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APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

CONGO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs held hearings to examine United States policy and the prospects for a stable democracy with regard to recent developments within the Democratic Republic of the Congo, receiving testimony from William H. Twaddell, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Richard McCall, Chief of Staff, United States Agency for International Development; Peter Rosenblum, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Chester Crocker, Georgetown University, former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, and Kirpatrick J. Day, Refugees International, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings on the future stability of North Korea, after receiving testimony from Charles Kartman, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Kurt M. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Charles K. Armstrong, Columbia University, New York, New York; and Andrew S. Natsios, World Vision, and Marcus Noland, Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, D.C.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee began hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILITARY SURPLUS DISPOSAL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded oversight hearings of the Federal Government's administrative process for disposing of surplus military parts and equipment, after receiving testimony from Bonni Tischler, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, Lee Dolan, Senior Special Agent, and John Hensley, Special Agent in Charge, all of the United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Capt. Randle D. Bales, USN, Associate Executive Director for Materiel Management, and Jack W. Blackway, DOD Demilitarization Program Manager, both of the Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense; and David B. Barrington, Memphis, Tennessee, former Criminal Investigator, Trade Security Control Branch, Criminal Investigations Activity, Defense Logistics Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2108–2118, and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 109–110, were introduced. Pages H4912–13

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on July 1: H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related

agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–163);

Filed on July 3: H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, amended (H. Rept. 105–164 Part I);

H.R. 2018, to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan

of Amherst, New York, amended (H. Rept. 105-165);

H.R. 1198, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon, amended (H. Rept. 105-166);

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. Rept. 105-167);

H.R. 822, to facilitate a land exchange involving private land within the exterior boundaries of Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, Washington to Facilitate a Land Exchange Within the Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, Washington, amended (H. Rept. 105-168);

H.R. 1658, to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws, amended (H. Rept. 105-169);

H.R. 951, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale, Colorado (H. Rept. 105-170);

H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, amended (H. Rept. 105-171);

H. Res. 179, providing for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 105-172); and

H. Res. 180, providing for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 105-173).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4839

Recess: The House recessed at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H4843

Corrections Calendar—Prohibiting Illegal Aliens from Receiving Relocation Allowance: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 849, to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, by

a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 246. Earlier, agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages H4846-51, H4876-77

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial: 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. (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 363 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 247);

Pages H4851-53, H4877

Wenatchee National Forest, Washington: H.R. 822, amended, to facilitate a land exchange involving private land within the exterior boundaries of Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, Washington to Facilitate a Land Exchange Within the Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, Washington;

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Land Exchange in Hinsdale, Colorado: H.R. 951, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale, Colorado;

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Land Conveyances in Tulare, California: H.R. 960, amended, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California;

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Land Conveyance to Grants Pass, Oregon: H.R. 1198, amended to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon;

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Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act: H.R. 1658, amended, to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 248);

Pages H4858-60, H4877-78

Codify Laws Related to Transportation: H.R. 1086, amended, to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code;

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Prohibition on Financial Transactions with Countries Supporting Terrorism: H.R. 748, amended, to amend the prohibition of title 18, United States Code, against financial transactions with terrorists (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 33 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 249);

Pages H4864-68, H4878-79

Law Enforcement Technology Advertisement Clarification: H.R. 1840, to provide a law enforcement exception to the prohibition on the advertising of certain electronic devices;

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Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act: H.R. 1847, amended, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers; **Pages H4868–72**

Protection of Children from Abduction and Exploitation: H. Res. 154, expressing the sense of the House that the Nation's children are its most valuable assets and that their protection should be the Nation's highest priority; and **Pages H4872–73**

Better Health Plan of Amherst, New York: H.R. 2018, amended, to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan of Amherst, New York. **Pages H4873–74**

Military Construction Appropriations: By a yeand-nay vote of 395 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 250, the House passed H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, **Pages H4879–91**

A point of order was sustained against the McColum amendment that sought to prohibit any military construction funding for the Naval Nuclear Power Propulsion Training Center in Charleston, South Carolina. **Pages H4888–90**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 178, the rule that provided for consideration of H.R. 2016 by voice vote. **Pages H4874–76**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:48 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m. **Page H4876**

Commission to Assess Efforts to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Mr. Tony Beilenson of Maryland to the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction. **Page H4891**

Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Mr. Gilbert Gallegos of New Mexico to the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement. **Page H4891**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4914–18.

Senate Messages: Messages received by the Clerk on June 30 and messages received today from the Senate appear on pages H4839 and H4843.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4876–77, H4877, H4878, H4878–79, and H4890–91. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to begin markup of the Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

Will continue tomorrow.

EDUCATION—PROGRESS OF TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on “Education at a Crossroads, What Works, What’s Wasted” in Teacher Training Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Robert Seabrooks, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and Daniel Kasprzyk, Program Director, School and Staffing Survey, National Center for Education Statistics; and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on “Performance Based Organizations”. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; J. Christopher, Mihm, Acting Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; Maj. Gen. Richard E. Beale, Jr., USA (Ret.), Director, Defense Commissary Agency, Department of Defense; Edward Kazenske, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Patents, Patent and Trademark, Department of Commerce; David Sanders, Deputy Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Met and considered pending committee business.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1775, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998. The rule makes in order the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of