

and status of United States military forces and potential operational requirements from Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Maj. Gen. John Maher, Vice Director of Operations, and Rear Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, Director of Intelligence, all of the Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

Committee recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert C. Randolph, of Washington, to be Assistant Administrator for Asia and Near East Affairs, Agency for International Development, 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1404, to establish a Federal Commission on Statistical Policy to study the reorganization of the Federal statistical system, to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency of Federal statistical programs and the quality of Federal statistics by permitting limited sharing of records among designated agencies for statistical purposes under strong safeguards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

FOOD IMPORT SAFETY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine the safety of food imports, focusing on legislative, administrative and regulatory remedies, after receiving testimony from Timothy M. Hammonds, Food Marketing Institute, Stacey A. Zowel, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Dane T. Bernard, National Food Processors Association, Richard Levinson, American Public Health Association, Carol Tucker Foreman, Safe Food Coalition, and Robert Hahn, Public Voice for Food and Health Policy, all of Washington, D.C.; Nancy Nagle, United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Ruth Kava, American Council on Science and Health, New York, New York.

CAPITOL SECURITY

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee continued hearings in open and closed session to examine United States Capitol security issues, receiving testimony from Robert Gramling, Director for Corporate Audits and Standards Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Kenneth Lopez, Director of Security, Library of Congress; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Gregory S. Casey, Sergeant at Arms, United States Senate; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives; Gary Abrecht, Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police; and Joyce Doria and Jack Mayer, both of Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Falls Church, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4627–4645; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 130, H. Con. Res. 330, and H. Res. 555–556 were introduced. **Page H8931**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4321, to protect consumers and financial institutions by preventing personal financial information from being obtained from financial institutions under false pretenses amended (H. Rept. 105–701 Part 1);

Conference report on H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–746);

H.R. 3829, to amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to provide a process for agency employees to submit urgent concerns to Congress, amended (H. Rept. 105–747 Part 1);

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 (H. Rept. 105–748); and

Conference report on H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–749). **Pages H8657–H8719, H8842–H8929, H8930–31**

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

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C.

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Save Social Security Act: The House passed 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 funds, by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 464.

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Rejected:

The Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that transfers 100 percent of the Social Security Trust Fund surplus to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be held in trust for the Social Security system and requires that Congress default on publicly traded debt obligations before it defaults on its obligations to the Social Security system (rejected by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 463).

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H. Res. 552, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 215 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 462. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 219 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 461.

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Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act: The House failed to pass H.R. 2621, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 243 noes with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 466.

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H. Res. 553, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, by agreed to by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 230 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 465.

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Late Reports: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. The Committee on Education and the Workforce received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 6, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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Consideration of Conference Reports: Agreed that it be in order on Monday, September 28, 1998, or any day thereafter to consider the conference reports on H.R. 4103, H.R. 4060, and H.R. 6; that all points of order be waived against each conference re-

port and its consideration; and that each be considered as read when called up for consideration.

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Order of Procedure: Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 4579 pursuant to H. Res. 552, notwithstanding the order of the previous question, it may be in order after 30 minutes of the 60 minutes provided for initial debate on the bill, as amended pursuant to the rule, for the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill until the following legislative day, on which consideration may resume at a time designated by the Speaker.

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Taxpayer Relief Act: The House completed 30 minutes of debate on 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. Consideration will resume Saturday, September 26, 1998.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H8657 and H8805.

Referral: S. 2071, to extend a quarterly financial report program administered by the Secretary of Commerce was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8731, H8731–32, H8755, H8755–56, H8765, and H8805. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL HYDROELECTRIC RELICENSING PROCESS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Federal Hydroelectric Relicensing Process. Testimony was heard from Senator Craig; Douglas Smith, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; John Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Robert Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest Service, Forest Service, USDA; Terry Garcia, Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM LAW— IMPLEMENTATION OF ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROVISIONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Implementation