

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).

OVERSIGHT—GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Grand Canyon National Park. Testimony was heard from Robert Arnberger, Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT; SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 4578, The Save Social Security Act, in the House without intervention of any point of order. The rule provides that the bill be considered as read and that the Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides for consideration, without intervention of any point of order, of an amendment printed in the Congressional Record and number 1, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule further provides for the consideration, without intervention of any point of order, of H.R. 4579, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1998, after the disposition of H.R. 4578. The rule provides that the bill be considered as read and that the Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, as modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides for consideration, without intervention of any point of order, of an amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 4579, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 4578, as passed by the House, and that upon the addition of the text, H.R. 4578 shall be laid upon the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Neumann, Spratt, Stenholm, Maloney of Connecticut, Berry, Sanchez, and Stark.

RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENT AUTHORITIES ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing two hours of debate on H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Crane and Peterson of Minnesota.

AGRICULTURE DISASTER RELIEF AND MARKET LOSS ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate on H.R. 4168, Agriculture Disaster and Market Loss Assistance Act. The rule provides for consideration of the bill in the House without the intervention of any point of order. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

Y2K: WHAT EVERY CONSUMER SHOULD KNOW

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a joint hearing on Y2K: What Every Consumer Should Know. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Programs of the U.S. Maritime Administration. Testimony was heard from Clyde J. Hart, Jr., Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development approved for full Committee action the following: 9 lease resolutions; 4 courthouse construction resolutions; 1 site acquisition and design resolution; 1 repair and alteration resolution; and H.R. 4595, to redesignate a Federal building located in Washington, D.C., as the "Sidney R. Yates Federal Building".

2000 (Y2K) BIOMEDICAL DEVICE ISSUES—IMPACT ON DVA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on 2000 (Y2K) biomedical device issues and their impact on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil

Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; John J. Callahan, Assistant Secretary, Management and Budget, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

WIPO COPYRIGHT TREATY

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2281, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, to provide limitation on copyright liability relating to material online, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1028)

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. Signed September 23, 1998. (P.L. 105-238)

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. Signed September 23, 1998. (P.L. 105-239)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, closed briefing on the world wide threat and status of U.S. military forces and potential operational requirements, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert C. Randolph, of Washington, to be Assistant Administrator for Asia and Near East Affairs, Agency for International Development; to be followed by hearings on the nominations of B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and Diane Edith Watson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to ex-

amine the safety of food imports, focusing on legislative, administrative and regulatory remedies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to continue hearings in open and closed session to examine United States Capitol securities issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the Federal Hydroelectric Relicensing Process, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Implementation of the Abstinence Education Provisions of the Welfare Reform Law, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on American Worker Project: Retailers and Manufacturers Concerning the Garment Industry, 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up the following: the Statistical Consolidation Act of 1998; H.R. 2635, Human Rights Information Act; H.R. 3032, Construction Subcontractors Payment Protection Enhancement Act of 1998; and a measure to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in New Castle, New Hampshire, to the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, and to authorize the conversion of the use of certain lands in such town, 11 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on VA Oversight: The Impact of Restructuring on Health Care Quality, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, executive, to consider the re-daction of and the withholding of certain documents, records, and materials received from the Independent Counsel, which would otherwise be required to be released on September 28, 1998, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing and mark up of S.J. Res. 51, granting the consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact entered into between the States of Maryland and West Virginia; and to mark up H.R. 4572, to clarify that governmental pension plans of the possessions of the United States shall be treated in the same manner as State pension plans for purposes of the limitation on the State income taxation of pension income, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, Subcommittee on Installations and Facilities, and the Subcommittee on Military Personnel, joint hearing on readiness realities, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, executive, to continue to receive briefings, 8 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on 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, 12 Noon, H-140, Capitol.