

Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—174)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday,

July 15, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7428.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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Chamber Action

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–176);

H.R. 1853, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, amended (H. Rept. 105–177);

H.R. 2160, making appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–178);

H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore (H. Rept. 105–179); and

H. Res. 184, providing for consideration of H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–180).

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5183.

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

Adjournment: Met at 3:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings**PROTECTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AFTER BOERNE v. FLORES**

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Protecting Religious Freedom after *Boerne v. Flores*. Testi-

mony was heard from Jeff Sutton, Solicitor, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule, by voice vote, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (relating to the three day availability of the report); clause 7 of rule XXI (relating to the three day availability of printed hearings on appropriations bills); or Section 306 of the Budget Act (relating to the prohibition on including matters within the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee in a measure not reported by it).

The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriation bill) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule.

The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules which may only be offered by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to further amendment or a demand for a division of the question. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration. The rule allows the Chairman to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides