

Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, except to permit the formation of secondary and post-secondary consortia. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 47), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Bingaman Amendment No. 63 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 43), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Bingaman (for Murray/Kennedy) Amendment No. 64 (to Amendment No. 31), authorizing funds for fiscal years 2000 through 2005 to provide for class-size reduction in the early grades and to provide for the hiring of additional qualified teachers. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 41), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Bingaman (for Boxer) Amendment No. 65 (to Amendment No. 31), to improve academic and social outcomes for students and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive activities during after school hours. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon.

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Subsequently, S. 280 was placed back on the Senate Calendar.

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National Missile Defense Act: Senate began consideration of S. 257, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, March 15, 1999.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—5)

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Record Votes: Eleven record votes were taken today. (Total—48)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday,

March 15, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2611.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Commerce, focusing on decennial census and other statistical programs, oceans and atmosphere, trade, technology, and assisting distressed communities, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, materials disposition, and non-proliferation, after receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, and Laura S.H. Holgate, Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, all of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, receiving testimony from Harris Wofford, Chief Executive Officer, and Luise S. Jordan, Inspector General, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service; and Ellen Lazar, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Strategic Subcommittee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ballistic missile defense programs and management, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition;

and Gen Robert T. Marsh, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, Airborne Laser Independent Assessment Team.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the defense health program, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, and H. James T. Sears, Executive Director, TRICARE Management Activity, both of the Department of Defense; Maj. Gen. John S. Parker, USA, Commanding General, Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USN, Navy Surgeon General; Lt. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, II, USAF, Air Force Surgeon General; David J. McIntyre, Jr., TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix, Arizona; Robert E. Shields, Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., Louisville; Virginia Torsch, Retired Officers Association, Annandale, Virginia, and Sydney T. Hickey, National Military Family Association, Alexandria, Virginia, both on behalf of the Military Coalition; and Col. Charles C. Partridge, USA (Ret.), National Association for Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia, on behalf of the National Military and Veterans Alliance.

AIRLINE PASSENGER FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings on S. 383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers, receiving testimony from Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Darlene McCord, Royale Renaissance, Pharmaceutical Research & Development, Glenbrook, Nevada; Carol B. Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, and Mark Silbergeld, Consumers Union, both of Washington D.C.; Lawton Roberts, Uniglobe Country Place Travel, Lawrenceville, Georgia; Paul M. Ruden, American Society of Travel Agents, Inc, Alexandria, Virginia; Darryl Jenkins, Aviation Institute/George Washington University, Falls Church, Virginia; and Jeannie Johanningsmeier, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year

2000 for the Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, and Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy and Legislation, both of the Department of the Army.

INTERNATIONAL TAXATION

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to explore the ramifications of the changing world economy and the reforms that are needed in the international tax area, receiving testimony from Robin D. Beran, Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, Illinois; Julietta Guarino, ABB, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Organization for International Investment; John L. Loffredo, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Auburn Hills, Michigan; Robert H. Perlman, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California; John H. Mutti, Grinnell College Department of Economics, Grinnell, Iowa; and Matthew J. Slaughter, Dartmouth College Department of Economics, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

EMBASSY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine embassy security for a new millennium, focusing on the bombings in Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam, the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's efforts to protect American personnel, facilities, and national security information, and the Accountability Review Board recommendations, receiving testimony from Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., USN (Ret.), Chairman, Accountability Review Boards for the Embassy Bombings in Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam, David G. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, and Patrick F. Kennedy, Assistant Secretary for Administration, all of the Department of State.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

MANAGED HEALTH CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to enhance consumer protections for privately-insured Americans who receive health coverage under managed care arrangements, including S. 6, to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, and S. 300 and S. 326, bills to improve access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, General Accounting Office; Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Peter W.

Thomas, former Chair, Subcommittee on Consumer Rights, Protections and Responsibilities, President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry; and Karen M. Ignagni, American Association of Health Plans, Ronald F. Pollack, Families USA Foundation, Beverly L. Malone, American Nurses Association, and Marcia L. Comstock, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.

Y2K COMPUTER PROBLEM

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings to explore claims that failures caused by the Y2K computer glitch will result in a large number of lawsuits that could nega-

tively impact the courts and business community, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; Michael C. Spencer, Milberg, Weiss, Bershad, Hynes, and Lerach, New York, New York; Charles Rothfeld, Mayer, Brown, and Platt, and William Frederick Lewis, Prospect Technologies, both of Washington, D.C.; William Steel Sessions, FedNet, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas/former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; George Scalise, Semiconductor Industry Association, San Jose, California; and John H. McGuckin, Jr., Union Bank of California, San Francisco.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 1069–1107; and 8 resolutions, H. J. Res. 37–38, H. Con. Res. 53–54, and H. Res. 108–111, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act, and the Privacy Act of 1974 to request Government Records (H. Rept. 106–50); and

H.R. 820, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard, amended (H. Rept. 106–51).

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Bachus wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 108, electing Representative Scarborough to the Committee on the Judiciary and Representative Baker to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Education Flexibility Partnership Act: The House passed H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships by a recorded vote of 330 ayes to 90 noes, Roll No. 41. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on March 10.

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

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Rejected the Scott amendment, numbered 21 and printed in the Congressional Record, that sought to authorize a waiver in the case of a school that participates in a Title I program only if the school

serves at least thirty-five percent of children from low-income families (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 40).

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of H.R. 800.

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H. Res. 100, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on March 10.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures debated on March 9:

Bankruptcy Relief Extension for Certain Family Farmers: H.R. 808, amended, to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted (passed by yeas and nays vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 42). Agreed to amend the title;

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Expressing Support for Free Elections in Indonesia: H. Res. 32, expressing support for, and calling for actions in support of, free, fair, and transparent elections in Indonesia (passed by yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 43); and

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Human Rights Abuses in China and Tibet: H. Con. Res. 28, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution criticizing the People's Republic of China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 44).

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