

House with respect to winning the war on drugs to protect our children (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 138);

Pages H3036–40, H3065

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act: H.R. 3723, amended, to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office;

Pages H3040–42

Felony Violations for Failure to Pay Child Support Obligations: H.R. 3811, to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations (passed by yeas and nays vote of 402 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 139);

Pages H3042–46, H3065–66

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1997: H.R. 2829, to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement departments (passed by yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 140). The House subsequently passed S. 1605, to establish a matching grant program to help States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement officers, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 2829, as passed the House. Agreed to amend the title; and H.R. 2829 was laid on the table;

Pages H3046–54, H3066–68

Honoring Law Enforcement Officers who have Died in the Line of Duty: H. Res. 422, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty should be honored, recognized, and remembered for their great sacrifice (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 141);

Pages H3059–62, H3067

District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: H. Con. Res. 262, amended, authorizing the 1998 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds;

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Seventeenth Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 263, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the seventeenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; and

Pages H3062–63

Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 255, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

Pages H3063–64

Personal Privilege: Representative Burton of Indiana rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized for one hour.

Pages H3054–58

Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act: The House disagreed with

the Senate amendment to H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact; insisted on the House bill, and requested a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Bliley, and Representatives Dan Schaefer of Colorado, Barton of Texas, Dingell, and Hall of Texas.

Pages H3068–74

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Representative Houghton, Chairman, appointed on April 27: Representatives Gilman, Hamilton, Crane, LaFalce, Oberstar, Shaw, Lipinski, Upton, Stearns, Peterson of Minnesota, and Danner.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3106–07.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3065, H3065–66, H3066–67, and H3067. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL TRADE—MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS—ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the 1999 Multilateral Negotiations on Agricultural Trade—Asia and the Pacific. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 2202, amended, National Marrow Donor Program Reauthorization Act of 1997; and H. Con. Res. 171, declaring the memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services personnel to be the “National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service”.

HANFORD SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL PROJECT—MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Management Problems with the Department of Energy's Hanford Spent Nuclear Fuel Project. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastings of Washington; Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic

Development Division, GAO; John T. Conway, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ernest J. Montz, Under Secretary; and John Wagner, Manager, Richland Operations Office; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CREATING AN OFFICE OF FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held an oversight hearing on Creating an Office of Federal Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues; and Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management; the following officials of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Harold C. Relyea, Specialist and Virginia McMurray, Specialist, both with the American National Government Division; and Ronald C. Moe, Specialist, Government Organization and Management Division; and public witnesses.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began consideration of H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3109, Thomas Cole National Site Act; and H.R. 1390, to authorize the Government of India to establish a memorial to honor Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from Representatives Solomon, Pallone, Regula and McCollum; Bill Shaddox, Acting Associate Director, Professional Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—CALFED

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on California Federal Bay Delta Program (CALFED). Testimony was heard from David Potter, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Water Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

MANDATES INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3534, Mandates Information Act of 1998. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 306 of the Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation within

the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee). The rule considers the amendment recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the bill as adopted and the bill, as amended, as original text for the purpose of further amendment which is considered as read. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions is not less than fifteen minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1998. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that no amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed votes provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than fifteen minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

NEW WILDLIFE REFUGE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 shall be considered as an original bill for amendment purposes, and provides that the

amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule permits the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed votes provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than fifteen minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 3689, The Land Between the Lakes Protection Act of 1998 and on two Small Watershed Projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Whitfield, Tanner, Bryant and Ryun; Ann W. Wright, General Manager, Land Between the Lakes, Golden Pond, Kentucky, TVA; and Lawrence E. Clark, Deputy Chief, Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

VETERANS MEDICARE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3828, Veterans Medicare Access Improvement Act of 1998.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action amended the following bills; H.R. 3644, to amend the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 to provide for the use of customs user fees for additional preclearance activities of the Customs Services; and H.R. 3809, Drug Free Borders Act of 1998.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Re-

lief, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to authorize funds for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communication Commission's oversight of the Wireless Bureau, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the Montreal Protocol No. 4 to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air (Ex. B, 95th Cong., 1st Sess.), the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Treaty Doc. 104-17), the Grains Trade Convention and Food Aid Convention (Treaty Doc. 105-4), the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (Treaty Doc. 104-36), and the Trademark Law Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-35), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the economic and political situation in India, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on S. 1710, to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine whether tobacco legislation is constitutional, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to consider H.R. 2614, to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, and to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research and the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, joint oversight hearing on EPA activities related to concentrated animal feeding operations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, oversight hearing on Is FHA Limiting Choices for Home Finance? An Examination of Fair Housing Compliance, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on First Things First: Review of the Federal Government's Commitment to Funding Special Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to grant Congressional immunity to four witnesses, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Kyoto Protocol: Problems with U.S. Sovereignty and the