

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4102–4107; 1 private bill, H.R. 4108; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 293–294, were introduced. **Page H4961**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.J. Res. 113, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in the Nation's Capital (H. Rept. 105–589);

Committee on Appropriations Report on the Sub-allocation of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1999 (H. Rept. 105–590);

H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–591);

H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–592); and

H. Res. 482, providing for consideration of H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–593). **Page H4961**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4881**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H4883**

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

Department of Justice Authorization Act: H.R. 3303, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice, and to amend title 28 of the United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice; **Pages H4884–91**

Supporting Federal Law Agents Efforts Regarding Mexican Financial Institutions: H. Con. Res. 288, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should support the efforts of Federal law enforcement agents engaged in investigation and prosecution of money laundering associated with Mexican financial institutions (passed by a yeas and nay vote of 404 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 255);

Pages H4892–96, H4945–46

Rejecting the Recommended Postal Rate Increase: H. Res. 452, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service should reject the recommended decision issued by the Postal Rate Commission on May 11, 1998, to the extent that it provides for any increase in postage rates (agreed to by yeas and nay vote of 393 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 256); **Pages H4896–98, H4946**

Approving Location of Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C.: H.J. Res. 113, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in the Nation's Capital; and

Pages H4898–H4900

Cape Cod National Seashore Land Exchange: H.R. 2411, amended, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission. **Pages H4900–01**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 4:20 p.m. **Page H4901**

Select Committee on National Security Re People's Republic of China: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China: Representative Cox of California, Chairman; and Representatives Goss, Bereuter, Hansen, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Dicks, Spratt, Roybal-Allard, and Scott. **Page H4901**

Military Construction Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by a yeas and nay vote of 396 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 254. **Pages H4901–13, H4944–45**

The House agreed to H. Res. 477, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on June 19.

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by yeas and nay vote of 405 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 253.

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Agreed to the Dan Schaefer of Colorado amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to provide economic assistance or payments under section 15 of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act until the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant commences disposal operations. **Pages H4941–42**

Rejected the Foley amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Energy Department's Nuclear Energy Research Initiative by \$5 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 252).

Pages H4937-40, H4943

The House agreed to H. Res. 478, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on June 19.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4881.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4962.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4943, H4944, H4944-45, H4945-46, and H4946. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

YEAR 2000: BIGGEST PROBLEMS— PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Year 2000: Biggest Problems and Proposed Solutions. Testimony was heard from Edward DeSeve, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Rona Stillman, Chief Scientist, Computers and Telecommunications, GAO; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (relating to the 3 day availability of the report) and clause 7 of rule XXI (relating to the 3 day availability of printed hearings) against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI against the bill as amended. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their

amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for 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 Representatives Skeen, Nethercutt, Petri, Pombo, Lewis of Kentucky, Kaptur, Obey and Lowey.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nominations of Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Space Command, Vice Adm. Richard W. Mies, USN, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command, and Lt. Gen. Charles T. Robertson, Jr., USAF, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Transportation Command and Commander, Air Mobility Command, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to resume oversight hearings to examine certain implications of independence for Puerto Rico, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on S. 2131, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on S. 2148, to protect religious liberty, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1196-97 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to consider appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.