

regulatory agency actions, to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of William Clyburn Jr., of South Carolina, and Wayne O. Burkes, of Mississippi, each to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; and routine nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard; and

S. 82, authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, with amendments.

EDUCATION BUDGET

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on the proposed

budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Education, focusing on special education costs, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, vocational-technical education, career preparation programs, military children, and higher education, after receiving testimony from Vermont State Representative Albert J. Perry, Richford; Paul Marchand, Education Task Force/Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, Betsy Brand, American Youth Policy Forum, Edward Kealy, Committee for Education Funding, Anthony Samu, United States Student Association, and William D. Hansen, Education Finance Council, all of Washington, D.C.; H. Allen Gilbert, Worcester School Board, Worcester, Vermont; John F. Deegan, Bellevue Public Schools, Bellevue, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Military Impacted Schools Association; and Dunbar Brooks, Baltimore County Public Schools, Towson, Maryland, on behalf of the National School Boards Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 2, 705–757; 2 private bills, H.R. 758–759; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 29, H. Con. Res. 32–33, and H. Res. 53–63, were introduced. **Pages H641–44**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey (H. Rept. 106–16). **Page H641**

Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments: The House passed H.R. 391, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses by a recorded vote of 274 ayes to 151 noes, Roll No. 20. **Pages H595–H613**

Agreed to the McIntosh amendment that specifies that a fine may be imposed for a first time paperwork violation if it has the potential to cause serious harm or present a danger to public health or safety; and adds two representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, including a member from the Health Care Financing Administration, to the task force on streamlining information requirements. **Pages H603–05**

Rejected the Kucinich amendment that sought to strike provisions which waive a fine for a first time paperwork violation and establishes a policy or program for Federal agencies, except the IRS, to eliminate, delay, or reduce fines in appropriate circumstances and take into account the seriousness of the violation, public health and safety, consumer and worker protections, the environment, and previous compliance history (rejected by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 19). **Pages H605–12**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 42, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. **Pages H590–95**

Presidential Message re Mongolia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–19). **Page H613**

Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1999: The House passed H.R. 437, to provide for a Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President by yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 21. **Pages H615–19**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 44, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. **Pages H613–15**

Monthly Reports by the Postmaster General: The House passed H.R. 705, to make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives. Page H620

Majority Leader Remarks: The Majority Leader announced the schedule for the remainder of February. Pages H619–20

Resignations and Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 23, 1999, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. Page H620

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 24, 1999. Page H620

George Washington's Birthday Observance: Agreed that it shall be in order for the Speaker to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Monday, February 22, 1999. Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Wolf and Moran of Virginia to represent the House. Pages H620–21

United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: Representative Bereuter, Chairman, and Representatives Bateman, Bliley, Boehlert, Regula, Roukema, Gillmor, Goss, Deutsch, Borski, Lantos, and Rush. Page H621

Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Houghton as Chairman of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group. Page H621

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Kolbe as Chairman of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group. Page H621

House of Representatives Page Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Kelly and Kolbe to the Page Board. Subsequently, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Kildee to the Board. Page H621

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative

Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 23, 1999. Page H621

Woman's Progress Commemoration Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Slaughter, Ms. Clayola Brown of New York, New York, and Ms. Barbara Haney of Irvine, New Jersey. Page H621

National Council on the Arts: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Lowey to the National Council on the Arts. Page H621

Trade Deficit Review Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. George Becker of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Kenneth Lewis of Portland, Or., and Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Va. to the Trade Deficit Review Commission. Page H621

Web-Based Education Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Fattah and Mr. Doug King of St. Louis, Mo. Pages H621–22

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H611–12, H612–13, and H619. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRIBUSINESS CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review agribusiness consolidation. Testimony was heard from Mark Drabenstott, Vice President and Director, Center for the Study of Rural America, Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, Missouri; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Export and Trade Financing Agencies. Testimony was heard from James A. Harmon,