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Recess: The House recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 12:33 a.m. on May 27. Page H3690

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H3609 and H3657.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3695.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on page H3645, H3646, H3646-47, H3647, H3656, H3678, H3678-79, and H3679-80. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:34 a.m. on May 27.

Committee Meetings

RURAL AREAS—ELECTRIC DEREGULATION EFFECTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing to review the effects of electric deregulation on rural areas and an examination of legislative proposals. Testimony was heard from Wally Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; Mark Mazur, Director, Office of Policy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 629, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Amendments Act of 1999; and H.R. 413, Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs Act of 1999.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from Senator Kennedy; Representative Rush; Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on State Restructuring Efforts and Consumer Protection Issues. Testimony was heard from Elaine Kolish, Associate Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Mary Ellen Burns, Assistant Attorney General in Charge, Bureau of Energy and Telecommunications, State of New York; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL SAFETY INFORMATION AND SITE SECURITY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment concluded hearings on H.R. 1790, Chemical Safety Information and Site Security Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Leon G. Billings, member, House of Delegates, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

DOE'S-FUNDED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on a Review of the Department of Energy's Deployment of DOE-Funded Environmental Cleanup Technologies. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastings of Washington; Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Sciences Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary; James Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Gerald Boyd, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Science and Technology; and public witnesses.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veteran's Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Combating Terrorism: Proposed Transfer of the Domestic Preparedness Program to the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Charles L. Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense; Andy Mitchell, Deputy Director, Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and the following officials of the FEMA: Barbara Y. Martinez, Deputy Director, National Domestic Preparedness Office; and Catherine Light, Director, Office of National Security Affairs.

COX COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on The Cox Committee: Report of the Select Committee on U.S. Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cox and Dicks.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; H.R. 354, amended, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; H.R. 1565, amended, Trademark Amendments Act of 1999; H.R. 1761, amended, Copyright Damages

Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1225, United States Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 2000.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Use of Land and Money Mitigation Requirements in Endangered Special Act Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Jamies Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Penelope Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 2, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal years 2000 and 2001. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Armed Services amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, which shall be considered as read. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and pro forma amendments offered by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services for the purpose of debate Amendments printed in Part C of the Rules Committee report may be offered en bloc. The rule provides that, except as specified in section 5 of the resolution, amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that, except as otherwise specified in the report, each amendment printed in the report shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment (except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of further debate on any pending amend-

ment). The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and those amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides for an additional one hour of general debate at the beginning of the second legislative day of consideration of H.R. 1401, which shall be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule authorizes the chairman of the Armed Services Committee or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of the amendments in Part C of the Rules Committee report or germane modifications thereto, which shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Armed Services Committee or their designees, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for division of the question. The rule provides that, for the purposes of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the dispositions of the en bloc amendments. 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. The rule permits the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of the order in which printed, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman of the Armed Services Committee or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representatives Weldon of Pennsylvania, Thornberry, Hostettler, Hilleary, Ryun of Kansas, Riley, Goodling, Boehlert, Shays, Castle, Collins, Hoekstra, Frelinghuysen, Metcalf, Ney, Weldon of Florida, Thune, Sweeney, Wilson, Ose, Skelton, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Allen, Sanchez, McIntyre, Rodriguez, Stenholm, Frank of Massachusetts, Traficant, Costello, Roemer, Waters, Hinchey, Velázquez and Kucinich.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1742, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development and Science Advisory Board Authorization Act of

1999; H.R. 1743, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 1656, Department of Energy Commercial Application of Energy Technology Authorization Act of 1999.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1744, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1999.

The Committee recessed subject to call.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: The Benefits and Pitfalls of Conducting Business Over the Internet. Testimony was heard from Daniel O. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Technology, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF MOTOR CARRIERS AND OF BUS SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Office of Motor Carriers and of Bus Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Eugene A. Conti, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy; and Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Joseph Osterman, Director, Office of Highway Safety, National Transportation Safety Board; the following officials of the State of New Jersey: C. Richard Kamin, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Motor Vehicles; and James Crawford, Executive Director, South Jersey Transportation Authority; former Representative Norman Mineta of California; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S HARBOR SERVICES FEE PROPOSAL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Administration's Harbor Services Fee Proposal. Testimony was heard from Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings on S.935, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased industrial products, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for Energy and Water Development programs, and to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation and related agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S.761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on the nomination of David L. Goldwyn, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs); and the nomination of James B. Lewis, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 623, to amend Public Law 89-108 to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, to deauthorize certain project features and irrigation service areas, to enhance natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat; S. 244, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system;

S. 769, to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for the construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam; S. 1027, to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy; and H.R. 459, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on S. 1100, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that the designation of critical habitat for endangered and threatened species be required as part of the development of recovery plans for those species, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.