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INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 1243–1280; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 41–43, H. Con. Res. 69–77, and H. Res. 129, 130, 132, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 131, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009 (H. Rept. 106–77);

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by a yeas and nays vote of 220 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 70.

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Rejected:

Stenholm amendment that sought to strike language that requires the entire additional amount for Farm Service Agency salaries and expenses to be designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement (rejected by a recorded vote of 77 yeas to 345 noes with 2 voting "present," Roll No. 67);

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Obey amendment made in order by the rule and printed in House Report 106–76 that sought to strike funding rescissions used as offsets from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Callable Capital Account for Multilateral Development Banks, and Export-Import Bank; and

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Tiahrt amendment numbered 4 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to fully offset the emergency supplemental appropriations bill by increasing the rescission in the Callable Capital Account for Multilateral Development Banks by \$195 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 264 noes, Roll No. 69).

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Points of order sustained against:

The Stenholm amendment that sought to strike language on pages 2 through 13 that requires the funding amounts to be designated by the Congress

as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended;

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The Bentsen amendment numbered 1 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to release from detention any criminal alien subject to mandatory detention pending removal from the United States; and

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The Burton amendment numbered 2 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to authorize the Secretary of Defense to make available funds and enter into agreements to make payments for the settlement of claims arising from the deaths caused by a Marine Corps helicopter at a ski area near Cavalese, Italy.

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H. Res. 125, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a voice vote.

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President's Export Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Ewing, English, and Pickering to the President's Export Council.

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Support for Members of the Armed Forces Engaged in Military Operations: The House agreed to H. Res. 130, expressing support of the House of Representatives for the members of the United States Armed Forces who are engaged in military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by a yeas and nays vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 71.

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Extension of Airport Improvement Program: S. 643, to authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months—clearing the measure for the President.

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Select Committee re Military/Commercial Concerns with China: The House agreed to H. Res. 129, extending the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China until April 30, 1999.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1599.

Referrals: S. 437, to designate the “Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse” and S. 460, to designate the “Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse” were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1630–31, H1644–45, H1654–55, H1660, and H1668–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EPA'S PROPOSED PLANT PESTICIDE RULE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops and the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a joint hearing to review the EPA's proposed Plant Pesticide Rule. Testimony was heard from James V. Aidala, Associate Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on Bureau of the Census and on Immigration and Naturalization Service. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Special Access Programs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Com-

munity Service; the National Mediation Board; the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; the U.S. Institute of Peace; the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; and Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, President, Corporation for National and Community Service; Magdalena G. Jacobson, Chairwoman, National Mediation Board; C. Richard Barnes, Director Designee, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Richard H. Solomon, President, U.S. Institute of Peace; and Mary Lu Jordan, Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Office of Science and Technology Policy, and on the Department of Defense—Civil, Cemeterial Expenses, Army. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense.

HEDGE FUNDS—BANK LENDING AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittees on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on bank lending and other transactions with hedge funds. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Reserve System: Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors; and William J. McDonough, President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and Michael J. Brosnan, Deputy Comptroller, Department of the Treasury.

AMERICA'S HEALTH: PROTECTING PATIENTS' ACCESS TO CARE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on America's Health: Protecting Patients' Access to Quality Care and Information. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—MEXICAN COUNTER NARCOTICS EFFORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Mexican Counter narcotics Efforts: Are We Getting Full Cooperation? Testimony was heard from Jeff Weitzman, Canine Enforcement Officer, Orlando Field Division, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Thereon Bowman, Chief of Police, Arlington, Texas; and public witnesses.