

York, on behalf of the Association for Local Telecommunications Services.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS THREAT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information held joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence to examine the threat posed by the use of biological weapons by terrorists, receiving testimony from Stephen M. Ostroff, Associate Director for Epidemiologic Science, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Col. David R. Franz, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Ft. Detrick, Maryland; and W. Seth Carus, Center for Counter Proliferation Research/National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OPERATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings on S. 1578, to require the Director of the Congressional Research Service to make accessible to the public via the Internet all information available through the CRS web site that is not confidential, including CRS issue briefs, reports, and authorization or appropriations products, the proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Library of Congress, to review the Library's management operations, and its plans for the Bicentennial observance in the year 2000, and proposed legislation authorizing funds for the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, receiving testimony from Senator McCain; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian of Congress; William L. Kinney Jr., Chairman, American Folklife Center Board of Trustees; and Alan Jabbour, Director, American Folklife Center.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3317–3336; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 113–114, H. Con. Res. 233–234, were introduced. Page H850

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 377, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2369) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping (H. Rept. 105–427); and

H. Res. 378, providing for consideration of H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements (H. Rept. 105–428). Page H850

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H759

United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act: The House passed H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 37. Pages H772–H837

On demand for a separate vote, agreed to the Solomon amendment, as amended by the Burton

amendment in the nature of a substitute, that applies the official English language requirements to Puerto Rico upon accession to Statehood and promotes the teaching and use of English in Puerto Rico by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 36. Pages H836–37

Agreed To:

The Burton substitute amendment to the Solomon amendment that applies the official English language requirements to Puerto Rico upon accession to Statehood and promotes the teaching and use of English in Puerto Rico (agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 29); Pages H804–12

The Solomon amendment, as amended, that applies the official English language requirements to Puerto Rico upon accession to Statehood and promotes the teaching and use of English in Puerto Rico (agreed to by a recorded vote of 265 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 30); Pages H802–12

Rejected:

The Gutierrez substitute amendment to the Solomon amendment that sought to stipulate that Spanish, as an official language of Puerto Rico, is the official language in the State government and Federal courts and agencies under certain circumstances (rejected by a recorded vote of 13 ayes to 406 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 28); Pages H802–11

The Gutierrez substitute amendment to the Serrano amendment that sought to establish voting

eligibility in the referenda for individuals residing outside of Puerto Rico including those who have at least one parent who was born in Puerto Rico;

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The Serrano amendment that sought to allow U.S. citizens born in Puerto Rico but residing outside of Puerto Rico to vote in the referenda (rejected by a recorded vote of 57 ayes to 356 noes, Roll No. 32);

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The Gutierrez amendment that sought to establish that Puerto Rico is sociologically and culturally a Caribbean and Latin American nation; Pages H821-23

The Stearns amendment that sought to require a run-off referendum, not later than 90 days after the first, between the 2 options which received the most votes (rejected by a recorded vote of 28 ayes to 384 noes, Roll No. 33);

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The Gutierrez amendment that sought to strike language dealing with the establishment of United States nationality for inhabitants of Puerto Rico under the Treaty of Paris;

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The Barr amendment that sought to require the approval of the statehood option by a super-majority of 75 percent of the valid votes cast (rejected by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 34);

Pages H825-28, H834-35

The Velazquez amendment that sought to specify that persons born in Puerto Rico who are Puerto Rican citizens may not be denied the right to vote in Puerto Rico even if they are not United States citizens;

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The Gutierrez amendment that sought to strike section 2, Congressional findings;

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The Gutierrez amendment that sought to allow Puerto Rico to retain its separate Olympic Committee and ability to compete under its own flag and national anthem (rejected by a recorded vote of 2 ayes to 413 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 35); and

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The Gutierrez amendment that sought to retain corporate tax provisions for twenty years after statehood and to exempt Puerto Ricans from U.S. internal revenue laws until such time as the State of Puerto Rico achieves the same per capita income as the State with the next lowest per capita income.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 856 to make technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the action of the House.

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H. Res. 376, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by a ye and nay vote of 370 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 27. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and

numbered 1 was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Pages H763-72

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Payments Made to Cuba: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning payments made to Cuba by any United States person as a result of telecommunications services—referred to the Committee in International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-221);

Pages H837-38

National Emergency Re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-222); and

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U.S. Armed Forces Presence In Bosnia and Herzegovina: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the continued presence of U.S. armed forces, after June 30, 1998, in Bosnia and Herzegovina—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-223).

Pages H838-39

Import Produce Labeling Act: Agreed that Representative Condit be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1232, a bill originally introduced by the late Representative Bono of California, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII.

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Amtrak Reform Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Amtrak Reform Council: Mrs. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, Mr. Bruce Chapman of Washington, and Mr. Christopher Gleason of Pennsylvania.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H851-52.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 31), one ye-and-nay vote, and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H771-72, H810-11, H811-12, H812, H819-20, H820, H833-34, H834-35, H835, H836-37, and H837.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997.