

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 1905–1914; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 111, were introduced. Pages H3502–03

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on May 21, H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–156);

Filed on May 21, H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–157);

H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, amended (H. Rept. 106–158 Part 1);

H. Res. 185, providing for consideration of H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–159);

H. Res. 186, providing for consideration of H.R. 1259, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms (H. Rept. 106–160);

H.R. 1833, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for the United States International Trade Commission (H. Rept. 106–161); and

H.R. 1401, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 to 2001 (H. Rept. 106–162). Page H3502

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3463

Recess: The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H3464

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

District of Columbia College Access: H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of

in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia; Pages H3465–69

John J. Buchanan 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”; Page H3470

Clifford R. Hope Post Office: 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”; Pages H3470–72

Postal Service Facilities in Chicago, IL: H.R. 1191, to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois; Pages H3473–74

Disadvantaged Areas Nursing Relief: H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of non-immigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas; Pages H3474–78

Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building: H.R. 1251, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the “Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building” (passed by a ye and nay vote of 362 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 145); and Pages H3469–70, H3480

Postal Service Designations in Philadelphia, PA: H.R. 100, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (passed by a ye and nay vote of 368 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 146). Pages H3472–73, H3480–81

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Legislative Proposal on Education: Message received on May 21, by the Clerk, wherein he transmitted his proposed legislation entitled the “Educational Excellence for All Children Act of 1999”—referred to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Armed Services, and Banking and Financial Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–68); and Pages H3478–79

Prohibitions on the Use of Mines: Message received on May 24, by the Clerk, wherein he transmitted his certification concerning the use of the Pursuit Deterrent Munition by the U.S. Armed Forces until at least January 1, 2003—referred to the Committee on International Relations. Pages H3481–82

Recess: The House recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3504–05.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3480 and H3480–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KEY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ISSUES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: On May 21, the Committee continued hearings on key international financial issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SALARY OF THE PRESIDENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on the Salary of the President of the United States. Testimony was heard from Sharon Gressle, Specialist, American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 1259, Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999. The rule provides that the bill be considered as read and that the amendment printed in section 2 of the resolution be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Shaw and McDermott.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1906, making appropriations for the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a 3 day layover of the committee report) and section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provi-

sions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill.

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 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 Skeen and Kaptur.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for energy and water development programs, 10:30 a.m., SD–116.

Subcommittee on Transportation, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation and related agencies, 12 p.m., SD–116.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings on state progress in retail electricity competition, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 140, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System; S. 734, entitled the "National Discovery Trails Act of 1999"; S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park; S. 938, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; S. 939, to correct spelling errors in the statutory designations of Hawaiian National Parks; S. 946, 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; and S. 955, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, 2:15 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings on S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, 10 a.m., SD–406.