

York, to be Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

### GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on S. 314, to require the Federal Government to procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, after receiving testimony from Senator Thomas; Representative Duncan; John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Capt. Burton Streicher, CEC, USN, Director, Navy Outsourcing Support Office; Charles S. Davis III, Chamberlain, Davis, Rutan & Valk, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, former Associate Administrator for Operations, General Services Administration; Samuel D. Klienman, Center for Naval Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; and John N. Sturdivant, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

### HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to examine the scope of human rights violations in China and the United States response to these abuses, including proposed changes in U.S. immigration law and related provisions of S. 810, proposed China Sanctions and Human Rights Advancement Act, after receiving testimony from James R. Lilley, University of Maryland, College Park; and Wu Xuecan, China Strategic Institute, T. Kumar, Amnesty International USA, and Kim R. Holmes, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

### FDA REFORM

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported, S. 830, to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and to authorize funds for prescription drug user fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 1950–1958; 1 private bill, H.R. 1959; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 100 and H. Res. 168, were introduced.

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

H.R. 1316, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits, amended (H. Rept. 105–134);

H.R. 1775, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, amended (H. Rept. 105–135 Part I);

H.R. 858, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated lands within Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests in the State of California to demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library Group and to amend current land and resource management plans for these national forests to consider the incorporation of these resource

management activities, amended (H. Rept. 105–136 Part I); and

H. Res. 169, providing for consideration of H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–137).

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**Journal Vote:** By a recorded vote of 355 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 209, agreed to the speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, June 18.

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**National Sea Grant College Authorization:** By a yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 208, the House passed H.R. 437, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, made in order by the rule, as amended.

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Agreed to:

The Farr amendment that authorizes the Sea Grant International Program through FY 2000;

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The Tauzin amendment that provides up to \$3 million in competitive grants for university research

on oyster diseases and oyster-related human health risks; and

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The Traficant amendment that requires the compliance with the Buy American Act; expresses the sense of Congress that entities receiving assistance should purchase only American-made equipment and products; and requires that in providing this assistance the Secretary of Commerce shall provide each recipient a notice describing compliance with sections 2 through 4 of the Buy American Act.

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A point of order was sustained against the Shadegg amendment that sought to include a section entitled the Government Shutdown Prevention Act that provides a continuation of spending through the end of the fiscal year in the absence of regular appropriations.

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Agreed to H. Res. 164, the rule that provided for consideration of H.R. 437, by a voice vote.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:43 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 19.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3888–89 and H3889. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:47 a.m. on Thursday, June 19.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing on public and private partnership efforts in agricultural research. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Robert E. Armstrong, Acting Executive Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation; Bob Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; and Peter Johnson, Director, National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research; and public witnesses.

### BUDGET ALLOCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Approved a Section 602(b) budget allocation report for fiscal year 1998.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee ac-

tion the Military Construction appropriation for fiscal year 1998.

### FINANCIAL MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Continued markup of Financial Modernization legislation.

Will continue tomorrow.

### TRANSPORTATION-RELATED AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Reauthorization of Transportation-Related Air Quality Improvement Programs. Testimony was heard from David M. Gardiner, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning and Evaluation, EPA; Kevin Heanue, Director, Office of Environment and Planning, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1818, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1997.

The Committee also began markup of H. Res. 139, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Education, States, and local education agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms.

### COMMITTEE RULES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Amended Committee rules regarding deposition authority.

### OVERSIGHT—ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Oversight of Electronic Funds Transfer. Testimony was heard from Jerry Hawke, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; Marty Wagner, Associate Administrator, GSA; Mark D. Catlett, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### AFRICA'S EMERGING CAPITAL MARKETS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Africa's Emerging Capital Markets. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### U.S.-VIETNAM RELATIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the U.S.-Vietnam Relations. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey