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IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine United States policy in Iraq, receiving testimony from Martin S. Indyk, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and R. James Woolsey, former Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Richard W. Murphy, former Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, former Secretary of State, and Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, American Enterprise Institute, former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, all of Washington, D.C.

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INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the state of the Inspector General community on the 20th anniversary of the Inspector General Act, and S. 2167, to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, after receiving testimony from June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and G. Edward DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert Bruce King, of West Virginia, and William B. Traxler, Jr., of South Carolina, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, H. Dean Buttram, Jr. and Inge Prytz Johnson, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and Thomas J. Whelan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. King was introduced by Sen-

ators Byrd and Rockefeller, Mr. Traxler was introduced by Senators Thurmond and Hollings, Messrs. Buttram and Johnson were introduced by Senators Sessions and Shelby, and Mr. Whelan was introduced by Senator Feinstein.

PRESIDENCY AND THE CRIMINAL PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine the extent to which a sitting president should be subject to indictment or other compulsory criminal process, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Freedman, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York; Akhil Reed Amar, Yale University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Frank Teurkheimer, University of Wisconsin School of Law, Madison; and Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School, Susan Low Bloch, Georgetown University Law Center, Peter F. Rient, Gainer, Rient and Hotis, and Douglas R. Cox, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2432, to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, with an amendment.

Also, committee began consideration of proposed legislation to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, September 16.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4522–4536; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 520, 523–524, were introduced. Pages H7493–94

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on August 21: H.R. 4393, to revise the banking and bankruptcy insolvency laws with respect to the termination and netting of financial contracts (H. Rept. 105–688 Part 1);

Filed on August 21: H.R. 4321, to protect consumers and financial institutions by preventing personal financial information from being obtained from financial institutions under false pretenses (H. Rept. 105–701 Part 1);

H.R. 1794, a private bill for the relief of Mai Hoa “Jasmine” Salehi. (H. Rept. 105–689);

H.R. 1834, a private bill for the relief of Mercedes Del Carmen Quiroz Martinez Cruz (H. Rept. 105–690);

H.R. 1110, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 105-691);

H.R. 1983, to amend the Rhode Island Indian Claims Settlement Act to conform that Act with the judgments of the United States Federal Courts regarding the rights and sovereign status of certain Indian Tribes, including the Narragansett Tribe, (H. Rept. 105-692);

H.R. 2223, to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize transfers of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools, amended (H. Rept. 105-693);

H.R. 2776, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Morristown National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes" to authorize the acquisition of property known as the Warren property (H. Rept. 105-694);

H.R. 3109, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York, amended (H. Rept. 105-695);

H.R. 3797, to compensate the Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma for the taking of certain rights by the Federal Government, (H. Rept. 105-696);

S. 1695, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a unit of the National Park System, (H. Rept. 105-697);

H. Res. 521, providing for consideration of H.R. 2863, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitat (H. Rept. 105-698);

H. Res. 522, providing for consideration of H.R. 2538, to establish a Presidential commission to determine the validity of certain land claims arising out of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo of 1848 involving the descendants of persons who were Mexican citizens at the time of the Treaty (H. Rept. 105-699); and

H.R. 4259, to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures (H. Rept. 105-700 Part 1).
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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gillmor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.
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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Thomas Cole National Historic Site Act: H.R. 3109, amended, to establish the Thomas Cole Na-

tional Historic Site in the State of New York. Agreed to amend the title;
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Conveyance of Fish Hatchery to Alabama: S. 1883, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama—clearing the measure for the President;
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Lake Chelan National Recreation Area: S. 1683, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest—clearing the measure for the President;
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Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act: H.R. 4090, amended, to provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty;
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Thomas Alva Edison Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 678, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison, to redesign the half dollar circulating coin for 1999 to commemorate Thomas Edison (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 397 yeas with 1 voting "nay", Roll No. 417). Agreed to amend the title;
Pages H7440-44, H7466

Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 1560, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark Expedition (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 398 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 418);
Pages H7444-46, H7466-67

Designating Lloyd D. George Federal Building and Courthouse: H.R. 2225, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bridger Avenue and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse";
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Designating Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building: H.R. 3295, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building";
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Commemorating 50 Years of Relations Between the U.S. and Korea: H. Res. 459, amended, commemorating 50 years of relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 419);
Pages H7451-53, H7467-68

Expressing Sense of the House Deploring the Murder of Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi: H. Res. 421, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives deploring the tragic and senseless murder of Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi, calling on the Government of

Guatemala to expeditiously bring those responsible for the crime to justice, and calling on the people of Guatemala to reaffirm their commitment to continue to implement the peace accords without interruption;

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Concerning New Tribes Mission Hostage Crisis: H. Con. Res. 277, concerning the New Tribes Mission hostage crisis;

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Calling for End to Recent Conflict Between Eritrea and Ethiopia: H. Con. Res. 292, amended, calling for an end to the recent conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia;

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Designating James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office Building: H.R. 3810, to designate the United States Post Office located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, New Jersey, as the “James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office”;

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Designating Ray J. Favre Post Office Building: H.R. 2623, to designate the United States Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Mississippi, as the “Ray J. Favre Post Office Building”;

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Designating Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building: H.R. 3167, to designate the United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the “Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building”;

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Designating Edgar C. Campbell, Sr. Post Office Building: H.R. 3939, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building”;

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Designating David P. Richardson, Jr. Post Office Building: H.R. 3999, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building”;

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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Communication from the Independent Counsel: The House received a communication from Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr which notified the House that his office delivered 36 sealed boxes containing two complete copies of a Referral to the House of Representatives.

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National Skill Standards Board: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the National Skill Standards Board for a four-year term: William E. Weisgerber of Michigan.

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Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Coordinating Council

on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for a two-year term: Gordon A. Martin of Massachusetts.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7433.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7495.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7466, H7467, and H7667–68. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:00 noon and at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT 2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Census held a hearing on “Oversight of the 2000 Census: Review of Census Bureau Planning and Preparations in Response to the Federal Court Ruling that Sampling is Illegal”. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: James F. Holmes, Acting Director, Bureau of the Census; and Robert J. Shapiro, Under Secretary, Economic Affairs.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REVITALIZATION ACT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the following: a measure that would make technical corrections to the National Capital Revitalization Act of 1997, specifically naming the GSA as the landholding agency for the Federal government of the Lorton Project; and a measure that would make technical corrections to the criminal justice section of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997.

BLOOD SAFETY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on the Blood Safety: Minimizing Plasma Product Risks. Testimony was heard from Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; Michael Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS RESOLUTION

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Res. 505, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the importance of diplomatic relations with the Pacific Island nations.