

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4263–4272; 1 private bill, H.R. 4273; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 301, were introduced. **Pages H5858–59**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed as follows:

H.R. 4058, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation insurance program (H. Rept. 105–632) **Page H5858**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shaw to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5741**

**VA, HUD Appropriations:** The House began consideration of H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. **Pages H5743–H5826**

Agreed To:

The Lazio amendment numbered 12 in the Congressional Record that replaces the 1937 U.S. Housing Act with provisions similar to the House passed version of H.R. 2, the Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act (agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 296); **Pages H5774–H5821**

The Stokes amendment numbered 19 in the Congressional Record that removes restrictions on the use of EPA brownfields funds. **Pages H5824–26**

Rejected:

The Stokes en bloc amendment numbered 18 in the Congressional Record that increases section 8 housing vouchers (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 295).

**Pages H5763–64, H5820–21**

Point of Order sustained against the Vento amendment numbered 9 in the Congressional Record that sought to place certain filing requirements on housing owners who plan to terminate their low-income housing mortgages and convert the property for other means. **Pages H5772–74**

Withdrawn:

The Jackson-Lee en bloc amendment numbered 23 in the Congressional Record was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase section 8 incremental restoration program funding.

**Pages H5765–66**

H. Res. 501, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 16.

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**Immigration Laws of Albania:** Message wherein he submitted his report concerning the immigration laws of Albania—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105–285); and **Page H5843**

**National Emergency—Serbia and Montenegro:** Message wherein he submitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to the Governments of Serbia and Montenegro—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105–286). **Pages H5843–45**

**Extension of Nondiscriminatory Treatment to Products of China:** Agreed by unanimous consent to consider H.J. Res. 121, disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China, at any time on Wednesday, July 22. **Pages H5822–23**

**Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform:** Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2183 pursuant to H. Res. 442 and H. Res. 458, no other amendment to the amendment in the nature of a substitute by Representative Shays shall be in order except the specified amendments placed at the desk today and printed in the Congressional Record. **Pages H5826–43**

**Vocational and Applied Technology Education:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1853, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Goodling, McKeon, Riggs, Peterson of Pennsylvania, Sam Johnson of Texas, Clay, Martinez, and Kildee. **Pages H5843, H5850**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of July 20. **Pages H5821–22**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20. **Page H5845**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of July 22. **Page H5845**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H5741.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5859–60.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and

appear on pages H5820–21 and H5821. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES SUPERVISORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4062, Financial Derivatives Supervisory Improvement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 24.

### DIGITAL MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2281, Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998.

### EDUCATION AT A CROSSROADS REPORT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations adopted the following Subcommittee report "Education at a Crossroads: What Works and What's Wasted in Education Today".

### OVERSIGHT—CIVIL RIGHT DIVISION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Bill Lann Lee, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—CIVIL APPLICATION OF RICO TO NONVIOLENT ADVOCACY GROUPS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing addressing the civil application of the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) to nonviolent advocacy groups. Testimony was heard from Frank J. Marine, Acting Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### COUNTERNARCOTICS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counternarcotics. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND LITERACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

*Conferees* on Thursday, July 16, met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate,

and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 20 through 25, 1998

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider H.R. 4112, Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1999, and S. 2260, State/Justice/Commerce Appropriations, 1999.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2137, Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1999.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider further appropriations bills, conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative or executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, July 21, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* July 22, to hold hearings to examine how the Year 2000 computer conversion will affect agricultural businesses, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Appropriations:* July 21, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* July 23, to hold hearings on the nominations of Patrick T. Henry, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Carolyn H. Becraft, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Ruby Butler DeMesme, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment, 3 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* July 21, to hold hearings to examine the monetary policy report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SD-106.

July 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the 1946 Swiss Holocaust Assets Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* July 21, to hold hearings to examine issues associated with implementing personal savings accounts as part of social security reform, 10 a.m., SD-608.