

Committee of the Whole on June 23 by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 230).

Pages H4382-83

Agreed to H. Res. 169, as amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on June 19.

Pages H3934-45

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and the table of contents and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill, H.R. 1119, and to make the following corrections: On page 492, line 19, of the printed bill, strike "2,000,000" and insert "2,000 millions" and in the section added by the amendment designated as amendment #25 in part 2 of House report 105-137, strike "63695N" and insert "63795N". Page H4384

Suspension—Cost of Government Day: By a yeand-nay vote of 386 yeas to 20 nays with 13 voting "present", Roll No. 237, the House voted to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 102, expressing the sense of the Congress that the cost of government spending and regulatory programs should be reduced so that American families will be able to keep more of what they earn. The concurrent resolution was debated on June 23. Pages H4384-85

Balanced Budget Act: By a recorded vote of 270 ayes to 162 noes Roll No. 241, the House passed H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

Pages H4416-H4606

By a yeand-nay vote of 207 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 240, rejected a Brown of Ohio motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that establishes the Child Health Insurance Initiative Act of 1997.

Pages H4593-H4601, H4602-05

Sustained a point of order against a Brown of Ohio motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that establishes the Child Health Insurance Initiative Act of 1997 and the Balanced Budget Assurance Act of 1997.

Pages H4601-02

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in the June 24 Congressional Record and numbered 1 was considered as adopted. The amendment consisted of changes from reconciliation legislation reported to the Committee on the Budget.

Pages H4416-H4554

By a yeand-nay vote of 228 yeas to 200 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 239, the House agreed to H. Res. 174, the rule providing for consid-

eration of both H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act and H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yeand-nay vote of 222 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 238.

Pages H4385-H4415

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4647.

Senate Messages: Messages received today from the Senate appear on page H4377.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeand-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4382-83, H4383-84, H4384-85, H4414-15, H4415, H4604-05, and H4605-06. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. AND ASIA—PROSPECTS OF LIVESTOCK, DAIRY, AND POULTRY TRADE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the current status and future prospects of livestock, dairy, and poultry trade between the United States and Asia. Testimony was heard from James V. Parker, Deputy Administrator, Commodity and Marketing Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies approved for full Committee action the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

EIZENSTAT REPORT—U.S. AND ALLIED EFFORTS TO RESTORE ASSETS LOOTED BY NAZIS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Eizenstat Report and related issues concerning U.S. and Allied efforts to restore gold and other assets looted by Nazis in World War II. Testimony was heard from Senator D'Amato; Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business, and Agriculture, Department of State; Neil Levin, Chairman, Commission on the Recovery of Holocaust Victims' Assets, State of New York; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 629, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act; H.R. 1276, amended, Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1997; and H.R. 2018, amended, to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan of Amherst, New York.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended the following measures: H.R. 1853, Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act Amendments of 1997 Act, and 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.

COUNTERDRUG TECHNOLOGY COORDINATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Effectiveness of Counterdrug Technology Coordination at the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Testimony was heard from Albert E. Brandenstein, Chief Scientist., Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Ray Mintz, Director, Applied Technology Division, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Lennard Wolfson, Director, Demand Reduction Systems, DOD Drug Enforcement Policy and Support, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; and David Cooper, Associate Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; U.S. POLICY TOWARD LEBANON

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The Committee also favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 88, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 16, 1997; H. Con. Res. 81, amended, calling for a United States initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the situation on Cyprus; H.R. 2035, amended, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries; H. Con. Res. 99, expressing concern over recent events in the Republic of Sierra Leone in the wake of the recent military coup d'état of that country's first democratically elected President; H. Res. 175, expressing concern over the outbreak of violence in the Republic of Congo and the resulting threat to scheduled elections and constitutional government in that country; and H. Con. Res. 105, expressing the sense of the Congress relating to the elections in Albania scheduled for June 29, 1997.

The Committee also held a hearing on United States Policy Toward Lebanon. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: David Welch, Acting Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs; and Kenneth McKune, Deputy Coordinator, Regional Policy Affairs; and public witnesses.

CENTRAL AMERICA—REVIEW ISSUES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 88, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 16, 1997.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing to review issues in Central America. Testimony was heard from John Hamilton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Central America and the Caribbean, Department of State; Mark Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

PROVIDE RIGHTS—VICTIM OF CRIMES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on proposals to provide rights to Victims of Crime, including the following measures: H.J. Res. 71, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims; and H.R.

1322, Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendment Implementation Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Pryce of Ohio; Janet Reno, The Attorney General; George Kazen, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas; William Terrell Hodges, Judge, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, both on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Joseph Weisberger, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, State of Rhode Island, on behalf of the Conference of Chief Justices; and public witnesses.

BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action as amended H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997.

CITIZENSHIP REFORM ACT; VOTER ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 7, Citizenship Reform Act of 1997; and H.R. 1428, Voter Eligibility Verification Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bilbray and Horn; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Dawn Johnson, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel; and David Ogden, Associate Deputy Attorney General; Sandy Crank, Associate Commissioner, Policy and Planning, SSA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: S.J. Res. 29, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to design and construct a permanent addition to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C.; H.R. 765, Shackleford Banks Wild Horses Protection Act; H.R. 822, amended, to facilitate a land exchange involving private land within the exterior boundaries of Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, Wa.; H.R. 901, amended, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act; H.R. 951, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale, Colorado; H.R. 960, amended, to validate certain conveyances in the city of Tulare, Tulare County, California; H.R. 1127, amended, National Monument Fairness Act of 1997; H.R. 1198, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon; and H.R. 1658, amended, Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act Amendments of 1997.

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION—INDEPENDENCE DAY DISTRICT WORK PERIOD

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period. The rule waives all points of order against the consideration of the resolution.

MEDIUM-SIZED COMMUNITIES—AIR SERVICE PROBLEMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on market-based solutions to air service problems for medium-sized communities. Testimony was heard from Representatives Quinn, LaFalce and Slaughter; Patrick V. Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee met and approved Representative Bill Thomas as Chair and Senator Stevens as Vice Chair.

Also, committee adopted their rules of procedure for the 105th Congress.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to resume oversight hearings to examine Social Security investment in the securities markets, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 783, to increase the accessibility of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 308, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, and S. 360, to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use