

See, R. Nicholas Burns, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas M. Foglietta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Italy, and Mark Robert Parris, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Boggs was introduced by Senators Breaux and Landrieu and Representatives Livingston and McCrery, Mr. Burns was introduced by Senator Kennedy, and Mr. Foglietta was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Thomas E. Mann, Brookings Institution, and Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HEALTH CARE MARKET ANTITRUST POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine competitive trends in the health

care marketplace to assess the currency and effectiveness of antitrust law enforcement, after receiving testimony from James R. Nathan, Legacy Alliance, Fort Myers, Florida; William Kopit, Epstein Becker & Green, and Joe Sims, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, both of Washington, D.C.; William J. Lynk, Lexecon Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and John C. McMeekin, Crozer-Keystone Health System, Media, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Hospital Association.

PROSTATE CANCER

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine detection and treatment options for prostate cancer, after receiving testimony from former Senator Dole; Nevada Governor Bob Miller, Carson City; David G. McLeod, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; E. David Crawford, University of Colorado Cancer Center, Denver, on behalf of the National Prostate Cancer Education Council; Richard J. Babaian, University of Texas Cancer Center, Houston; Len Dawson, Northbrook, Illinois, on behalf of the American Foundation for Urologic Disease; and Bob and Carol Watson, Bronx, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 2513–2532; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 155–156 and H. Res. 238–241, were introduced. **Pages H7728–29**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2429, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program through fiscal year 2000, amended (H. Rept. 105–259 Part I);

Report on the Revised Subdivision Totals for Fiscal Year 1998 (H. Rept. 105–260);

H.R. 1948, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, amended (H. Rept. 105–261);

H. Con. Res. 131, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the ocean, amended (H. Rept. 105–262);

H. Res. 238, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–263);

H. Res. 239, providing for consideration of H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of

Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–264);

Conference report on H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–265); and

H.R. 1787, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants (H. Rept. 105–266 Part 1).

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H7611**

Corrections Calendar: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 2343, to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board by a yea and nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 416. **Pages H7614–17, H7654**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages H7615–17**

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

Commemorative Coin Program Act: H.R. 2414, amended, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States (passed by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 417). Pages H7617–22, H7654–55

Arbitration in United States District Courts: S. 996, amended, to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts (passed by a recorded vote of 421 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 418). Agreed to amend the title.

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Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit: H.R. 2027, to provide for the revision of the requirements for a Canadian border boat landing permit pursuant to section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to require the Attorney General to report to the Congress on the impact of such revision (passed by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 419). Pages H7623–26, H7710–11

Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offenders Registration: H.R. 1683, amended, to clarify the standards for State sex offender registration programs under the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (agreed to by a recorded vote of 415 ayes to 2 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 420). Pages H7626–32, H7711

Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse: H.R. 643, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse” (passed by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 421). Pages H7632–35, H7711–12

Howard T. Markey National Courts Building: H.R. 824, to redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the “Howard T. Markey National Courts Building” (passed by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 422). Pages H7635–36, H7712–13

Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse: S. 1000, to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the “Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse”—clearing the measure for the President. Pages H7636–39, H7713

Kika de la Garza U.S. Border Station: H.R. 994, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the “Kika de la Garza United States Border Station.” Pages H7639–40

Ronald H. Brown Federal Building: H.R. 29, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown Federal Building.” Pages H7640–42, H7713

Oklahoma City National Memorial: S. 871, amended, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust (passed by a recorded vote of 414 ayes to 7 noes, Roll No. 423). Pages H7642–46, H7713–14

National Wildlife Refuge Improvement: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1420, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System (agreed to by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 424)—clearing the measure for the President. Pages H7646–48, H7714

Hood Bay Land Exchange: H.R. 1948, amended, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument (passed by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 425). Pages H7648–49, H7714–15

Election of Guam Delegate: H.R. 1460, amended, to allow for election of the Delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot. Pages H7649–51

Interior Appropriations Act for FY 1998: The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees Representatives Regula, McDade, Kolbe, Skeen, Taylor of North Carolina, Nethercutt, Miller of Florida, Wamp, Livingston, Yates, Murtha, Dicks, Skaggs, Moran of Virginia, and Obey. Pages H7651–53

Agreed to the Yates motion to instruct conferees to agree to the amendments of the Senate numbered 120, 121, 122. Pages H7651–53

Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Porter, Young of Florida, Bonilla, Istook, Miller of Florida, Dickey, Wicker, Northup, Livingston, Obey, Stokes, Hoyer, Pelosi, Lowey, and DeLauro. Pages H7653–54

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on the Senate position to provide \$368,716,000 for congregate meals for the elderly. Pages H7653–54

Recess: The House recessed at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

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Amendments: Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7730–31.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7654, H7655, H7655–56, H7710–11, H7711, H7711–12, H7712–13, H7713, H7714, and H7714–15. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FAST TRACK AUTHORITY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing to review fast track authority. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Approved revised Section 302(b) budget allocations for fiscal year 1998.

INVESTIGATIVE DRUGS—SERIOUSLY ILL PATIENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Adequacy of Access to Investigative Drugs for Seriously Ill Patients. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NLRB REVIEW

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Review of the National Labor Relations Board. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS—STATE APPROACHES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on State Approaches to Protecting Private Property Rights. Testimony was heard from Richard Russman, Senator, State of New Hampshire; Chip Campsen, Representative, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 2458, Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Robert

Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DRAIN LAKE POWELL

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a joint oversight hearing on the proposal to drain Lake Powell or reduce its water storage capability. Testimony was heard from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Michael S. Hacskeylo, Acting Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy; Ted Stewart, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah; Rita P. Pearson, Director, Department of Water Resources, State of Arizona; Jim Lochhead, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides for the adoption of the amendment printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI. The rule provides for, prior to the consideration of any other amendment, the consideration of the amendment numbered 1 in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report which may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment. The rule provides for consideration of the amendments printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, except for the amendment numbered 1, 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, shall be debatable for the time specified and shall not be subject to further amendment or to a demand for a division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment numbered 2 in part 2 of the Rules Committee report. The rule waives points of order against the amendments numbered 1 and 3 in part 2 of the Rules Committee report for failure to comply with clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill)