

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Seth Waxman, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

IMMIGRATION BORDER IMPROVEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration held hearings to examine the effects of Section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act which requires the Immigration and Naturalization Service to develop an automated system for documenting the arrival and departure of every alien entering or leaving the United States, and S. 1360, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify and improve the requirements for the development of an automated entry-exit control system, and to enhance land border control and enforcement, receiving testimony from Senators Collins, D'Amato, Grams, Murray, and Dorgan; Representatives LaFalce and Quinn; Michael J. Hrinyak, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Inspections, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Eric Kunsman, Director, Office of Canadian Affairs, Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; Hallock Northcott, Travel Industry Association of America, and Gregori Lebedev, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations, Inc. and the Canadian Trucking Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.; Dan Stamper, Detroit International Bridge Company, Detroit, Michigan; William J. Stenger, Jay Peak Ski Resort, Jay, Vermont;

and Gerald Schwebel, Laredo, Texas, on behalf of the Border Trade Alliance and the Laredo Development Foundation.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to review the findings and recommendations of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection report, and to examine policy implications of new risks to the information-based national infrastructure, after receiving testimony from John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Robert T. Marsh, former Chairman, President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Youth Violence concluded hearings to examine the effectiveness of Federal crime prevention programs that serve at-risk and delinquent youth, after receiving testimony from Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Kent Markus, Counselor to the Attorney General for Youth Violence, Department of Justice; James Wootton, Safe Streets Coalition, Washington, D.C.; Lawrence W. Sherman, University of Maryland, College Park; and Paul F. Evans, Boston Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee met to consider pending administrative business.
Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2814, 2815, and 2817–2830; 2 private bills, H.R. 2816 and 2831; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 304 and 307–08, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2440, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code (H. Rept. 105–381);

H. Res. 301, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to repeal the exception to the re-

quirement that public committee proceedings be open to all media (H. Rept. 105–382);

H. Res. 305, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–383); and

H. Res. 306, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–384).

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

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Journal: By a ye and nay vote of 353 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 575, agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, November 4, 1997.

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Thirteenth Congressional District, New York: Read a message from the Clerk wherein she transmitted a letter from the Deputy Executive Director, State Board of Elections, State of New York, indicating that Vito Fossella was elected Representative in Congress for the Thirteenth Congressional District, State of New York. Subsequently, the House agreed by unanimous consent to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect Fossella.

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Member Sworn: Representative-elect Vito Fossella presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker.

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IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997: By a ye and nay vote of 426 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 577, the House passed H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service.

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending H.R. 2676.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 303, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in H. Rept. 105–380, accompanying the rule, were considered as adopted.

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Representative Capps of California Introduced Bill: Agreed that Representative Gilman be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 2009, to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24 month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), to provide Medicare coverage of drugs used for treatment of ALS, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase Federal funding for research on ALS, a bill originally introduced by the late Representative Capps of California.

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United States Policy Re China: By a ye and nay vote of 237 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 578, the House agreed to H. Res. 302, the rule providing for consideration of nine measures, H. Res. 188, H.R. 967, H.R. 2195, H.R. 2232, H.R. 2358, H.R.

2386, H.R. 2570, H.R. 2605, and H.R. 2647, relating to the policy of the U.S. with respect to China. Agreed to the Solomon technical amendment to the rule.

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Political Freedom In China Act: The House passed H.R. 2358, to provide for improved monitoring of human rights violations in the People's Republic of China by a recorded vote of 416 yeas to 5 noes, Roll No. 580.

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Agreed to the Gilman amendment that extends the Congressional Review period for licensing of nuclear exports to China from 30 to 120 days and provides for expedited procedures for consideration of a joint resolution of disapproval for any licensing agreement (agreed to by ye and nay vote of 394 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 579).

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendments recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill and the Abercrombie, Porter, Mrs. Smith of Washington, and Gilman amendments printed in part 1–A of H. Rept. 105–379, the report accompanying the rule, were considered as adopted.

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Laogai Slave Labor Products Act: The House passed 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 by a recorded vote of 419 yeas to 2 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 582. Agreed to amend the title.

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A point of order was sustained against the Taylor of Mississippi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment dealing with the tariff schedules between the United States and China. By a ye and nay vote of 217 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 581, agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means was considered as adopted.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 307, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 194 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 583.

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Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Arney motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 584.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H9995.

Referrals: S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Atoll as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway was referred to the Committee on Resources and S. 1324, to de-authorize a portion of the project for navigation, Biloxi Harbor, Mississippi was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call, Roll No. 576, five yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9999–H10000, H10040, H10046, H10062–63, H10079, H10079–80, H10092–93, H10093, H10101–02, and H10102–03. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997.

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Dallas Smith, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; and Ken Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and public witnesses.

HOMELESS HOUSING PROGRAMS CONSOLIDATION AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 217, Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act.

INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS STATUS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Status of International Global Climate Change Negotiations focusing on the upcoming global climate change agreement negotiations in Kyoto, Japan. Testimony was heard from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State.

MOLTEN METAL TECHNOLOGY FUNDING

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Funding of Molten Metal Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TEAMSTER'S ELECTION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Approved a motion to approve a Contract Agreement to provide services to the Committee in relation to the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

CSRS-FERS OPEN SEASON—WHAT ARE THE MERITS?

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on "CSRS-FERS OPEN SEASON-What Are the Merits?". Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Service, OPM; Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Workforce and Management Issues, GAO; and Paul Van de Water, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, CBO.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Testimony was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; G. Martin Wagner, Associate Administrator, Governmentwide Policy, GSA; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

SOLDIERS WITHOUT BORDERS—CRISIS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on "Soldiers Without Borders: Crisis in Central Africa". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Bill Richardson, Ambassador to the United Nations; and Howard Wolpe, Special Envoy, Bureau of African Affairs; and public witnesses.

ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on The Antitrust Enforcement Agencies: The Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Competition of the Federal Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Joel Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

INTERNET DOMAIN NAME TRADEMARK PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing