

of service as Representative of the United States on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Julia Taft, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. French was introduced by Senator Bumpers, and Ms. Rubin was introduced by Senator Dodd.

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT: INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held oversight hearings

to review activities of the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Inspector General, focusing on alleged contracting improprieties within the Office of Inspector General, receiving testimony from Robert P. Murphy, General Counsel, Donald J. Wheeler, Deputy Director, Office of Special Investigation, and Theodore C. Barreaux, Associate Director for Audit Oversight and Liaison, Accounting and Information Management Division, all of the General Accounting Office; and Valerie Lau, Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings will continue on Monday, November 3.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 2786–2792; 2 private bills, H.R. 2793–2794; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 183, and H. Res. 299–300, were introduced. Pages H9864–65

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

H.R. 2732, a private bill, for the relief of John Andre Chalot (H. Rept. 105–360);

H.R. 2731, a private bill, for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser (H. Rept. 105–361);

S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial (H. Rept. 105–362);

S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason (H. Rept. 105–363);

H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, amended (H. Rept. 105–364);

H.R. 2644, to provide to beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act benefits equivalent to those provided under the North American Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 105–365);

H.R. 2195, to provide for certain measures to increase monitoring of products of the People's Republic of China that are made with forced labor, amended (H. Rept. 105–366 Part 1);

H.R. 2622, to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws (H. Rept. 105–367);

H.R. 1753, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000, amended (H. Rept. 105–368);

H.J. Res. 91, granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact, amended (H. Rept. 105–369);

H.J. Res. 92, granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact, amended (H. Rept. 105–370);

H.R. 2476, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers, amended (H. Rept. 105–371); and

H.R. 2626, to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996, amended (H. Rept. 105–372). Page H9864

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9803

**HELP Scholarships and Charter Schools Amendments Acts:** By a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 567, the House agreed to H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2746, to amend title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to give parents with low-incomes the opportunity to choose the appropriate school for their children and H.R. 2616, to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools. Pursuant to Section 4, H.Res. 280, an unrelated resolution, was laid on the table. Pages H9814–32

Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 222 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 566. Pages H9831–32

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment:** The House passed H.R. 2367, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1997, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute; and agreed to amend the title.

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**Deny Veterans Benefits for Capital Offense Convictions:** The House passed S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses. Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute; and agreed to amend the title.

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of November 3.

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**Meeting Hour—November 4:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 on Tuesday, November 4.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agree to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of November 5.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9803.

**Referrals:** S. 1149, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for increased education funding and S. 1024, to make chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code permanent, were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9831–32 and H9832. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DRAFT REPORT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 2675, Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act.

The Committee also approved, as amended, a draft report entitled: "Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: VA, DOD Continue to Resist Strong Evidence Linking Toxic Causes to Chronic Health Effects".

### MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Management Practices in State and Local Government: Lessons for the Federal Government. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

*Committee on House Oversight:* Continued hearings on Campaign Finance Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman, Fowler, Dreier, Farr and Tierney.

Hearings continue November 6.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 22, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the discrimination by the German Government against members of minority religious groups, particularly the continued and increasing discrimination by the German Government against performers, entertainers, and other artists from the United States associated with Scientology; H. Con. Res. 152, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the multiparty peace talks regarding Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process; H. Res. 273, amended, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo; H. Res. 282, congratulating the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary; H. Con. Res. 172, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia; H. Res. 231, amended, urging the President to make clear to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the commitment of the American people in support of democracy and religious and economic freedom for the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and H. Con. Res. 156, amended, expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country.

The Committee also adopted a Committee resolution honoring the life and service of the late Representative Walter H. Capps of California.