

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 1619–1653; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 49, were introduced.

Pages H2544–45

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1183, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements, amended (H. Rept. 106–121 part 1);

H.R. 1211, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (H. Rept. 106–122); and

H.R. 833, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 106–123). Page H2543

Extension of Select Committee on China to May 14, 1999: The House agreed to H. Res. 153, amending House Resolution 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, as amended by House Resolution 129, One Hundred Sixth Congress. Page H2476

Water Resources Development: The House passed H.R. 1480, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes by a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 104. Pages H2479–H2516

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule, as amended. Page H2515

Agreed to the Schuster amendment, as modified, to make technical changes, authorize several environmental restoration projects, and include additional flood control and navigation projects. Pages H2510–15

Agreed to H. Res. 154, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill earlier by voice vote.

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Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the social problem of child abuse and neglect and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of this problem. Pages H2517–22

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of May 3. Page H2516

Meeting Hour—Monday, May 3: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3. Page H2523

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, May 4: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4 for morning-hour debates. Page H2523

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of May 5. Page H2523

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H2515–16. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LIVESTOCK—PRICE REPORTING

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review price reporting for livestock. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMERGENCY KOSOVO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS; SUBALLOCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Emergency Kosovo Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999.

The Committee also approved the Fiscal Year 1999 Section 302(b) reallocations.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services concluded appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RESEARCH REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on reauthorization of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Testimony was heard from John M. Eisenberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SUBPOENAS—ENERGY LABORATORIES SECURITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved the issuance of subpoenas ad testificandum to secure testimony in connection with the Subcommittee's ongoing review of

security at the Department of Energy's laboratories and nuclear weapon facilities.

TEAMSTERS—RE-RUN ELECTION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Re-run Election. Testimony was heard from Michael G. Cherkasky, Election Officer, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on Improving Student Achievement: Examining Impact of Teacher Quality and Smaller Class Sizes. Testimony was heard from Pat Forgione, Jr., Commissioner, National Center of Education Statistics, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation of the Committee on Transportation held a joint hearing on Oversight of Federal Real Property Management: Obstacles and Innovative Approaches to Effective Property Management. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; Randall Yim, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Installations, Department of Defense; Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Rudolph Umscheid, Vice President, Facilities, U.S. Postal Service; G. Martin Wagner, Associate Administrator, Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—ANTHRAX—MANDATORY VACCINE—SAFETY AND EFFICACY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations continued hearings on Anthrax (II): Safety and Efficacy of the Mandatory Vaccine. Testimony was heard from Kwai Chan, Director, Special Studies and Evaluations, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Katherine Zoon, M.D., Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Brig. Gen. Eddie Cain, USA, Joint Program Man-

ager, Biological Defense, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Postal Service approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 197, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the "Clifford R. Hope Post Office"; H.R. 1251, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the "Noel Cushing Batement Post Office Building"; H.R. 1377, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building"; H.R. 1191, to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois; and H.R. 22, amended, Postal Modernization Act.

DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Democracy in Africa, 1989–1999: Progress, Problems and Prospects. Testimony was heard from Vivian Lowery Derryck, Assistant Administrator, Africa, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

Y2K READINESS AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 755, Year 2000 Readiness and Responsibility Act. Will continue May 4.

OVERSIGHT—REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Regulatory Flexibility Act and the Economic Impact of National Marine Fisheries Service Regulations. Testimony was heard from Penelope Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 747, Arizona Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments of 1999; H.R. 791, amended, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999; H.R. 834, to extend

the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund; and H.R. 1104, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center.

SECOND BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL RETREAT PROPOSALS

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House held a hearing on proposals from the Second Bipartisan Congressional Retreat. Testimony was heard from Representatives LaHood, Sawyer, Houghton and Eshoo, all Co-Chairs, Retreat Planning Committee; Stanley Bach, Senior Specialist, Legislative Process Government Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1550, Fire Administration Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1551, Civil Aviation Research and Development Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1552, Marine Research and Related Environmental Research and Development Programs

Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 1553, National Weather Service and Related Agencies Authorization Act of 1999.

KYOTO PROTOCOL

Committee on Small Business, Held a hearing to further examine the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Testimony was heard from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Aging, to hold hearings on issues relating to the Older Americans Act, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, to hold an oversight hearing on the Status of the District of Columbia Public Schools, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.