

S. 623, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with amendments;

S. 730, to make retroactive the entitlement of certain Medal of Honor recipients to the special pension provided for persons entered and recorded on the

Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor Roll, with amendments;

S. 801, to provide for improved and expedited procedures for resolving complaints of unlawful employment discrimination arising within the Department of Veterans Affairs, with amendments; and

S. 999, to specify the frequency of screening mammograms provided to women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 2621–2633; 1 private bill, H.R. 2634; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 168, were introduced. Pages H8632–33

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1411, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to facilitate the development and approval of new drugs and biological products (H. Rept. 105–310);

H. Res. 261, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (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. 105–311);

H. Res. 262, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions (H. Rept. 105–312); and

Conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (H. Rept. 105–313).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Jay Scribner of Branson, Missouri. Page H8449

Recess: The House recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H8449

Private Calendar: On the call of the private Calendar, the House passed the following bills: H.R. 1211, amended; H.R. 998; and H.R. 1313.

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Suspension—Drug and Biological Products Modernization Act: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1411, amended, to amend the

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to facilitate the development and approval of new drugs and biological products. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H8455–82

Subsequently, S. 830, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the text of H.R. 1411, as passed the House. Agreed to amend the title; and H.R. 1411 was laid on the table. Pages H8482–H8500

National Monument Fairness Act: By a yea and nay vote of 229 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 495, the House passed H.R. 1127, to amend the Antiquities Act to require an Act of Congress and the concurrence of the Governor and State legislature for the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H8500–02

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page H8502

Agreed To:

The Hansen amendment in the nature of a substitute that requires that a proclamation of the President resulting in excess of 50,000 acres in a single State may not be issued until 30 days after the President has solicited written comments from the State's Governor and such proclamation shall cease to be effective 2 years after issuance unless the Congress has approved it by joint resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 494). Pages H8501–02

Rejected:

The Vento amendment that sought to provide a one year delay from the time the President announces a designation under the Antiquities Act to when that designation would actually take effect (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 493). Pages H8500–01

The House agreed to H. Res. 256, as amended, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on October 1. Pages H8398–H8413

Foreign Operations Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees: By a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 194 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 496, agreed to the Largent motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, to insist upon the provisions contained in section 581 of the House bill (relating to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions). Pages H8502–12

Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact: By a yea and nay vote of 309 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 497, the House passed H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact. Pages H8516–37

Agreed To:

The Doggett amendment that grants consent to compact only for so long as no low-level radioactive waste is brought into Texas from any State other than Maine or Vermont. Pages H8528–32

Rejected:

The Kucinich amendment that sought to specify that no nuclear waste shall be transported through any incorporated area with a population in excess of 25,000 persons. Pages H8532–36

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 258, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pages H8512–16

Order of Business—Suspensions: Agreed that the Speaker be authorized to designate a time not later than October 31 for resumption of proceedings on the seven remaining motions to suspend the rules originally debated on September 29. Page H8538

Order of Business—American Land Sovereignty Protection Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order on Tuesday, October 7, or any day thereafter, for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of H.R. 901, and that consideration of the bill proceed according to the following order: (1) The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. (2) General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. (3) After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. (4) It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill. The committee

amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. (5) No amendment shall be in order except the amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2, 27, 5, and 51 pursuant to clause 6 of rule XXIII; one amendment by Representative Miller of California or his designee regarding striking Section 4(b); and one amendment by Representative Miller of California or his designee regarding specific Biosphere Reserves. (6) Each amendment may be offered only in the order specified in section (5) of this order and may be offered only by the Member who caused the amendments specified in section (5) to be printed in the Congressional Record, or their designees, or a Member otherwise designated in paragraph (5). (7) Each amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments specified in this order are waived. (8) The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (A) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (B) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. (9) At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (10) The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. (11) House Resolutions 243 and 257 are laid on the table. (12) The reading of the Miller of California amendments shall be dispensed with.

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American Land Sovereignty Protection Act: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 901, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands. Pages H8538–66

Rejected:

The Brown of California amendment that sought to specify conditions under which lands may be nominated for designation as a United States Biosphere Reserve under the Man and the Biosphere Program of the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

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The Vento amendment that sought to exempt sites nominated under the Convention on wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, popularly known as the Ramsar Convention, (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 498);

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Pending:

The Farr amendment was offered that sought to exempt the California Coastal Ranges Biosphere Reserve;

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The Vento amendment was offered that sought to expand the prohibition of lands to be designated to include commercial use under international agreements; and

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The Miller of California amendment was offered that sought to strike Section 403 (b) relating to lands designated as a Biosphere Reserve under the Man and the Biosphere Program of the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on or before the date of enactment.

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Late Report—Transportation Appropriations Conference Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8441.

Referrals: S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management, and S. 590, Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997, were referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8500–01, H8501–02, H8502, H8511–12, H8536–37, and H8555–56. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on the Review of the Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

SUBPOENAS—INVALIDATED TEAMSTER ELECTION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Approved a motion to authorize the issuance of subpoenas for testimony in hearings on the Invalidated 1996 Teamster Election.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 282, to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, NY, as the “Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building”; H.R. 681, to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, CA, as the “Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building”; H.R. 2013, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, RI, as the “David B. Champagne Post Office Building”; H.R. 2129, to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 150 North 3d Street in Steubenville, OH, as the “Douglas Applegate Post Office”; H.R. 2564, to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, PA, as the “Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility”; and H.R. 2610, amended, National Narcotics Leadership Act Amendments of 1997.

U.S.-CHINA NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Implementation of the U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation Agreement: Whose Interests Are Served? Testimony was heard from Ken Adelman, former Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1085, amended, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, “Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations”; H.R. 2578, to amend the Immigration and Nationality