

or environmental protection (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 22); and

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The Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to exempt an agency from bill provisions for actions involving a commercial transaction with a business located in a foreign country (rejected by a recorded vote of 154 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 23).

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The Cox of California amendment, was offered but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to apply certain provisions to both section 707, adherence to court of appeals precedent or section 708, supervision of litigation; limiting unnecessary relitigation of legal issues.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 367, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

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**Witness Protection and Interstate Relocation Act:** The House passed 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 by a ye and nay vote of 366 yeas to 49 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 21.

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Rejected the Conyers amendment that sought to have the court change from a death sentence to a life imprisonment sentence if there is any doubt that the defendant committed the offense (rejected by a recorded vote of 113 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 20); and

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Rejected the Scott amendment that sought to require that a jury consider as a mitigating factor whether the evidence, although sufficient to permit a finding of guilt, removes all doubt about the defendant's guilt.

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H. Res. 366, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 369, electing Representative Velázquez to the Committee on Small Business and for the Committee on Banking and Financial Services providing that the powers and duties conferred upon the ranking minority member by House rules shall be exercised by the next senior member until otherwise ordered by the House.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**National Emergency Re Cuba:** Message wherein he transmits his notice concerning the national emergency with respect to the Government of Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-218);

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**Loan Guarantees to Israel Program:** Message wherein he transmits his report concerning the Loan Guarantees to Israel Program—referred to the Committee on International Relations; and

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**Corporation for Public Broadcasting:** Message wherein he transmitted his report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting—referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One ye and nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H594-95, H606, H608-09, H609-10, H610-11, and H611.

There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:48 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 FDA. Testimony was heard from Michael A. Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation and on the Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from the following officials from Legal Service Corporation; Douglas Eakeley, Chairman; John Erlenborn, Vice Chairman; and John McKay, President; and Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Security Assistance. Testimony was heard from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; and John Holum, Acting Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security Affairs, Department of State.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Pension Agencies, the Office of Inspector

General (Labor), the Employment Standards Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Labor: Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary, Pension Welfare Benefits Administration; Charles C., Masten, Inspector General; Katherine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration; and David M. Strauss, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

#### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Army Construction. Testimony was heard from Alma Boyd Moore, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Army.

#### **NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John H. Dalton, Secretary; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments); and Lt. Gen. Jeffrey W. Oster, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources.

#### **TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Treasury Law Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Robert Rubin, Secretary; Raymond Kelly, Under Secretary, Enforcement; Sam Banks, Acting Commissioner, Customs Service; John Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; Lew Merletti, Director, Secret Service; William Baity, Deputy Director, Financial Crime Enforcement Network; and Ralph Basham Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

#### **VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Consumer Product Safety Commission and on the Consumer Information Center. Testimony was heard from Ann Brown, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and Teresa Nasif, Director, Consumer Information Center, GSA.

#### **TOBACCO SETTLEMENT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the tobacco settlement. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **CONFRONTING IRAQ—U.S. OPTIONS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S. Options in Confronting Iraq. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **CHINA-HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION; PERUVIAN POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action amended H.Res. 364, urging introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Peruvian Population Control Program. Testimony was heard from Mark Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Latin America and the Caribbean, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

#### **REGULATORY ANALYSIS CREATION ACT; OVERSIGHT: U.S. ATTORNEY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice's Executive Office for U.S. Attorney, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and Executive Office for U.S. Trustees. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Donna A. Bucella, Director, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys; Karen E. Schreier, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota and Vice Chairman, Attorney General's Advisory Committee for U.S. Attorneys; Lois Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; and Joseph Patchan, Director, Executive Office for the U.S. Trustees.

**FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS;  
OVERSIGHT: CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 3206, Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1998.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing regarding the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Bill Lann Lee, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**MARIJUANA-SHOULD NOT BE LEGALIZED  
FOR MEDICINAL USE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action a proposed resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive narcotic and should not be legalized for medicinal use.

**THREAT ASSESSMENT BRIEFING**

*Committee on National Security:* Met in executive session to hold a threat assessment briefing. The Committee was briefed by John A. Gordon, Deputy Director, CIA; and Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

**DEPOT ISSUES**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness concluded hearings on depot issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: J.S. Gansler, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; and Darleen A. Druyan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Acquisition and Management, Department of the Air Force.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2756, Kake Tribal Corporation Land Exchange Act; H.R. 2812, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition Act; H.R. 2924, to amend the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era and by the Elim Native Corporation; H.R. 3087, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to grant an easement to Chugranch Alaska Corporation; and H.R. 3088, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange. Testimony was heard from Eleanor Towns, Director of Lands, Forest Service, USDA; John R. Garamendi, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**FOREST SERVICE ROADLESS AREA  
MORATORIUM**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the Administration's Forest Service Roadless Area Moratorium. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hutchinson, Oberstar, Herger, Stupak and Taylor of North Carolina; Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

**WIRELESS TELEPHONE PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act. The rule waives clause 2(I)(6) of rule XI requiring a three-day layover of the committee report. The rule makes in order the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, each section of which shall be considered as read. The rule accords priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule further allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that after passage of the House bill, it will be in order to move to insert the House-passed language in the Senate bill number. Testimony was heard from Representative McCollum.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the following: Department of Energy FY 1999 Budget Authorization Request; H.R. 1806, to provide for the consolidation of the Office of Fossil Energy and the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of the Department of Energy; and S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research; William D. Magwood, Associate Director, Policy and Analysis, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; Patricia Fry Godley, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; Peter N. Brush, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and James M. Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management.

**FY 1999 BUDGET REQUEST NASA**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held an oversight hearing on FY 1999 Budget Request: The Sciences at NASA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Wesley T. Huntress, Associate Administrator, Space Science; Arnauld E. Nicogossian, Associate Administrator, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications; Ghassem Asrar, Associate Administrator, Earth Science; and Joseph Rothenberg, Associate Administrator, Human Space.

**REDUCING SMALL BUSINESS TAX BURDEN**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Reducing America's Small Business Tax Burden. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**GSA BUDGET**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development met and agreed to postpone a hearing on the GSA FY 1999 Budget, and related issues.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998; and H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The Committee also held a hearing on the revenue provisions in the Administration's FY 1999 Budget. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

**BUDGET OVERVIEW BRIEFING**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Budget Overview. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****RADIO FREQUENCY WEAPONS**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the proliferation and use of radio frequency weapons technology, and their potential impact on United States infrastructure and economy after receiving testimony from James F. O'Bryon, Deputy Director, Operational Test and Evaluation Live Fire Testing, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Ira W. Merritt, Missile Defense and Space Technology Center, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Huntsville, Alabama; and R. Alan Kehs, U.S. Army Research Laboratories, Adelphi, Maryland; and David Schriener, Ridgecrest, California.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1998**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Capitol Police Board, and the Congressional Budget Office, 10 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Treasury Department, focusing on law enforcement programs, 1:30 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on the Budget,* to hold hearings to examine the success of the national trade strategy from the perspective of international affairs funding, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between States Attorneys Generals and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) efforts to upgrade the infrastructure that supports air transportation in the United States, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings to examine private contracting in Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine whether U.S. unilateral trade sanctions are effective for U.S.-Asia trade policy, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine drug trafficking and certification, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on S. 1495, to strengthen the ability of the Office of Personnel Management to obtain judicial review to protect the merit system, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on oversight of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, focusing on international and criminal enforcement, 2 p.m., SD-226.