

failed to pass H. J. Res. 111, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations. **Pages H2135–64, H2170–71**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 407, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment specified in H. Rept. 105–488, the report accompanying the rule was considered as adopted. **Pages H2133–35**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:56 p.m. and reconvened at 5:37 p.m. **Page H2170**

**BESTEIA Conference Appointment:** The Chair appointed additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce for consideration of provisions in the House bill and Senate amendment to H.R. 2400 relating to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program; and sections 124, 125, 303, and 502 of the House bill; and sections 1407, 1601, 1602, 2103, 3106, 3301–3302, 4101–4104, and 5004 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, and Dingell; provided that Representative Tauzin is appointed in lieu of Representative Bilirakis for consideration of sections 1407, 2103, and 3106 of the Senate amendment. **Page H2205**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H2123.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2237.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H2170–71. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services held a hearing on SSA and on Corporation for Public Broadcasting and National Education Goals Panel. Testimony was heard from Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; Robert Coonrod, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and Ken Nelson, Executive Director, National Education Goals Panel.

### VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3532, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999; H.R. 2217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project No. 9248 in the State of Colorado; and H.R. 2841, to extend the time required for the construction of a hydroelectric project.

## REFORMULATED GASOLINE PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the implementation of the Reformulated Gasoline Program in California, focusing on H.R. 630, to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gas in certain areas within the State. Testimony was heard from Representative Tauscher; Richard Wilson, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Robert Gee, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

## CLINICAL TRIAL SUBJECTS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Held a hearing on Clinical Trial Subjects: Adequate FDA Protections? Testimony was heard from Michael A. Friedman, Deputy Lead Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on the Government Performance and Results Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division; and Joel Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies' Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division; and the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Robert J. Williams, Acting Inspector General; and John Berry, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget.

## JUDICIAL REFORM ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1998. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation, as reported, providing new budget authority, changes in revenues, or changes in the public debt

for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for the year has been agreed to).

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by striking section 9 (and redesignating succeeding sections accordingly). The rule provides that each section of that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) or section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act.

The rule further provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Coble, Chabot, Frank of Massachusetts, Nadler, Jackson Lee and Delahunt.

#### **BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH—FEDERAL FUNDING**

*Committee on Science:* Held an oversight hearing on the Irreplaceable Federal Role in Funding Basic Scientific Research. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **NSF BUDGET AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held an oversight hearing on the National Science Foundation Fiscal Year Budget Authorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF; and John E. Hopcroft, Member, National Science Board.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing regarding the Small Business Innovation Research Program. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Haley, Deputy Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Defense; Susan D. Kladiva, Acting Associate Director, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Kesh Narayanan, Director, Industrial Innovation Group, NSF; Wendy Baldwin, M.D., Deputy Director, Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel

O. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Technology, SBA; Charles F. Cleland, Director, Small Business Innovation Research Program, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization: State of the Railroad Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT—PROPOSALS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representatives Matsui, Doolittle, Visclosky, Pomeroy, Shaw, Fowler, Herger, Weldon of Florida, Frost, Kind, DeLauro, Dooley, Weller, Pallone, Calvert, Salmon and Lee.

Hearings continue April 28.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1023, Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1997; and H.R. 3546, National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **IDEA REGULATIONS**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and the Workforce to examine the Department of Education's development of the regulations necessary to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (P.L. 105-17), after receiving testimony from Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Martha Feland, Cabot School Board, Cabot, Arkansas; Frank P. Clark, James, Smith, Durkin & Connelly, Hershey, Pennsylvania; Brian A. McNulty, Colorado Department of Education, Denver; and Patricia McGill Smith, National Parent Network on Disabilities, Washington, D.C.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D370)

S. 419, to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects. Signed April 21, 1998. (P.L. 105-168)