

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Bill Lann Lee, of California, to be Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators D'Amato, Akaka, Feinstein, and Boxer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Susan Au Allen, U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and Gerald A. Reynolds, Center for New Black Leadership, both of Washington, D.C.; Andrew C. Peterson, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, Los Angeles, California; and Barbara Towers, Hawthorne, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1294, 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1237, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Jeanette C. Takamura, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for

Aging, Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, Charles N. Jeffress, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Susan Robinson King, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Public Affairs, Patricia Watkins Lattimore, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Administration, Robert H. Beatty Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and Ela Yazzie King, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX POLICY

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine the impact of tax law reform on the small business community, receiving testimony from Jack Faris, National Federation of Independent Business, Karen Kerrigan, Small Business Survival Committee, Todd McCracken, National Small Business United, John S. Satagaj, Small Business Legislative Council, and Bennie L. Thayer, National Association for the Self-Employed, all of Washington, D.C.; Charles E. Kruse, Missouri Farm Bureau, Jefferson City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Terry Neese, Terry Neese Personnel Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Association of Women Business Owners.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2691–2704; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 172–174, and H. Res. 275, were introduced. Pages H9038–39

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 274, providing for consideration of 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, (H. Rept. 105–336).

Conference Report on H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 105–337). Pages H9004–34, H9038

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

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Continuing Appropriations Extension: The House passed H.J. Res. 97, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998. Pages H8937–38

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 269, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution by a voice vote. **Pages H8934–37**

Private Property Rights Implementation Act: By a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 519, the House passed 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. **Page H8940**

Rejected the Lofgren motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Pages H8963–64**

Agreed To:

The Traficant amendment that requires that whenever a Federal agency takes an agency action limiting the use of private property, the agency shall give notice to the owners explaining their rights. **Pages H8955–56**

Rejected:

The Boehlert amendment in the nature of a substitute that strikes Section 2, allowing property owners to appeal local land use decisions in Federal courts and establishes an expedited process for land use disputes with the Federal government (rejected by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 518). **Pages H8956–61**

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H8964**

The House agreed to H. Res. 271, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part 1 of H. Rept. 105–335, the report accompanying the rule was considered as adopted. **Pages H8938–40**

Subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to consider an amendment offered by Representative Traficant, as though printed in the report accompanying the rule. **Pages H8950–51**

Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act: The House completed general debate on H.R. 2247, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak. Consideration of amendments will begin on October 23. **Pages H8972–78**

The House agreed to H. Res. 270, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 520. **Pages H8964–72**

FDA Regulatory Modernization Act: The House insisted on its amendments to S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products and asked for a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, Barton of Texas, Greenwood, Burr, Whitefield, Dingell, Brown of Ohio, Waxman, and Klink. **Page H8978**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8961, H8963–64, and H8971–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACT REPORT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Government Performance Results Act Report. Testimony was heard from Richard J. Hillman, Acting Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

INTERNATIONAL MONEY LAUNDERING—BLACK-MARKET PESO BROKERING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review law enforcement efforts to combat international money laundering occurring through "black-market peso brokering". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Allen Doody, Assistant Director, Operations, U.S. Customs Service; Greg Passic, Senior Special Agent, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and Al James, Senior Special Agent, Criminal Investigation Division, IRS; and "Ms. Doe," former money launderer utilized by the Colombian drug cartels.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded hearings on H.R. 655, Electric Consumers' Power to Choose Act of 1997, and also