

Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Green was introduced by Senators Mack, Graham, and Breaux.

#### NORTH KOREAN MISSILE PROLIFERATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine threats posed by North Korea's efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction and to export both ballistic missile systems and production technology, after receiving testimony from Col. Joo-Hwal Choi, formerly of the North Korea Ministry of the People's Army, and Young-Hwan Ko, formerly of the North Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs, both of the Research Institute for North Korean Affairs, Seoul.

#### BANKRUPTCY REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings to examine the recommendations of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission to reform the federal bankruptcy code, after receiving testimony from Brady C. Williamson, Madison, Wisconsin, M. Caldwell Butler, Woods Rogers and Hazelgrove, Roanoke, Virginia, Edith Hollan Jones, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Houston, Texas, Robert E. Ginsberg, Chicago, Illinois, Jay Alix, Jay Alix & Associates, Southfield, Michigan, James I. Shepard, Fresno, California, Babette A. Ceccotti, Cohen, Weiss & Simon, New York, New York, and John A. Gose, Preston Gates & Ellis, Se-

attle, Washington, all on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission.

#### WORKPLACE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1124, to revise certain provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to modify the definition of religion to include all aspects of religious observance, practice, and belief, after receiving testimony from Senator Kerry; Richard Foltin, American Jewish Committee, on behalf of the Coalition for Religious Freedom in the Workplace, and Lawrence Z. Lorber, Verner Liipfer Bernhard McPherson & Hand, both of Washington, D.C.; Roberto Corrada, University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado; Kathleen Pielech, East Tauton, Massachusetts; Patricia Reed, Berkely, Massachusetts; Aston A. Beadle, Columbia, Maryland; John Kalwitz, South Bend, Indiana; and Anjum Smith, Quinton, Virginia.

#### MISSISSIPPI SIOUX JUDGMENT FUND

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 976, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, after receiving testimony from Michael Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Andrew Grey, Sr., Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Agency Village, South Dakota; Michael Abourezk, Abourezk Law Firm, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Ambrose McBride, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Fort Thompson, South Dakota.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 2675–2689; 1 private bill, H.R. 2690; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 97, H. Con. Res. 171, and H. Res. 272–273, were introduced. Pages H8927–28

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on October 14, 1997, H.R. 2616, to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools, amended (H. Rept. 105–321);

H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, amended (H. Rept. 105–290 part 2);

H.R. 2535, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the consolidation of student loans

under the Federal Family Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program, amended (H. Rept. 105–322);

H.R. 1534, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution, amended (H. Rept. 105–323);

H.R. 764, to make technical corrections to title 11, United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 105-324);

H.R. 1967, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide that the distribution before January 1, 1978, of a phonorecord shall not for any purpose constitute a publication of the musical work embodied therein (H. Rept. 105-325);

H.R. 1085, 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," amended (H. Rept. 105-326);

H.R. 134, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain Water Storage Project, amended (H. Rept. 105-327);

H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center, amended (H. Rept. 105-328);

H.R. 1856, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a volunteer pilot project at one national wildlife refuge in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region, amended (H. Rept. 105-329);

H. Con. Res. 151, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its public domain National Forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in actively managing its public domain national forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere, amended (H. Rept. 105-330);

H.R. 1962, to provide for the appointment of a Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President, amended (H. Rept. 105-331);

H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, amended (H. Doc. 105-332);

H. Res. 269, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 97, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998 (H. Doc. 105-333);

H. Res. 270, providing for consideration of H.R. 2247, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to

authorize appropriations for Amtrak (H. Doc. 105-334); and

H. Res. 271, providing for consideration of H.R. 1534, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution (H. Rept. 105-335).

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

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Constantine Nicholas Dombalis of Richmond, Virginia.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon.

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**Presidential Messages—Line Item Veto:** Read the following messages from the President that were transmitted to the Clerk:

**Defense Appropriations Line Item Veto:** Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130), cancels the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority contained in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1998 (P.L. 105-56; H.R. 2266)—referred to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-155);

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**Treasury Line Item Veto:** Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130), cancels the dollar amount of discretionary budget authority contained in the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1998 (P.L. 105-61; H.R. 2378)—referred to the Committees on the Budget, Government Reform and Oversight, and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-156); and

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**Energy, Water Development Line Item Veto:** Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130), cancels the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority contained in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1998 (P.L. 105-62; H.R. 2203)—referred

to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-157).

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

**Student Loan Consolidation:** H.R. 2535, amended, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the consolidation of student loans under the Federal Family Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program;

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**Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building:** H.R. 681, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, California, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building;"

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**Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building:** H.R. 282, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, New York, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building;"

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**David B. Champagne Post Office Building:** H.R. 2013, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building;"

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**Douglas Applegate Post Office Building:** H.R. 2129, to designate the United States Post Office located at 150 North 3rd Street in Steubenville, Ohio, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office;"

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**Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility:** H.R. 2564, to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, as the "Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility;"

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**Reduction of Carbon Dioxide Re National Forest Management:** H. Con. Res. 151, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its public domain National Forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in actively managing its public domain national forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere. Agreed to amend the title;

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**Grand Teton Study Concerning Grazing Use:** H.R. 708, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton

National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges. Agreed to amend the title;

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**Conservation of Asian Elephants:** H.R. 1787, amended, 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;

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**Stability of Coral Reef Ecosystems:** Agreed to the Senate amendments to H. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems;

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**Mark Twain National Forest Missouri:** H.R. 1779, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements;

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**Dairy Indemnity Program:** H.R. 1789, to reauthorize the dairy indemnity program;

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**Census of Agriculture:** H.R. 2366, to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture;

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**Internationally Adopted Children Immunization Exemption:** H.R. 2464, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt internationally adopted children under age 10 from the immunization requirement (passed by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 516). Agreed to amend the title;

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**Executive Office of the President CFO:** H.R. 1962, to provide for the appointment of a Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President (passed by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 517). Agreed to amend the title; and

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**Office of National Drug Control Policy Authorization:** H.R. 2610, amended, to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to extend the authorization until September 30, 1999, to expand the responsibilities and powers of the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

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**Bill Re-Referred:** H.R. 1249, to redesignate the Federal building located at 107 Federal Building, in Terre Haute, Indiana, as the "John T. Myers Federal Building", which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, was re-referred to

the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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**Presidential Veto Message—Partial Birth Abortion Ban:** Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions. Agreed to refer the bill and the veto message to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-158).

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**Coast Guard Authorization:** The House passed H.R. 2204, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard.

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Agreed To:

The Gilchrist en bloc amendment that makes various technical and clarifying changes; establishes a Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee; clarifies the liability of persons engaging in oil spill prevention and response activities; conveys the Ocracoke Coast Guard Station to the State of North Carolina; and conveys Coast Guard property in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan to the American Legion in Sault Sainte Marie.

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The Upton amendment that requires the maintenance of foghorns at certain ports in Michigan and Indiana; and

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The Stupak amendment that conveys the Eagle Harbor Light Station to the Keweenaw County Historical Society.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 265, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 223 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 515.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H8835.

**Referrals:** S. 595, to designate the United States Post Office building located at Bennett Street and Kansas Expressway in Springfield, Missouri, as the "John Griesemer Post Office Building;" S. 916, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building;" and S. 985, to designate the Post Office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office" were referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8929-30.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8889-90,

H8890-91, and H8891. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DOLLAR COIN ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on H.R. 2637, United States \$1 Coin Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Davis of Virginia and Kolbe; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Phillip Diehl, Director, U.S. Mint; and Nancy Killefer, Assistant Secretary, Management/Chief Financial Officer; Theodore Allison, Assistant, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 655, Electric Consumers' Power to Choose Act of 1997, and also the following bills: H.R. 338, Ratepayer Protection Act; H.R. 1230, Consumers Electric Power Act of 1997; H.R. 1359, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a means to support programs for electric energy conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and universal and affordable service for electric consumers; and H.R. 1960, Electric Power Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Elizabeth Anne Moler, Deputy Secretary; and James J. Hoecker, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and a public witness.

Hearing continue tomorrow.

### OVERSIGHT—PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held an oversight hearing on Implementation of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PL-104-67). Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

### EEOC REVIEW

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing to review the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.