

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 2746–2756; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 98, H. Con. Res. 178–179, and H. Res. 282–285, were introduced.

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

H. Res. 139, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Education, States, and local education agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms, amended (H. Rept. 105–349);

Conference report on S. 858, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 105–350);

H.R. 948, to reaffirm and clarify the Federal relationship of the Burt Lake Band as a distinct federally recognized Indian Tribe (H. Rept. 105–351);

H.R. 1604, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18–E, 58, 364, and 18–R before the Indian Claims Commission, amended (H. Rept. 105–352);

H.R. 2402, to make technical and clarifying amendments to improve management of water-related facilities in the Western United States, amended (H. Rept. 105–353);

H. Res. 283, providing for consideration of H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (H. Rept. 105–354); and

H. Res. 284, providing for consideration of H.R. 2493, to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior can provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal lands (H. Rept. 105–355).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon.

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**Suspension—Treatment of Investment Managers under ERISA:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass S. 1227, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify treatment of investment managers under such title—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Suspensions—Pending:** The House completed debate on motions to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Dollars to Classrooms:** H. Res. 139, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Education, States, and local education agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms;

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**J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse:** H.R. 1484, amended, to redesignate the Dublin Federal Courthouse building located in Dublin, Georgia, as the J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse; and

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**David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse:** H.R. 1479, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Northeast First Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse.”

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Ensign motion to adjourn by a yeas and nays vote of 52 yeas to 359 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 532. Later, rejected the Ensign motion to adjourn by a voice vote.

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**DOD Authorization Conference Report:** By a yeas and nays vote of 286 yeas to 123 nays, Roll No. 534, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 278, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by a yeas and nays vote of 353 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 533.

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**Senate Messages:** Message transmitted to the Clerk on October 27 appears on page H9567.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9615–16.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9579, H9599–H9600, and H9609–10. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:12 p.m. in memory of the late Honorable Walter H. Capps of California.

## Committee Meetings

### PATIENT ACCESS TO RESPONSIBLE CARE ACT; HEALTH INSURANCE BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1415, Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997; and H.R. 820, Health Insurance Bill of Rights Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from John Eisenberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy Research, Department of Health and Human Services and public witnesses.

### IRS'S SUSPENSION—AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on IRS' Suspension of Its Affirmative Action Program. Testimony was heard from Charles D. Fowler, III, National Director, Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

### U.S. PERSONNEL OVERSEAS—SECURITY STATUS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Security Status of U.S. Personnel Overseas. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. James C. King, USA, Director, Intelligence, Joints Chiefs of Staff; H. Allen Holmes, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; Brig. Gen. James T. Conway, USMC, Deputy Director, Combating Terrorism, Joints Chiefs of Staff; and the following officials from the Department of State: J. Eric Boswell, Assistant Secretary, Diplomatic Security; Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General; and Mark Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO.

### U.S./CHINA RELATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on U.S./China Relations and Human Rights: Is Constructive Engagement Working? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AMENDMENT—RESTORING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action amended H.J. Res 78, proposing an amendment to the

Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forest and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1659, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act; H.R. 2416, to provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the United States Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property; and H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interest in the National grasslands in Billings County, ND, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interest to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection. Testimony was heard from Senator Dorgan; Representative Earl Pomeroy; the following officials of the Forest Service, USDA: Sandra Key, Associate Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation; and Paul Tittman, Chief Appraiser; Bob Anderson, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior and public witnesses.

### FORAGE IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote, a modified open rule on H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997, providing one hour of general debate with 30 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources and 30 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule limits the amendment process to three hours. The rule makes in order the Resources Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order, before the consideration of any other amendment, a manager's amendment offered by Representative Smith of Oregon or his designee, which is printed in the Rules Committee report, is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, is not subject to a demand for a division of the question, and if adopted will be considered as part of the base text. The rule provides priority recognition to members who pre-print their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule also allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of Oregon, Chenoweth, and Vento.