

Tobacco Company, and Richard A. Levinson, American Public Health Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Jack E. Henningfield, Pinney Associates, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Society of Research on Nicotine and Tobacco; Jon D. Hanson, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Kyle D. Logue, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Togo Dennis West Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Faircloth, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 3246–3256; 1 private bill, H.R. 3257; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 223 and H. Res. 365, were introduced.

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

H.R. 3116, to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration, amended (H. Rept. 105–417);

H.R. 2460, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices, amended (H. Rept. 105–418);

H. Res. 366, providing for consideration of H.R. 2181, to ensure the safety of witnesses and to promote notification of the interstate relocation of witnesses by States and localities engaging in that relocation (H. Rept. 105–419); and

H. Res. 367, providing for consideration of H.R. 1544, to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable nonacquiescence in, and re-litigation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial circuits (H. Rept. 105–420).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**Presidential Message—Activation of Selected Reserves:** Read a message from the President wherein he authorized the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Transportation, with respect to the Coast Guard, to order to active duty Selected Reserve units and individuals not assigned to units to augment the Active components in support of operations in and around southwest Asia—referred to the Committee

on National Security and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–217).

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**National Education Goals Panel:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Martinez to the National Education Goals Panel.

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**Amtrak Reform Council:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. S. Lee Kling of Villa Ridge, Missouri to the Amtrak Reform Council.

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**George Washington's Birthday Observance:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Davis of Virginia and Hoyer to represent the House of Representatives at wreath laying ceremonies at the Washington monument for the observance of George Washington's birthday held on Monday, February 23, 1998.

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

**Immigrant Status for NATO Civilian Employees:** H.R. 429, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for special immigrant status for NATO civilian employees in the same manner as for employees of international organizations;

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**Year 2000 Computer Problems:** H.R. 3116, amended, to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration;

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**Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization:** H.Res. 365, regarding the bill S. 1150, the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization Act of 1998. Subsequently appointed as conferees: Representatives Smith of Oregon, Combest, Barrett of Nebraska, Stenholm, and Dooley;

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**Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building:** H.R. 3120, to designate the United States Post Office located at 95 West 100 South Street in Provo, Utah, as the "Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building." Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H521-23**

**Karl Bernal Post Office Building:** H.R. 2766, to designate the United States Post Office located at 215 East Jackson Street in Painesville, Ohio, as the "Karl Bernal Post Office Building;" **Pages H523-24**

**Blaine H. Eaton 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"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H524-26**

**Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building:** H.R. 2836, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 180 East Kellogg Boulevard in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building;" **Pages H526-27**

**Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building:** H.R. 2773, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3750 North Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building;" **Pages H527-28**

**Larry Doby Post Office:** S. 985, to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office"—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H528-30**

**Minimum Sentences for Criminals Possessing Firearms:** H.R. 424, to provide for increased mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms (passed by a ye and nay vote of 350 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 18). **Pages H530-36**

**Re-Referral of Executive Communication:** It was made in order that the Committee on Agriculture be discharged from consideration of an Environmental Protection Agency rule on State Implementation Plans under the Clean Air Act, and that executive communication 6736 be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce. **Page H521**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H499.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One ye and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H535-36. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and Len Rogers, Acting Assistant Administrator, Humanitarian Response, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education held a hearing on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Raymond J. Uhalde, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training; and Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Services.

### VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and on the National Credit Union Administration. Testimony was heard from George Knight, Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation; and Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration.

### CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing to review the Federal Reserve's conduct of monetary policy (Humphrey-Hawkins). Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### TEACHER TRAINING

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Teacher Training. Testimony was heard from Eugene Hickok, Secretary of Education, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.