

National Congress of American Indians, all of Washington, D.C.; Deborah Doxtator, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Oneida; and Daniel Tucker,

California Nations Indian Gaming Association, Sacramento.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 76 public bills, H.R. 3615–3690; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 257–260, and H. Res. 406 were introduced. Pages H2051–55

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2691, to reauthorize and improve the operations of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, amended (H. Rept. 105–477);

H.R. 1252, to modify the procedures of the Federal courts in certain matters, amended (H. Rept. 105–478);

H.R. 2729, a private bill, for the relief of Ruth Hairston by waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity (H. Rept. 105–479); and

H.R. 2431, to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution (H. Rept. 105–480). Page H2051

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1855

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C. Page H1855

Suspension—Credit Union Membership Access Act: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1151, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law and ratify the longstanding policy of the National Credit Union Administration Board with regard to field of membership of Federal credit unions, by a yea and nay vote of 411 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 92. Pages H1868–85

Rules Committee Resolutions: Agreed by unanimous consent that H. Res. 309 and H. Res. 403 be laid on the table. Page H1885

Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act: The House passed H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs by a recorded vote of 337 yeas to 80 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 98. Pages H1885–H2030

Agreed To:

The Shuster manager’s amendment, as modified, that makes various technical changes including provisions relating to partnerships with nongovernmental entities; the Indian reservation roads program; the Federal share for certain safety projects; a substitute project for the District of Columbia in lieu of Barney Circle freeway; use of HOV lanes by electric vehicles; a highway safety education and information study and report to Congress; studies on clean fuel vehicles, electronic data, and future strategic highway research; an integrated surface transportation strategic planning process; and a surface transportation-environment cooperative research program; Pages H1989–97

The Davis of Illinois amendment that allocates an additional \$108 million for the access to jobs challenge grant pilot program designed to transport welfare recipients to and from jobs and activities related to their employment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 94); Pages H1997–H2000, H2012

Rejected:

The Roukema amendment that sought to strike the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises section and insert language encouraging affirmative action and prohibiting discrimination or preferential treatment (rejected by a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 225 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 93); Pages H2000–12

The Graham amendment that sought to reduce highway project authorization funding and transit project authorization funding by approximately \$18 billion during fiscal years 1998 through 2003 (rejected by a recorded vote of 79 yeas to 337 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 95); Pages H2012–15, H2027–28

The Spratt amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to extend funding for an additional two months for each of the programs for which an extension was provided under the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 1997 (rejected by a recorded vote of 106 yeas to 312 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 96); and Pages H2016–19, H2028–29

The Kasich amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to establish the Transportation

Empowerment Act that provides a four year transition period to return to the States maximum discretionary authority and fiscal responsibility for all elements of the national transportation systems not within the direct purview of the Federal government and lowers the federal gas tax by 11 cents per gallon and eliminates most highway trust fund programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 318 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 97).

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 405, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a ye and nay vote of 357 yeas to 61 nays, Roll No. 91. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment expressing the sense of Congress that any offsets should not include provisions that change programs or benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs was considered as adopted.

Pages H1858–67

Senate Action—BESTEA: Agreed by unanimous consent that if and when the Clerk receives a message from the Senate indicating that it has passed H.R. 2400, with an amendment, insisted upon its amendment, and requested a conference, then the House be deemed to have disagreed to the amendment of the Senate and agreed to the conference requested by the Senate, and that the Speaker be deemed to have appointed conferees without intervening motion. Further, it was made in order that at any time during the week of Tuesday, April 21, 1998, notwithstanding the Speaker's appointment of conferees pursuant to this request, for a Member to offer a motion to instruct the managers on the part of the House on H.R. 2400, as if offered prior to the appointment of the conferees. The managers may not file their report prior to Wednesday, April 22, 1998.

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Appointment of Conferees—BESTEA: Pursuant to the earlier order of the House of today, the Chair appointed the following conferees on H.R. 2400, effective upon receipt of the proper message from the Senate: For consideration of the House bill, except title XI, and the Senate amendment, except title VI, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Shuster, Representatives Young of Alaska, Petri, Boehlert, Kim, Horn, Fowler, Baker, Ney, Metcalf, Oberstar, Rahall, Borski, Lipinski, Wise, Clyburn, Filner, and McGovern. The Chair will announce additional conferees at a subsequent time.

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Thirtieth Anniversary of the Death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 247, recognizing the contributions of the Rev-

erend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the civil society of the United States and the world and to the cause of nonviolent social and political change to advance social justice and equality for all races and calling on the people of the United States to study, reflect on, and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the thirtieth anniversary of his death.

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Enrollment Correction: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 87, to correct the enrollment of S. 419.

Pages H2032–33

Late Report: The committee on Education and the Workforce received permission to have until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20 to file a report on H.R. 6, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

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Passover-Easter District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 257 providing for the adjournment of both Houses of Congress by a ye and nay vote of 223 yeas to 187 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 91.

Pages H1867–68

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella or, if not available, Representative Davis of Virginia to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, April 21, 1998.

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Extension of Remarks: Agreed that for today, all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the record entitled "Extension of Remarks."

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Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, April 21, 1998, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 22, 1998.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H1855 and H2034.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1867, H1868, H1884–85, H2011–12, H2012, H2028, H2028–29, H2029, and H2030. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 257, the House adjourned at 11:59 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, for morning hour debates.

Committee Meetings

WTO—MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the 1999 World Trade Organization Multilateral Trade Negotiations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the EEOC. Testimony was heard from Paul Igasaki, Acting Chairman, EEOC.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Human Rights. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Postsecondary Education, the Office for Civil Rights and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: David A. Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education; and Norma V. Cantu, Assistant Secretary, Civil Rights; and Diane Frankel, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

VA-HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NSF. Testimony was heard from Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF.

FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK OPERATIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Operations of the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, ("FinCEN"). Testimony was heard from Richard M. Stana, Associate Director, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Enforcement; and William Baity, Acting Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

FHA—SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY DISPOSITION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on FHA-Single Family Property Disposition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Emelda Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Single Family Housing; Paul Leonard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Development and Research; and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General; and Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

BUDGET PROJECTIONS AND BASELINES

Committee on the Budget: Task Force on Budget Process held a hearing on Budget Projections and Baselines. Testimony was heard from Paul Van de Water, Assistant Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

FDA MANAGEMENT CONCERNS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Management Concerns. Testimony was heard from Robert Gramling, Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Michael A. Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner; Robert Byrd, Deputy Commissioner, Management and Systems; and Kathryn C. Zoon, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research; and a public witness.

VIDEO COMPETITION: MULTICHANNEL PROGRAMMING

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Video Competition: Multichannel Programming, focusing on the following bills; H.R. 2921, Multichannel Video Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 3210, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act.