

signed at Hong Kong on April 15, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-7), after receiving testimony from Jamison Selby-Borek, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; and Mark M. Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

## RUSSIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine policy options for the United States with regard to the current economic and political situation in Russia, after receiving testimony from Stephen Sestanovich, Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Richard Pipes and Marshall I. Goldman, both of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Thomas Graham, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.

## TELECOMMUNICATION CONSOLIDATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded

hearings to examine the impact of consolidation within the telecommunications industry, focusing on the proposed merger between Bell Atlantic and GTE, after receiving testimony from William T. Esrey, Sprint Corporation, Westwood, Kansas; Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; Charles R. Lee, GTE Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut; Clark E. McLeod, McLeodUSA, Incorporated, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Ivan G. Seidenberg, Bell Atlantic Corporation, New York, New York.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 3412, to amend and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 3853, to encourage businesses to adopt drug-free workplace programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4566-4568, 4570-4576; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 536, 539, were introduced.

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

H.R. 2108, to dispose of certain Federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, and to assist the local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, amended (H. Rept. 105-714);

H.R. 1481, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Restoration Study Report, amended (H. Rept. 105-715);

H.R. 2812, to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (H. Rept. 105-716);

H.R. 4079, to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California (H. Rept. 105-717);

H.R. 3445, to establish the Commission on Ocean Policy, amended (H. Rept. 105-718 part 1);

H.R. 4569, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105-719);

H. Res. 537, providing for consideration of H.R. 4300, to support enhanced drug interdiction efforts

in the major transit countries and support a comprehensive supply eradication and crop substitution program in source countries (H. Rept. 105-720); and

H. Res. 538, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4550) to provide for programs to facilitate a significant reduction in the incidence and prevalence of substance abuse through reducing the demand for illegal drugs and the inappropriate use of legal drugs (H. Rept. 105-721).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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**Private Calendar:** Agreed that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

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**Agriculture Appropriations:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to 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, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Skeen, Walsh, Dickey, Kingston, Nethercutt, Bonilla, Latham, Livingston, Kaptur, Fazio, Serrano, DeLauro, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Kaptur motion to instruct conferees to agree with the provisions of the Senate amendment which provide funding for agricultural disaster assistance and reserve inventories, including the designation of such funds as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, and with no offsetting reductions as provided in the Senate amendment (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 331 yeas to 66 nays, Roll No. 430). **Pages H7700-08**

**Defense Appropriations:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young of Florida, McDade, Lewis of California, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Istook, Cunningham, Livingston, Murtha, Dicks, Hefner, Sabo, Dixon, Visclosky, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to reduce, within the scope of the conference, the maximum amount possible from appropriations for low priority congressionally-directed projects not requested in the FY 1999 Defense Department budget request and apply those funds to alleviate high priority military readiness needs for spare parts, quality of life programs, training exercises, retention bonuses, and requirement incentives (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 348 yeas to 61 nays, Roll No. 431).

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Agreed to close portions of the conference when classified information is under consideration (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 432).

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**Legislative Branch Appropriations:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Walsh, Young of Florida, Cunningham, Wamp, Latham, Livingston, Serrano, Fazio, Hoyer, and Obey.

**Pages H7711-12**

Agreed to the Serrano motion to instruct conferees to bolster the Capitol police force by concurring in the Senate amendments that restore \$4.197 million of reductions passed by the House for Capitol Police salaries and Capitol Police general expenses.

**Pages H7711-12**

**Transportation Appropriations:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Wolf, DeLay, Regula, Rogers, Packard, Callahan, Tiahrt, Aderholt, Livingston, Sabo, Torres, Olver, Pastor, Cramer, and Obey.

**Pages H7712-14, H7781-82**

Agreed to the Sabo motion to instruct conferees to disagree to a provision in the Senate bill that

amends the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to allow helicopters unrestricted access to wilderness areas in Alaska (agreed to by a recorded vote of 249 yeas to 161 noes, Roll No. 433).

**Pages H7712-14, H7781-82**

**VA, HUD Appropriations:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to 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, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Lewis of California, DeLay, Walsh, Hobson, Knollenberg, Frelinghuysen, Neumann, Wicker, Livingston, Stokes, Mollohan, Kaptur, Meek of Florida, Price of North Carolina, and Obey

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Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on the House position providing a total of \$17,361,395,998 for the Department of Veterans Affairs medical account (agreed to by a recorded vote of 405 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 434).

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

**Speed Trafficking Life in Prison Act:** H.R. 3898, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to conform penalties for violations involving certain amounts of methamphetamine to penalties for violations involving similar amounts cocaine base;

**Pages H7716-19**

**Sense of Congress Regarding Marijuana:** H.J. Res. 117, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medicinal use (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 310 yeas to 93 nays, Roll No. 435). Agreed to amend the title;

**Pages H7719-26, H7783-84**

**National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:** S. 2073, amended, to authorize appropriations for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 280 yeas to 126 nays, Roll No. 436). Agreed to amend the title;

**Pages H7726-45, H7784**

**Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 4382, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for mammography quality standards (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 401 yeas with 1 voting "nay", Roll No. 437);

**Pages H7745-50, H7784-85**

**Glacier Bay National Park Boundary Adjustment Act:** H.R. 3903, amended, to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska;

**Pages H7750-53**

**Establishing the Commission on Ocean Policy:** H.R. 3445, amended, to establish the Commission on Ocean Policy;

**Pages H7753-58**

**Collection of Fees in National Park System:** H.R. 2993, amended, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units;

Pages H7758-60

**Sale of Idaho School Land:** H.R. 4166, to amend the Idaho Admission Act regarding the sale or lease of school land;

Pages H7760-61

**Memorial Honoring Mahatma Gandhi in D.C.:** H.R. 4284, to authorize the Government of India to establish a memorial to honor Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia;

Pages H7761-64

**Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act:** H.R. 2795, amended, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glendo Reservoir;

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**Construction at Folsom Dam, California:** H.R. 4079, amended, to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California;

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**Designating Freeman Hankins Post Office Building:** H.R. 4002, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5300 West Jefferson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Freeman Hankins Post Office Building";

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**Designating Max Weiner Post Office Building:** H.R. 4003, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2037 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Weiner Post Office Building";

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**Commending Pope John Paul II Visit to Cuba:** H. Res. 362, amended, commending the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Cuba; and

Pages H7774-77

**Sense of Congress Regarding Extradition Treaty with Mexico:** H. Res. 381, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should renegotiate the extradition treaty with Mexico so that the possibility of capital punishment will not interfere with the timely extradition of criminal suspects from Mexico to the United States.

Pages H7777-79

**Congratulating Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals:** Considered by unanimous consent, the House agreed to H. Res. 520, congratulating Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals for breaking the Major League Baseball single season home run record.

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**Congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs:** Considered by unanimous consent, the House agreed to H. Res. 536, congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for tying the current major league record for home runs in one season.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7803-10.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of the House today and appear on pages H7707-08, H7780, H7781, H7781-82, H7782-83, H7783, H7784, and H7784-85. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TURMOIL

**Committee on Banking and Financial Services:** Continued hearings on International Economic Turmoil. Testimony was heard from Thomas Kneir, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### PORTALS INVESTIGATION

**Committee on Commerce:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payments of fees to those representatives. Testimony was heard from Peter Knight, Wunder, Knight, Levine and Forsey.

Hearings continue September 17.

### DISARMING IRAQ: STATUS OF WEAPONS INSPECTIONS

**Committee on International Relations:** Held a hearing on Disarming Iraq: The Status of Weapons Inspections. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Martin Indyk, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Scott Ritter, former Weapons Inspector for the United Nations Special Commission.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO IN CRISIS

**Committee on International Relations:** Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Democratic Republic of Congo in Crisis. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Rice, Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on the Judiciary:** On September 14, the Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 4427, amended, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1998; H.R. 3046, amended, Police, Fire, and Emergency Prohibition Act of 1998; S. 1976, Crime Victims with Disabilities Awareness Act of 1998; H.R. 804, to amend part Q of title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that Federal funds made available to hire or rehire law enforcement officers are used in a manner that produces a net gain of the number of law enforcement officers who perform non-administrative