

H. Res. 142, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H2205.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2217–18 and H2224–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Kosovo Supplemental. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Williams S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joints Chiefs of Staff.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued hearings on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 authorizations for the international financial institutions and related programs. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1400, Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 459, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project; amended, H.R. 1378, to authorize appropriations for carrying out pipeline safety activities

under chapter 601 of title 49, United States Code; and H.R. 45, amended, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999.

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Federal Prison Industries. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORKPLACE LEGISLATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion and Whistleblower Improvement Act; and the Models of Safety and Health Excellence Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Petri, Andrews, Blunt and Pelosi; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTION—REMOVE U.S. ARMED FORCES FROM PRESENT OPERATIONS AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA

Committee on International Relations: Began markup of H. Con. Res. 82, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Will continue tomorrow.

KOSOVO SITUATION

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Situation in Kosovo. Testimony was heard from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

EMBATTLED STATE OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on the Embattled State of U.S.-China Relations: Assessing the Zhu Rongji Visit. Testimony was heard from Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.

BEACHES, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, CLEANUP, AND HEALTH ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 11 to 0, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 999, Beaches, Environmental Assessment, Cleanup,

and Health Act of 1999. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment by section.

The rule provides for the consideration of the (manager's) amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Shuster or his designee. The rule provides that the manager's amendment shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, shall not be subject to amendment or to a division of the question, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boehlert and Bilbray.

SPACE LAUNCH INDEMNIFICATION EXTENSION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Extension of Space Launch Indemnification. Testimony was heard from Esta Rosenberg, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

GENETICS TESTING

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Genetics Testing in the New Millennium: Advances, Standards and Implications. Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH; and William F. Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Science Policy, Office of the Secretary; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 118, to designate the Federal

building at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building"; H.R. 560, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 300 Recinto Sur Street in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse"; H.R. 686, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Garza-Vela United States Courthouse"; H.R. 1121, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; S. 453, to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building"; and S. 460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1480, Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1071, Montgomery GI Bill Improvements Act of 1999; and H.R. 1182, Servicemembers Educational Opportunity Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Vice Adm. Patricia A. Tracey, USN, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military Personnel Policy; Maj. Gen. Evan Gaddis, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara E. McGann, USN, Commander, U.S. Navy Recruiting Command; Brig. Gen. Peter U. Sutton, USAF, Commander, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service; Maj. Gen. Gary L. Parks, USMC, Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting; Sergeant First Class Thomas R. Krech, Recruiter, U.S. Army; Petty Officer Laura D. Johnson, Recruiter, U.S. Navy; Staff Sergeant Robert A. Austin, Field Recruiter, U.S. Air Force; and Gunnery Sergeant Paul Jornet, Recruiter, U.S. Marine Corps; the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Rear Adm. Thomas J. Barrett, USCG, Director, Reserve and Training; and Electricians Mate Second Class Keisha R. Gill, USCG, Recruiter, U.S. Coast Guard; former Representative G.V. Montgomery of Mississippi; and a public witness.

VA MEDICAL FACILITIES—SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health held a joint hearing on the suspension of medical research at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities in West Los Angeles and Sepulveda, California. Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Puglisi, Director, Division of Human Subject Protections, Office for Protection from Research Risks, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Dean C. Norman, M.D., Acting Chief of Staff, West Los Angeles Medical Center; Kenneth Clark, Chief, Network Officer; Ronald Norby, Clinical Manager and Deputy Network Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 22; and Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CHINA DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on China Damage Assessment. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D386.)

H.R.1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas. Signed April 19, 1999. (P.L. 106-21)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on worldwide threats to United States national security interests, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in emerging-market countries, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy, with the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in emerging-market countries, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the status of the Medicare trust fund, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine boxing industry regulations, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold a closed briefing on the damage to the national security from Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 441, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system; S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio; S. 581, to protect the Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to authorize a Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park; and S. 700, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine North Korea's prison camps, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 59, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and other regulatory reform legislation, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings on issues relating to the Elementary Secondary Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to resume consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: to hold hearings on issues relating to the oil industry and Y2K, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, on Florida Initiative, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Reliability