

United States, and Walter M. Kramer, American Institute of Marine Underwriters, both of New York, New York; William J. Augello, Augello, Pezold & Hirschmann, Huntington, New York, on behalf of the National Industrial Transportation League; Jon Roethke, Sea-Land Service, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; and William M. Woodruff, Eastham, Watson, Dale and Forney, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the American Waterways Operators; and

S. 943 and H.R. 2005, bills to allow a dependent of a victim of an international aviation accident occurring on or after January 1, 1995, to sue for pecuniary loss, after receiving testimony from and Paul T. Hofmann, Cappiello Hofmann & Katz, New York, New York; Eric Danoff, Kaye, Rose & Partners, San Francisco, California; and John Sleavin, Portland, Oregon.

### AGRICULTURE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings to examine certain issues in preparation for the next round of multilateral agricultural trade negotiations scheduled for May 18–20, 1999 in Geneva, focusing on barriers to United States farm exports, receiving testimony from Senator Brownback; Peter Scher, Special Trade Negotiator for Agriculture, Office of the United States Trade Representative; August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; William B. Campbell, Central Soya, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, on behalf of the National Oilseed Processors Association; Charles S. Johnson, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa; Dean Kleckner, American Farm Bureau Federation, Park Ridge, Illinois; Carl Peterson, Agri-Mark, Inc., Delanson, New York, on behalf of the Council of Northeast Farmer Cooperatives; and Ann M. Veneman, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### VETERANS HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the health effects of ionizing radiations on veterans, and related measures S. 1385, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service connected with respect to radiation-exposed veterans, and S. 1822, to authorize provision of care to veterans treated with nasopharyngeal radium irradiation, after receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary for Health, Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary for Benefits, John Thompson, Acting General Counsel, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Joan Ma Pierre, Director for Electronics and Systems, Defense Special Weapons Agency, Department of Defense; Capt. Richard L. LaFontaine, Medical Service Corps, United States Navy; Richard B. Setlow, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York; Rosalie Bertell, International Institute of Concern for Public Health, Toronto, Canada; William J. Brady, former Prime Support Contractor to the Department of Energy at the Nevada Test Site, Las Vegas; Otto G. Raabe, University of California, Davis, on behalf of the Health Physics Society; Tidoro A. Garcia, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on behalf of the National Association of Atomic Veterans; James Garrity, Branford, Florida, on behalf of the Submarine Survivors Group; and former Mayor Albert G. Parrish, Hackensack, Minnesota, on behalf of the Forgotten 216th.

### CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS THREAT

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in a closed joint session with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information to receive a briefing from officials of the intelligence community on chemical and biological weapons threats to America.

Committees will meet again tomorrow.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3693–3701 were introduced.

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### **Reports Filed:**

H.R. 6, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, amended (H. Rept. 105–481);

H.R. 755, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate any portion of their income tax overpayments, and to make other contributions, for the benefit of units of the National Park System, amended (H. Rept. 105–482, Part 1);

H.R. 2376, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, amended (H. Rept. 105–483);

H.R. 1522, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund, amended (H. Rept. 105-484);

H.R. 3164, to describe the hydrographic services functions of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, amended (H. Rept. 105-485);

H.R. 3565, to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (H. Rept. 105-486);

H.R. 3528, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in United States district courts, amended (H. Rept. 105-487); and

H. Res. 407, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 111, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations (H. Rept. 105-488). Pages H2118-19

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nethercutt to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2059

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H2062

**Capitol Preservation Commission Appointments:** Pursuant to the provisions of section 801 of Public Law 100-696, appointments to the Capitol Preservation Commission were announced as follows: by the Speaker, Representative Davis of Virginia; by the Minority Leader, Representative Serrano of New York; and by the Chairman of the Committee on House Oversight for the position reserved for the Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library, Representative Mica of Florida. Page H2062

**National Health Museum Commission:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Dr. H. Richard Nesson, M.D. of Brookline, Massachusetts to the National Health Museum Commission. Pages H2062-63

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

**Care for Police Survivors:** H.R. 3565, to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (passed by a ye and nay vote of 403 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 100);

Pages H2065-66, H2075-76

**Alternative Dispute Resolution:** H.R. 3528, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in United States district courts, amended (passed by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 101); and Pages H2066-69, H2076

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Reauthorization Act.** H.R. 2691, amended, to reauthorize and improve the operations of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Pages H2069-72

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:56 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. Page H2072

**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private Calendar the House passed H.R. 2729, for the private relief of Ruth Hairston by waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity. Pages H2072-73

**Members Sworn:** Representatives-elect Mary Bono and Barbara Lee presented themselves in the well of the House and were administered the oath of office by the Speaker. Page H2073

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H2059.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2120-21.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call (Roll No. 99) and two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2073, H2075-76, and H2076.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Inspector General Panel—Year 2000 Problem, Year 2000 Management Panel, the Railroad Retirement Board and the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Patricia W. Lattimore, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management; and Charles C. Masten, Inspector General; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John Callahan, Assistant Secretary, Management and Budget, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Information Officer; and Thomas D. Roslewicz, Deputy Inspector General, Audit Services; the following officials of the Department of Education: Marshall S. Smith, Acting Deputy Secretary; and John P. Higgins, Jr., Acting Inspector General; the following officials of the SSA: John R. Dyer, Principal Deputy Commissioner; and David C. Williams, Inspector General; the following officials of the Railroad Retirement Board: Martin J. Dickman, Inspector General; Robert T. Rose, Chief Information Officer; Jerome F. Kever, Management