

S. Con. Res. 78, relating to the indictment and prosecution of Saddam Hussein for war crimes and other crimes against humanity;

S. Res. 174, to state the sense of the Senate that Thailand is a key partner and friend of the United States, has committed itself to executing its responsibilities under its arrangements with the International Monetary Fund, and that the United States should be prepared to ensure continued close bilateral relations;

H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District; and

The nominations of Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, and three Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

SOFTWARE INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the state of competition in the computer software industry, focusing on market power and structural change in the software industry and the role of antitrust laws in high-technology industries, receiving testimony from Bill Gates, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Scott McNealy, Sun Microsystems, Inc., Palo Alto, California; James Barksdale, Netscape Communications Corporation,

Mountain View, California; Michael Dell, Dell Computer Corporation, Round Rock, Texas; Douglas J. Burgum, Great Plains Software, Fargo, North Dakota; and Stewart Alsop II, New Enterprise Associates, Menlo Park, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded hearings to examine how certain infectious diseases are a continuing threat to the health of United States citizens and of people around the world and the United States response to promote the international effort to combat emerging diseases, after receiving testimony from David Satcher, Assistant Secretary for Health/U.S. Surgeon General, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, and Stephen Blount, Associate Director for Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; David Brandling-Bennett, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization, Washington, D.C.; Fredia S. Wadley, Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville; Joan Baumbach, New Mexico Department of Health, Las Cruces; Herbert A. Pigman, Rotary International, Evanston, Illinois; and Christopher J.L. Murray, Harvard University School of Public Health, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3303–3316; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 231–232, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 217, to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance amounts effectively (H. Rept. 105–407 Part 2);

H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle, amended (H. Rept. 105–424);

H.R. 2369, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, amended (H. Rept. 105–425); and

H. Res. 376, providing for consideration of H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico (H. Rept. 105–426). Page H754

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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

Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act: H.R. 217, amended, to amend title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to consolidate the Federal programs for housing assistance for the homeless into a block grant program that ensures that States and communities are provided sufficient flexibility to use assistance

amounts effectively (passed by a yea and nay vote of 386 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 26),

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Sam Nunn Federal Center: H.R. 613, to designate the Federal building located at 100 Alabama Street NW, in Atlanta, Georgia, as the “Sam Nunn Federal Center” and agreed to amend the title. Subsequently, the House passed S. 347, a similar Senate-passed bill, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of H.R. 613. Agreed to amend the title; and H.R. 613 was laid on the table.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Housing and Urban Development: Message wherein he transmitted the 32nd Annual Report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development which covers calendar year 1996—referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services;

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Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee: Message wherein he transmitted the Seventh Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee—referred to the Committee on Science; and

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National Drug Control Strategy: Message wherein he transmitted the 1998 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans’ Affairs, and Ways and Means.

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National Summit on Retirement Savings: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following participants on the part of the House to the National Summit on Retirement Savings: Representative Fawell, Ms. Meredith Bagby of New York, Mr. James E. Bayne of Texas, Mr. Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. of South Carolina, Ms. Joyce Campbell of Washington, D.C., Ms. Hilda Cannon of Georgia, Mr. Christopher W. Clement of Arizona, Mr. Benjamin Tanner Domenech of Virginia, Mr. Clinton A. Demetriou of Georgia, Mr. Pete duPont of Delaware, Mr. Adam Dubitsky of Washington, D.C., Ms. Lynn D. Dudley of Washington, D.C., Mr. Ric Edelman of Virginia, Mr. John N. Erlenborn of Maryland, Ms. Shannon Evans of Nevada, Mr. Peter J. Ferrara of Virginia, Mr. Ray Gaydos of Washington, D.C., Mr. Craig Gholston of Texas, Mr. Arthur Glatfelter of Pennsylvania, Mr. Dylan Glenn of Georgia, Mr.

James T. Gordon of Georgia, Mr. Brian H. Graff of Virginia, Mr. Matthew Greenwald of Washington, D.C., Mr. Brent R. Harris of California, Mr. Donald K. Hill of Georgia, Ms. Amy M. Holmes of Washington, D.C., Ms. Karen A. Jordan of Alaska, Mr. John Kimpel of Massachusetts, Mrs. Beth Kobliner of New York, Mr. Gerald Letendre of New Hampshire, Mr. Ronald Lyons of Ohio, Mrs. Patricia De L. Marvil of Virginia, Mr. Philip Matthews of Connecticut, Mr. Thomas J. McNerney of Connecticut, Mr. Kevin M. McRaith of Minnesota, Ms. Rita D. Metras of New York, Ms. Lena Moore of Washington, D.C., Ms. Dana Muir of Michigan, Ms. Heather Nauert of Washington, D.C., Mr. Jeffrey M. Pollock of New Hampshire, Ms. Pati Robinson of Washington, Ms. Andrea Batista Schlesinger of New York, Mr. Eugene Schweikert of South Carolina, Mr. Charles Schwab of California, Ms. Victoria L. Swaja of Arizona, Mr. Richard Thau of New York, Ms. Sandra R. Turner of Florida, Mrs. Sunny Warren of Georgia, Mr. Albert Zapanta of Virginia, and Mr. Roger Zion of Indiana.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H730–31. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3280, USDA Year 2000 Compliance Enhancement Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Representative Latham; Anne Thomson Reed, Chief Information Officer, USDA; and Joel Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information System, Accountant and Information Management Division, GAO.

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 Rural Development. Testimony was heard from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.