

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts approved for full committee consideration the following bills:

S. 2083, to provide for Federal class action reform, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. Res. 256, to refer S. 2274 entitled "A bill for the relief of Richard M. Barlow of Santa Fe, New Mexico" to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon.

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Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee began markup of S. 2288, to provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of Government publications, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

FAMILY CAREGIVING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the needs and problems facing family caregivers, after receiving testimony from former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Rosalynn Carter Institute/Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus; Gail Gibson Hunt, National Alliance for Caregiving, Bethesda, Maryland; Peter S. Arno,

Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York; Carol Levine, United Hospital Fund, and Mary S. Mittelman, Alzheimer's Disease Center/New York University Medical Center, both of New York, New York; David Levy and Carol Weinrod, both of Franklin Health, Inc., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey; and Myrl Weinberg, National Health Council, Washington, D.C.

Y2K TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings to examine the transportation industry efforts to prepare for the Year 2000 technology conversion problem, after receiving testimony from Mortimer Downey, Deputy Secretary, and Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Charles Feld, Delta Air Lines, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Deborah Freedman, SABRE Technology Solutions Division/SABRE Group, Inc., DFW Airport, Texas; Paige Miller, Port of Seattle, Seattle, Washington; Joyce Wrenn, Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, Nebraska; Scott Skillman, Crowley Maritime Corporation, Oakland, California; Christopher B. Lofgren, Schneider National, Inc., Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Robin C. Stevens, New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Albany.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4537-4548; 1 private bill, H.R. 4549; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 525-529, were introduced. Pages H7583-84

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3789, to amend title 28, United States Code, to enlarge Federal Court jurisdiction over purported class actions, amended, (H. Rept. 105-702);

H.R. 2921, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct an inquiry into the impediments to the development of competition in the market for multichannel video programming distribution (H. Rept. 105-661 Part 2); and

H. Res. 525, providing for a deliberative review by the Committee on the Judiciary of a communication from an independent counsel, and for the release thereof (H. Rept. 105-703). Page H7583

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Ronald F. Christian of Virginia. Page H7497

Decorum of Debate: The Speaker reiterated the rules of the House with respect to the decorum of debate, including one-minute and special-order speeches. Pages H7497-98

Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act: The House passed 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, by a ye and nay vote of 322 yeas to 90 nays, Roll No. 420. Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages H7500-06

Agreed to H. Res. 521, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Pages H7499-H7500

Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty Land Claims Act: The House passed 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, by a ye and nay vote of 223 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 421. Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified by the rule.

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Agreed to H. Res. 522, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

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Intelligence Authorization Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and agree to a conference. Appointed as conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goss, Young of Florida, Lewis of California, Shuster, McCollum, Castle, Boehlert, Bass, Gibbons, Dicks, Dixon, Skaggs, Pelosi, Harman, Skelton, and Bishop. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on National Security for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Spence, Stump, and Sanchez.

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English Language Fluency Act: The House passed H.R. 3892, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a program to help children and youth learn English, by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 424.

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Agreed To:

The Bonilla amendment, numbered 3 and printed in the Congressional Record, that strikes section 7406 that requires State standardized testing in English;

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The Riggs en bloc amendment, consisting of amendments numbered 5, 7, 8, and 9 and printed in the Congressional Record, that allows grants to a State educational agency in States with one school district, includes specialized tutoring programs to prevent students from dropping out of school, measures achievement by number and percentage of children, designs evaluations by grade level, and guarantees funding of at least 100 percent of the fiscal year 1998 baseline level under current law during the five-year transition period;

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The Hayworth amendment, numbered 4 and printed in the Congressional Record, that clarifies that nothing in the Act shall be construed to limit

the preservation or use of Native American languages;

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The Smith of Michigan amendment, numbered 6 and printed in the Congressional Record, that permits funding for family literacy services; and

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The Riggs amendment, numbered 2 and printed in the Congressional Record, that permits states to approve grants to local school districts only if the district is in compliance with State law regarding the education of English language learners (agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 423).

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Rejected:

The Martinez amendment to the Riggs amendment numbered 2, that sought to specify that the State may approve grants to local school districts only if it is in compliance with State law regarding the education of English language learners, except if it is necessary for the school district to comply with Federal law or a Federal court order (rejected by a recorded vote of 205 yeas to 208 noes, Roll No. 422).

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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Agreed to H. Res. 516, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

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Order of Procedure: Agreed by unanimous consent that the debate on H. Res. 525, providing for review by the Committee on the Judiciary of a Communication from an Independent Counsel, be enlarged to two hours, equally divided and controlled by the member of the Committee on Rules who calls up the resolution and a minority member of that committee.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7585.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7506, H7521, H7552, H7552–53, and H7553–54. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 1999.