonard, Director, Budget and Finance.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following budget reconciliation recommendations: Title III, Subtitle A—NRC User Fees; Title III, Subtitle—Lease of Excess Strategic Petroleum Reserve Capacity; and Title III, Subtitle C—Sale of DOE Assets.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection began markup of the following budget reconciliation recommendation: Title III, Subtitle D—Communications.

Will continue June 10.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on proposed Vocational Education legisla-

tion. Testimony was heard from Patricia McNeil, Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education; Robert Bartman, Commissioner of Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning continued hearings on H.R. 6, Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Fattah; and public witnesses.

HEALTH INFORMATION—AIR INFORMATION PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 52, to establish a code of fair information practices for health information, to amend section 552a of title 5, United States Code. Testimony was heard from Representatives Condit, Green and Stearns; and public witnesses.

BLOOD SAFETY—FDA REGULATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on FDA Regulation of Blood Safety: Notification, Recall, and Enforcement Practices. Testimony was heard from Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Thomas D. Roslewicz, Deputy Inspector General, Audit Services, Office of Inspector General; Michael Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner, Jay S. Epstein, M.D., Director, Office of Blood Research and Review and Ronald G. Chesemore, Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs, all with the FDA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Postal Service approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 1254, amended, to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at Bennett and Kansas Avenue in Springfield, Missouri, as the "John N. Griesemer Post Office Building"; and Budget Reconciliation recommendations relating to the U.S. Postal Service.

The Subcommittee also approved for full Committee action Budget Reconciliation recommendations.