

Robert Charles Chambers, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, Janet C. Hall, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Christina A. Snyder, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Hull was introduced by Senators Coverdell and Cleland; Mr. Bataillon was introduced by Senators Hagel and Kerrey, Mr. Chambers was introduced by Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, Ms. Hall was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and Ms. Snyder was introduced by Senator Feinstein.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine how information re-

lating to women's health care is communicated to women and their providers, and on proposed legislation to provide comprehensive patient protections through improved access to quality health plans and continued research in women's health issues, after receiving testimony from Vermont State Senator Barbara W. Snelling, Shelburne; Phyllis Greenberger, Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research, and Judith L. Lichtman, Women's Legal Defense Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Judith H. LaRosa, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the American Heart Association; Bradley A. Arrick, Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire; Gloria Feldt, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Phoenix, Arizona; and Mary J. O'Sullivan, University of Miami, Miami, Florida.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 2205–2221; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 118, were introduced. Page H5569

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 192, providing for consideration of H.R. 2003, to reform the budget process and enforce the bipartisan balanced budget agreement of 1997 (H. Rept. 105–195); and

H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–196); and

H. Res. 193, providing for 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 (H. Rept. 105–197). Pages H5568–69

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5493

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H5499

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

**Shackleford Banks, North Carolina Wild Horses Protection Act:** H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Sea-

shore (passed by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 290); Pages H5501–03, H5544–45

**Warner Canyon, Oregon Ski Hill Land Exchange Act of 1997:** H.R. 1944, to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon (passed by a recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 291); Pages H5503–04, H5545

**Maintenance of Dams and Weirs in the Emigrant Wilderness:** H.R. 1663, amended, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93–632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law (passed by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 292); Pages H5504–05, H5545–46

**Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Act:** H.R. 1661, amended, to implement the provisions of the Trademark Law Treaty (passed by a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 293); Pages H5505–07, H5546–47

**Lasting Peace and Stability on Cyprus:** H. Con. Res. 81, amended, calling for a United States initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the situation on Cyprus (agreed to by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 294); Pages H5507–11, H5547

**Democratic Elections In El Salvador:** 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 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 295); **Pages H5511-13, H5547-48**

**Coup d'Etat In Sierra Leone:** H. Con. Res. 99, expressing concern over recent events in the Republic of Sierra Leone in the wake of the recent military coup d'etat of that country's first democratically elected president (agreed to by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 1 no, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 297); **Pages H5513-15, H5549-50**

**European Commission Re Merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas:** H. Res. 191, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the interference of the European Commission in the merger of the Boeing Company and McDonnell Douglas (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 298); and

**Pages H5517-21, H5550**

**Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act:** H.R. 1585, amended, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps (passed by a recorded vote of 422 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 299. Agreed to amend the title). **Pages H5521-26, H5550-51**

**Suspension Failed—Republic of Congo:** H. Res. 175, amended, 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 (with two-thirds required for passage, failed to agree by a recorded vote of 279 ayes to 147 noes, Roll No. 296).

**Pages H5515-17, H5548-49**

**Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act:** By a yea and nay vote of 414 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 289, the House passed H.R. 1853, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act. The House completed debate and began considering amendments on July 17. **Pages H5526-44**

By a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 289, rejected the Mink of Hawaii motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that 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 H5541-43**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended. **Page H5541**

Agreed To:

The Klink amendment that requires States to make available to the general public its report submitted to the Secretary of Education concerning its performance on vocational-technical education benchmarks. **Pages H5533-34**

Rejected:

The Mink amendment that sought 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 (rejected by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 286); and

**Pages H5526-33, H5538-39**

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that sought to establish an on-site workforce development coordinator (rejected by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 287). **Pages H5534-37, H5539-40**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5544**

H. Res. 187, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 17.

**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 debate and considered amendments on July 16 and July 17. **Pages H5551-62**

Amendment Pending:

The Obey amendment was offered that seeks to reduce crop insurance program funding by \$36 million and increase Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) funding by \$23.7 million. **Pages H5553-62**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23 and reconvened at 12:21 a.m.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5493.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5570-78.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5539, H5539-40, H5542-43, H5543-44, H5544-45, H5545, H5546, H5546-47, H5547, H5548, H5548-49, H5549-50, H5550, and H5550-51. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12:22 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH— REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSALS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing on reauthorization proposals in agricultural research. Testimony was heard from Bob Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### **DEFENSE; LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION; AND COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Defense; Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary.

### **TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government began markup of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

### **CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### **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 1998. Testimony was heard from David Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

### **SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

The Committee also approved a motion to authorize the Chairman to make motions on the House Floor under Rule XX, relative to H.R. 1757, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, and European Security Act of 1997.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— RESTORING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 78, proposing

an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom. Testimony was heard from Representatives Istook, Edwards, Campbell, Capps and Bishop; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following: H.R. 218, Community Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 339, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry certain concealed firearms in the State, and to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns; and the Law Enforcement and Community Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the operation and maintenance financial management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Jack L. Brock, Director, Defense Information and Financial Management Systems; and Sharon Cekala, Associate Director, Military Operations and Capabilities; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Alice C. Maroni, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Comptroller); Helen T. McCoy, Assistant Secretary, Army (Financial Management and Comptroller); D. P. Christie, Assistant Secretary, Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller); and Robert F. Hale, Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller).

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1309, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, CO, and the Water Supply and Storage Co. to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas; and H.R. 1843, Local Free Access Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Allard; Robert C. Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Douglass P. Teschner, member, House of Representatives, State of New Hampshire; LaVere Nelson, Mayor, Greeley, Colorado; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1635, to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program; H.R. 755, to amend the Internal Revenue