

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 100), Boxer Amendment No. 2306, to improve academic and social outcomes for students by providing productive activities during after school hours.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 98), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Dodd Amendment No. 2305, to provide funding for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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Northern Ireland Peace Agreement: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No.103), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 90, to express the sense of the Congress in congratulating the participants in the negotiations resulting in the Northern Ireland Peace Agreement.

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Request of the House: Senate agreed to S. Res. 215, directing the Secretary of the Senate to request the House of Representatives to return the official papers on S. 414, and to make a technical correction in the Act as passed by the Senate.

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State Department Reorganization Conference Report-Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, and to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements, on Friday, April 24, 1998, with a vote on the conference report to occur on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at 2:25 p.m.

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NATO Enlargement Treaty-Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of Treaty Doc. 105–36, Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, on Monday, April 27, 1998.

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Appointment:

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro

tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 208 of the 105th Congress, appointed the following Senators to the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Senators Dodd, Moynihan, and Bingaman.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Nikki Rush Tinsley, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

Robert A. Freedberg, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vice Thomas N. O'Neill, Jr., retired.

David R. Herndon, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois vice William L. Beatty, retired.

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—103) Pages S3470–73, S3479, S3493–94, S3528–29

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, April 24, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3559.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the incidence of fraud and abuse in the Food Stamp Program, focusing on proposed legislation to strengthen current laws to make it illegal for prisoners and fleeing felons to collect food stamps by requiring States to conduct criminal background checks on anyone applying for food stamps, and Federal efforts to ensure the integrity of the Food Stamp Program, after receiving testimony from Representative Menendez; Yvette S. Jackson, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture; Robert A.

Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Chris Hamilton, Abt Associates Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Harold S. Beebout, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., Washington, D.C.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance, focusing on a multi-year United States strategy to combat infectious diseases in developing countries, receiving testimony from James M. Hughes, Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Nils M.P. Daulaire, Senior Health Advisor, Population, Health and Nutrition Bureau for Programs and Policy, U.S. Agency for International Development; David L. Heymann, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; and Gail H. Cassell, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of Eli Lilly and Company.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 28.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Forest Service, receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Michael P. Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, who were accompanied by several of their associates.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 30.

AVIATION COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings to examine the Department of Transportation's policy regarding unfair exclusionary conduct in the aviation industry and the competitive implications of consolidation among United States airlines, after receiving testimony from Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Richard B. Hirst,

Northwest Airlines, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota; Alfred Kahn, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; Mark Kahan, Spirit Airlines, Eastpointe, Michigan; and Steven A. Morrison, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts.

PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal lands in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, receiving testimony from Idaho State Senator Judi Danielson, Council; Washington State Senator Robert Morton, Colville; Cindy Bowen, Montrose County, Colorado, and Louise Liston, Garfield County, Utah, both on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Sue Kupillas, Jackson County, Oregon; and Steve McClure, Union County, Oregon.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CLEAN AIR REGULATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency proposed rule to improve visibility and reduce regional haze in national parks and wilderness areas, after receiving testimony from John S. Seitz, Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Christine L. Shaver, Chief of the Air Resources Division, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the Western Governors' Association; Randolph Wood, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Lincoln; Kenneth A. Colburn, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord; and Lynn M. Terry, California Environmental Protection Agency, Sacramento.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, Jennifer Anne Hillman, of Indiana, and Stephen Koplan, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, and Patrick A. Mulloy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Askey was introduced by Representative Archer, Ms. Hillman was introduced by Senator Lugar, Mr. Koplan was introduced by Representative Rangel, and Mr. Mulloy was introduced by Senators D'Amato and Sarbanes.

TELEPHONE SLAMMING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine issues relating to telephone slamming which is the unauthorized switching of a consumer's long-distance service, including S. 1740, to improve the protections against the unauthorized change of subscribers from one telecommunications carrier to another, which entities are most responsible for intentional slamming incidents, and the technique used to deceive consumers, after receiving testimony from Eljay B. Bowron, Assistant Comptroller General for Special Investigations, Office of Special Investigations, General Accounting Office; and William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of James K. Robinson, of Michigan, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, and Wilma A. Lewis, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, all of the Department of Justice;

S. 1504, to adjust the immigration status of certain Haitian nationals who were provided refuge in

the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1360, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify and improve the requirements for the development of an automated entry-exit control system, and to enhance land border control and enforcement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began markup of the proposed Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, April 30.

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence to examine Federal efforts in dealing with chemical and biological weapons threats to America, and the implementation of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (P.L. 104-132), after receiving testimony from Donald C. Latham, Member, Defense Science Board; Christine M. Gosden, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, United Kingdom; and Richard Preston, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3715-3732 were introduced. **Pages H2317-18**

Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H.R. 3546, to provide for a national dialogue on Social Security and to establish the Bipartisan Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform. Amended (H. Rept. 105-493). **Page H2317**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ewing to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2239**

Judicial Reform Act of 1998: The House passed H.R. 1252, to modify the procedures of the Federal courts in certain matters. **Pages H2243-86**

Agreed to the Manzullo unanimous consent request to strike section 5, Limitation on Court-imposed Taxes, from the bill. **Pages H2284-85**

Agreed To:

The Coble amendment that extends the judiciary information technology fund; provides for retaining offsetting receipts; enhances the membership in cir-

cuit judicial councils; sunsets civil justice expense and delay reduction plans; and establishes certifying officers in the judiciary branch; **Pages H2256-57**

The Delahunt amendment to section 5 that applies the limitation on court-imposed taxes only to any order or settlement which expressly directs any State, or political subdivisions of a State, to impose, increase, levy, or assess any tax (agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 103. Subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to strike section 5 from the bill); **Pages H2257-62**

The Campbell amendment to section 5 that limits court imposed taxes that contribute to or exacerbate the deprivation intended to be remedied including the effect on property values (subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to strike section 5 from the bill); **Page H2262**

The Rogan amendment that strikes section 6, that establishes the right to bring a motion to reassign a case; **Pages H2262-63**