

Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

PROTECT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on provisions of S. 1530, to resolve ongoing tobacco litigation, to reform the civil justice system responsible for adjudicating tort claims against companies that manufacture tobacco products, and establish a national tobacco policy for the United States that will decrease youth tobacco use and reduce the marketing of tobacco products to young Americans (pending on Senate calendar), receiving testimony from David Satcher, Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; William L. Roper, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on behalf of Partnership for Prevention; Gregory N. Connolly, Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program/Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston; and Michael C. Fiore, Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention/University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, focusing on new technologies in patient care and the Agency's contribution to technology assessment and health care quality improvement, receiving testimony from John M. Eisenberg, Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, and Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Pete DeBusk, DeRoyal Industries, Inc., Powell, Tennessee, on behalf of the Health Industry Distributors Association; Paul W. Mikus, ENDOcare, Inc., Irvine, California, on behalf of the Health Industry Manufacturers Association; Wade Aubry, University of California, San Francisco, on behalf of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; and Neil R. Powe, Johns Hopkins University of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland.

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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3444–3464; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 242–243, were introduced. Pages H1158–59

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2294, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, amended (H. Rept. 105–437);

H. Con. Res. 238, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure, amended (H. Rept. 105–438);

H.R. 3117, to reauthorize the United States Commission on Civil Rights, amended (H. Rept. 105–439); and

H.R. 2515, to address the declining health of forests on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land management and environmental laws, to establish a program to inventory, monitor, and analyze public and private forests and their resources, amended (H. Rept. 105–440 Part 1). Page H1158

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Brady to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1115

Journal: By a recorded vote of 368 yeas to 43 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 49, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 11. Pages H1115, H1121–22

Government Performance and Results Act: The House passed H.R. 2883, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports by a yeas and nays vote of 242 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 50. Pages H1122–35
Agreed To:

The Maloney of New York amendment that establishes limited applicability to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve banks but only with respect to operations that are not directly related to the establishment and conduct of the monetary policy of the United States; and Pages H1132–33

The Horn amendment that corrects the submission date of agency inspector general review of performance plans and reports. Page H1134

Rejected the Kucinich amendment that sought to strike language requiring the resubmission of agency strategic plans. **Pages H1133–34**

A point of order was sustained against the Kucinich amendment that sought to apply the Act's requirements to any committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate. **Pages H1131–32**

H. Res. 384, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 48. **Pages H1117–21**

Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle by a recorded vote of 230 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 52; and agreed to amend the title. The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments to the bill on March 11. **Pages H1136–40**

Rejected the Watt of North Carolina amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to grant to United States district courts the original jurisdiction to hear and determine all claims, notwithstanding the dollar amount, arising out of an agency action alleged to constitute a taking without just compensation by a recorded vote of 206 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 51. **Pages H1136–38**

H. Res. 382, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on March 11. **Pages H1085–86**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 16. **Pages H1140–41**

Consideration of Concurrent Resolution to Remove U.S. Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Agreed by unanimous consent that it not be in order prior to Wednesday, March 18, 1998 to consider H. Con. Res. 227, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina; that it be in order on Wednesday, March 18 to consider the concurrent resolution, as modified by the amendment numbered 1 printed in the Congressional Record of today; and that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to final adoption without intervening motion except two hours of debate, with one hour controlled by Representative Campbell, thirty minutes controlled by Representative Gilman or his designee, and thirty minutes controlled by Representative Hamilton or his designee. **Page H1141**

Late Report—International Relations: Committee on International Relations received permission to have until midnight on Friday, March 13 to file a report on H.R. 2870, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical

forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests. **Page H1141**

Late Report—Judiciary: The Committee on the Judiciary received permission to have until midnight on Friday, March 13 to file a report on H.R. 1704, to establish a Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis. **Page H1141**

Consideration of Suspensions: Agreed that it be order at any time on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass the following bills: H.R. 2696, to provide for protection of certain original designs; S. 758, making technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995; H.R. 2294, Federal Court Improvement Act of 1997; and H.R. 3117, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1998. **Page H1141**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 16: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 16. **Page H1141**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 17: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 16, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, for Morning-Hour debate. **Page H1141**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 18. **Page H1141**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1115.

Referral: S. 1605, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H1156**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1121, H1121–22, H1135, H1138, and H1140. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:58 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 the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Farm Credit Administration. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Marsha Pyle Martin, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration.