

of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children; Eleanor Acer, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, and Sam Waterston, both of New York, New York; Police Chief David Lon Walker, Marshalltown, Iowa; Fauziya Kassindja, Arlington, Virginia.

#### GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS REFORM

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee resumed hearings on S. 2288, to provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of the Government's publications, receiving testimony from J. Michael Farren, Xerox Corporation, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Information Technology Industry Council; Leonard Pomata, Litton/PRC, Inc., McLean, Virginia, representing the Professional Services Council; and William A. Gindlesperger, ABC Advisors, Inc., Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Also, committee held hearings to examine issues with regard to the proposed renovation of the Dirksen Senate Office Building and United States Capitol dome, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

Committee recessed subject to call.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1771, to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the substitute amendment incorporated the text of S. 1899, to ratify a Water Rights Compact entered into by the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the State of Montana, as Title II of the bill.)

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Montie R. Deer, of Kansas, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, Department of the Interior.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mr. Deer, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 4577-4587; 2 private bills, H.R. 4588-4589; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 128-129 and H. Res. 540, were introduced.

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

Report on Revised Suballocation of Budget totals for Fiscal Year 1999 (H. Rept. 105-722);

H.R. 3381, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co., amended (H. Rept. 105-723 Part 1);

H. Res. 541, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 128, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 (H. Rept. 105-724);

H. Res. 542, providing for consideration of H.R. 4569, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105-725); and

H. Res. 543, providing for consideration of H.R. 3248, to provide dollars to the classroom (H. Rept. 105-726).

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

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**Treasury, Postal Appropriations:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Kolbe, Wolf, Istook, Northup, Aderholt, Livingston, McDade, Hoyer, Meek of Florida, Price of North Carolina, and Obey.

Pages H7814-17

Agreed to the Hoyer motion to instruct conferees to insist on the Senate position providing \$3,250,000,000 for emergency expenses relating to Year 2000 conversion of Federal information technology systems.

Pages H7815-17

**Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act:** The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 384 ayes to 39 noes, Roll No. 442.

Pages H7819–57

Agreed To:

The Hastert amendment numbered 2 printed in the Congressional Record that requires the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a 10-year master plan for the use of mycoherbicides to control narcotic crops; Page H7835

The Shaw amendment numbered 6 printed in the Congressional Record that allows a State, county, port authority or other local jurisdiction to conduct criminal background checks on employees or applicants for employment; Pages H7844–48

The McCollum amendment numbered 4 printed in the Congressional Record that expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should revise the priority for counter drug activity, making it second only to war-fighting (agreed to by a recorded vote of 362 ayes to 61 noes, Roll No. 438);

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The Traficant amendment that specifies that the Secretary of Defense shall assist in keeping illegal drugs out of the U.S. by assigning members of the Armed Forces to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Customs Service (agreed to by a recorded vote of 291 ayes to 133 noes, Roll No. 440);

Pages H7835–44, H7855–56

Rejected:

The Reyes amendment, as modified, to the Traficant amendment that sought to clarify that nothing shall be construed as authorizing the deployment of the Armed Forces in contravention of United States law (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 439);

Pages H7838–44, H7855

The Waters amendment that sought to strike sections providing additional eradication resources for Colombia and Mexico, and to strike the sense of Congress provision to accord U.S. law enforcement personnel serving in Mexico and Mexican law enforcement personnel serving in the United States the same status as their respective diplomatic and consular personnel (rejected by a recorded vote of 67 ayes to 354 noes, Roll No. 441).

Pages H7848–54, H7856–57

H. Res. 537, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H7817–19

**Drug Demand Reduction Act:** The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 396 ayes to 9 noes, Roll No. 444.

Pages H7863–88

Agreed To:

The Portman amendment that clarifies that Employee Assistance Programs may offer treatment; specifies that the program for drug free teenage drivers does not place a mandate on the States and authorizes appropriations; requires a study regarding the development of anti-addiction drugs; and specifies a quorum for Commission on the Role of Medical Education in Reducing Substance Abuse.

Pages H7869–70

The Ros-Lehtinen amendment that increases the drug-free parents empowerment grant amount from \$20,000 to \$50,000;

Pages H7875–76

The Barrett of Wisconsin amendment that specifies that any drug-free workplace demonstration program shall include employee drug testing by a drug testing laboratory certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration or the College of American Pathologists, and each positive test result shall be reviewed by a Licensed Medical Review Officer;

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The Souder amendment that specifies that quality rating, criteria, quality program designation, and public notification decisions are the responsibility of each State; and

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The Portman amendment that specifies that members of the Commission on Role of Medical Education in Reducing Substance Abuse shall include representatives of the American Psychiatric Association, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, and establishes a quorum of 7 members.

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Rejected:

The Taylor of Mississippi amendment that requires that each individual appointed to an employment position with the Federal Government after enactment shall be subject to random, unannounced drug testing (rejected by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 281 noes, Roll No. 443);

Pages H7877–80, H7886–87

Point of Order sustained against:

The Latham amendment numbered 1 printed in the Congressional Record that specifies that any person who manufactures or distributes a controlled substance shall be liable in a civil action to any party harmed, directly or indirectly, by the use of that controlled substance.

Pages H7884–85

Withdrawn:

The Ramstad amendment numbered 2 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to require parity in the application of treatment limitations and financial requirements to substance abuse treatment

benefits with those for medical and surgical benefits; and

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that includes alcohol abuse in the national media campaign by the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the purpose of reducing and preventing alcohol abuse among young people.

Pages H7882–84

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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H. Res. 538, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a voice vote.

Pages H7858–63

**Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act:** The House insisted on its amendment to S. 1260, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Bliley, Oxley, Tauzin, Cox, White, Dingell, Stupak, and Eshoo.

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**Presidential Message—Commodity Credit Corporation:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his annual report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for FY 1996—referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 540, electing Representative Sherman to the Committee on Science.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7915–23.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7854–55, H7855, H7855–56, H7856–57, H7857, H7886–87, and H7887–88. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TURMOIL

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Concluded hearings on International Economic Turmoil. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### REAL ESTATE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES ACT, THE TRUTH IN LENDING ACT AND REFORMS TO MORTGAGE LENDING DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development held a joint hearing on the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth in Lending Act, and reforms to mortgage lending disclosure requirements. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

*Committee on Commerce, and the Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a joint hearing on Education and Technology Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Linda Roberts, Director, Office of Education Technology and Special Advisor to the Secretary on Technology, Department of Education; Carlotta C. Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL ANTI-BRIBERY AND FAIR COMPETITION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 4353, International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998.

### KYOTO PROTOCOL

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs continued hearings on “The Kyoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans? Part VI” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DEVELOPING WORLD-SPREAD OF AIDS

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Spread of AIDS in the Developing World. Testimony was heard from Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Department of Health and Human Services; Col. Deborah Birx, M.D., USA, Director, U.S. Military HIV Research Program, Walter Reed Hospital; Paul DeLay, M.D., Chief, HIV/AIDS Division, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

### U.S. POLICY ON IRAQ

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on the U.S. policy on Iraq. Testimony was heard from William Scott Ritter, Jr., former Chief Weapons Inspector, United Nations Special Commission on Iraq; Paul Wolfowitz, former Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.