

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4326–4335; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 308–309, were introduced. Page H6453

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 379, a private bill, for the relief of Larry Errol Pieterse (H. Rept. 105–644);

H.R. 2744, a private bill, for the relief of Chong Ho Kwak (H. Rept. 105–645);

S. 1304, a private bill, for the relief of Belinda McGregor (H. Rept. 105–646);

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 105–647);

H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 106–648); and

H.R. 3254, to amend the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act to clarify the requirements relating to reducing or withholding payments to States under that Act, amended (H. Rept. 105–649).

Pages H6427–51, H6453

**Patient Protection Act:** The House passed H.R. 4250, to provide new patient protections under group health plans by a ye and nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 339. Pages H6306–H6417

Rejected the Berry motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment dealing with medical necessity by ye and nay vote of 205 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 338. Pages H6415–16

Earlier, a point of order was sustained against the Berry motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back to the House with sundry amendments. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 337. Pages H6412–15

Rejected the Dingell amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to establish standards to protect access to care and contain the text of H.R. 3605, Patients' Bill of Rights Act by ye and nay vote of 212 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 336. Pages H6382–H6412

H. Res. 509, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 279 yeas to 143 nays, Roll No. 335. Pages H6297–H6306

**Late Reports:** Conferees received permission to have until midnight on July 24 to file a conference report on 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. Also, the Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on July 24 to file a report on H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Page H6395

**Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mrs. Colleen Conway-Welch of Tennessee to the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. Page H6418

**Legislative Program:** Representative Thomas announced the Legislative Program for the week of July 27. Pages H6417–18

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 27. Page H6418

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of July 29. Page H6418

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H6297.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6454–55.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye and nay votes, and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6306, H6412, H6414–15, H6416, and H6416–17. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

### FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES SUPERVISORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Continued hearings on H.R. 4062, Financial Derivatives Supervisory Improvement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Under Secretary; Michael Brosnan, Deputy Comptroller, Risk Evaluation, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and Kenneth Ryder, Executive Director, Research, Statistics, and Analysis, Office of Thrift Supervision; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Douglas H. Jones, Senior Deputy General Counsel, FDIC; and public witnesses.

### ENHANCING RETIREMENT SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Enhancing Retirement Security Through Individual Investment Choices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TEAMSTERS GOVERNANCE AND PRACTICE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on International Brotherhood of Teamsters Governance and Practice. Testimony was heard from Aaron Belk, Vice President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action amended the following measures: H.R. 4083, to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America"; H.R. 633, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to Federal law enforcement officers; H. Con. Res. 185, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration; and H.R. 4309, Tortures Victim Relief Act of 1998.

The Subcommittee also concluded hearings on Human Rights in Indonesia, Part II. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and Franklin D. Kramer, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

### SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE

*Committee on Rules:* Held a hearing on H. Res. 507, providing special investigative authority for the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Testimony was heard from Representatives Goodling, Parker, Clay and Mink of Hawaii.

### SSA—LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security concluded hearings to examine labor-management relations at the SSA. Testimony was heard from Paul D. Barnes, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources, SSA; and a public witness.

### FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Imagery Architecture. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 27 through August 1, 1998

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday* and *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1151, Federal Credit Union Reform Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider S. 2334, Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1999, S. 2333, D.C. Appropriations, 1999, S. 2330, HMO reform, conference report on H.R. 4059, Military Construction Appropriations, and any cleared legislative or executive business.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday*, July 28, 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 29, to hold oversight hearings on the Department of Agriculture's progress in consolidating and downsizing its operations, 9 a.m., SR-332.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review a recent concept release by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on over-the-counter derivatives, and on related proposals by the Treasury Department, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 9 a.m., SD-106.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* July 29, business meeting, to mark up S. 1405, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline