

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2180–2202, and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 117, and H. Res. 188 and 190, were introduced. **Pages H5485–87**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 189, providing for consideration of H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–189); and

Supplemental Report on the Revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1998 (H. Rept. 105–185 Part II). **Page H5485**

Intelligence Authorization Act: The House passed S. 858, 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, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 1775, a similar House-passed measure. Subsequently, H.R. 1775 was then laid on the table. **Pages H5410–13**

The House then insisted on its amendment to S. 858 and requested a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goss, Young of Florida, Lewis of California, Shuster, McCollum, Castle, Boehlert, Bass, Gibbons, Dicks, Dixon, Skaggs, Pelosi, Harman, Skelton, and Bishop. And, as conferees from the Committee on National Security, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Representatives Spence, Stump, and Dellums. **Page H5413**

Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act: The House completed debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 1853, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act. Further consideration of the bill will continue at a later date. **Pages H5413–40**

Agreed To:

The Goodling amendment that changes the within state funding formula to distribute funds to school districts; raises the minimum grant amount for various programs; and makes other changes relating to rural area reserves, allotment for urban areas, parental involvement, vocation education performance standards, and assessments to include vocational proficiencies. **Pages H5428–32**

Amendment Pending:

The Mink amendment was offered that seeks to require states that fund programs for homemakers, single parents, and pregnant women and programs that promote gender equity to be funded at the same level as in fiscal year 1997. **Pages H5432–40**

H. Res. 187, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H5413–14**

Agriculture Appropriations: The House continued consideration of H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed general debate on Wednesday, July 16. Further consideration of the bill will continue at a later date. **Pages H5441–48**

Agreed by a ye and nay vote of 259 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 281, to resolve into the Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of H.R. 2160. Subsequently, agreed to table the motion to reconsider by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 282. **Pages H5441–42**

Agreed To:

The Stenholm amendment that strikes language relating to conveyance of the Pecan Genetics and Improvement Research Laboratory; and

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The Callahan amendment that increases Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Research and Education Activities funding by \$500,000 for a agricultural research project dealing with forestry and water quality at Auburn University. **Page H5447**

Rejected the motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 283. **Pages H5443–44**

Rejected the motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 189 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 284. **Page H5446**

Agreed to the motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 344 yeas to 73 noes, Roll No. 285. **Page H5448**

Meeting Hour—Monday, July 21: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, July 21. **Page H5448**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, July 22: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, July 22, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H5448**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 23. Page H5448

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5488.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5441, H5441–42, H5443–44, H5446, and H5448. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION TEAM REPORT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the USDA's Civil Rights Action Team Report. Testimony was heard from Representatives Waters and Conyers; and Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Energy and Water Development; and Legislative Branch.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller and Nicolas Retsinas, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; William J. Baer, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; Andrew C. Hove, Jr., Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 25th.

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning continued hearings on H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1997, with emphasis

on Campus Crime and Regulatory Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 22.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice continued hearings on National Drug Control Policy: Drug Interdiction Efforts in Florida and the Caribbean. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; the following officials of the U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury: Samuel Banks, Deputy Commissioner; Peter Girard, Group Supervisor for Cargo Theft Miami Seaport, Office of Investigations; and Mike Sinclair, Chief of Miami Seaport Cargo, Inspection Team; James Milford, Deputy Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Rear Adm. Norman Saunders, USCG, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; James H. Wallwork, Commissioner, Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor; and public witnesses.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OVERSIGHT—STATE DEPARTMENT AND AID

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Inspector General's Oversight of the Department of State and Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, Department of State; Jeffrey Rush, Inspector General, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and a public witness.

INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Wyden; Representative Cox of California; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from Cornelia Blanchette, Associate Director, Employment and Education Issues, GAO; the following officials of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: Mary Frances Berry, Chairperson; and Carl Anderson, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FAIRNESS IN MUSIC LICENSING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing