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AUBURN INDIAN RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 1805, to amend the Auburn In-

dian Restoration Act to establish restrictions related to gaming on and use of land held in trust for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California, after receiving testimony from Representative Doolittle; Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Jessica Tavares, United Auburn Indian Community, Newcastle, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4617–4626; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 554, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2370, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure and the office of Attorney General, amended (H. Rept. 105–742);

H. Res. 551, providing for the consideration of H.R. 4618, to provide emergency assistance to American farmers and ranchers for crop and livestock feed losses due to disasters and to respond to loss of world markets for American agricultural commodities (H. Rept. 105–743);

H. Res. 552, providing for consideration of H.R. 4578, to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Protect Social Security Account into which the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit budget surpluses until a reform measure is enacted to ensure the long-term solvency of the OASDI trust fund, and for consideration of H.R. 4579, to provide tax relief for individuals, families, and farming and other small businesses, to provide tax incentives for education, to extend certain expiring provisions (H. Rept. 105–744); and

H. Res. 553, providing for consideration of H.R. 2621, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements (H. Rept. 105–745).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. A. David Argo of Washington, D.C.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the

fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a ye and nay vote of 356 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 457.

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Agreed to H. Res. 550, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by voice vote.

Pages H8540–46

Defense Authorization: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, by a ye and nay vote of 373 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 458.

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Agreed to H. Res. 549, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by voice vote.

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Workforce Improvement and Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 3736, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrants, by a recorded vote of 288 yeas to 133 noes, Roll No. 460.

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule, as amended.

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Rejected the Watt of North Carolina amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 2 printed in the Congressional Record that temporarily increases H-1B program visas from 65,000 to 95,000 in 1998, 105,000 in 1999, 115,000 in 2000; and then returns to 65,000 in 2001 and subsequent years. The increases are offset by a decrease in H-2B visas allowed each year (rejected by a ye and nay vote of 177 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 459).

Pages H8591–H8600

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. 513, the rule providing for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to the Dreier amendment that made in order as self-executing the amendment in the nature of a

substitute numbered 3 and printed in the Congressional Record.

Pages H8571-78

Head Start Amendments: The House insisted upon its amendment to S. 2206, to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Goodling, Castle, Souder, Clay, and Martinez.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8535.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8627-55.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8557-58, H8571, H8600-01, and H8601-02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held an oversight hearing on the Federal Housing Finance Board's responsibility for safety and soundness and mission regulation of the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Carnell, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Nancy Kingsbury, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, GAO; and Bruce Morrison, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3888, amended, Consumer Anti-Slamming and Spamming Prevention Act; H.R. 3783, amended, Child Online Protection Act; H.R. 563, amended, to establish a toll-free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; H.R. 4353, amended, International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998; H.R. 4321, amended, Financial Information Privacy Act of 1998; H.R. 3610, amended, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1998; and H.R. 4081, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas.

IMPEDIMENTS TO UNION DEMOCRACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, continued

hearings on Impediments to Union Democracy, Part IV: Rank and File Rights at the American Radio Association. Testimony was heard from representatives of the American Radio Association.

FEHB PREMIUM INCREASES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on FEHB Premium Increases for 1999. Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; and public witnesses.

DRAFT REPORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Resources met to consider, but no action was taken on the following draft reports: "Fixing the Consumer Price Index: The Bureau of Labor Statistics Needs to Develop a Long Range, Systematic Approach to CPI Improvements"; "Early Head Start: Linking Early Childhood Programs to Success"; "Hepatitis C: Silent Epidemic, Mute Public Health Response"; and "Medicare Home Health Services: No Surety in the Fight Against Fraud and Waste".

POSTAL REFORM ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Postal Service approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 22, Postal Reform Act of 1997.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Charles Kartman, Special Envoy for the Korean Peace Talks, Department of State; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Asia and Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

WESTERN SAHARA REFERENDUM FUTURE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on The Future of the Western Sahara Referendum. Testimony was heard from Ronald E. Neumann, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM ADEQUACY

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the adequacy of the fiscal year 1999 Defense health program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Ronald Blanck, USA, Surgeon General, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Richard Nelson, USN, Surgeon General, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Charles Roadman, USAF, Surgeon General, Department of the Air Force; Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); and William J. Lynn, III, Under Secretary (Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer).