

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

of the Abstinence Education Provisions of the Welfare Reform Law. Testimony was heard from Peter Van Dyck, M.D., Acting Associate Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services; Claude Allen, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on American Worker Project: Retailers and Manufacturers Concerning the Garment Industry. Testimony was heard from Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Chairwoman, Standing Committee on Labor, State of New York; and Larry Martin, President, American Apparel Manufacturers Association.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology began consideration of the following bills: H.R. 4620, 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 H.R. 4614, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in New Castle, New Hampshire, to the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, and to require the release of certain restrictions with respect to land in such town.

Will continue September 28.

VA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on VA Oversight: The Impact of Restructuring on Health Care Quality. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health; Denis FitzGerald, M.D., Network Director, VISN-1; Bruce Woolette, D.D.S., Department of Dentistry and Jack Bachman, Department of Neurology, both with the Togus, Maine, VA Medical Center; and public witnesses.

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL COMMUNICATION—REDACTION OF AND WITHHOLDING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, AND MATERIALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and agreed to the redaction 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.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: 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 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.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on S.J. Res. 51. Testimony was heard from Senator Sarbanes; Representative Bartlett of Maryland; and a public witness.

READINESS REALITIES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness, Subcommittee on Installations and Facilities, and the Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a joint hearing on readiness realities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Vice Adm. Herbert A. Browne, Jr., II, USN, Commander, 3rd Fleet, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command; and Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Forces Atlantic, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, Marine Expeditionary Force; and Gen. David A. Bramlette, (USA, Ret.), former Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China: Met in executive session to continue to receive briefings.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER

Conferees on Thursday, September 24, agreed to file a conference report on 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.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 28 through October 3, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on S. 2176, Federal Vacancies Reform Act, at 5:30 p.m.