

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 1973–2004; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 121–124 and H. Res. 196–198, were introduced. **Pages H3709–11**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. John Putka, S.M., Ph.D. of Dayton, Ohio. **Page H3697**

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, May 26, by a yea and nay vote of 309 yeas to 76 nays, Roll No. 166. **Pages H3697–98**

Defense Authorization Act—Rule Withdrawn: H. Res. 195, providing for consideration of H.R. 1401, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 to 2001 was called up and subsequently withdrawn. **Pages H3698–H3707**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 12:23 p.m. **Page H3707**

Late Report: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure received permission to have until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28 to file a report on H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page H3707**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hastings of Florida wherein he requested a leave of absence from the Committee on Science. Without objection, the resignation was accepted. **Page H3707**

Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Yugoslavia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his notice concerning the emergency with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and in Kosovo—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–75). **Pages H3707–08**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Davis

of Virginia to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 7. **Page H3707**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 9, 1999. **Page H3708**

Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, June 7, 1999, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H3708**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H3698.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H3697–98. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 35, adjourned at 12:27 p.m. until Monday, June 7.

Committee Meetings

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full Committee action the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999.

MEDICAL RECORDS CONFIDENTIALITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medical Records Confidentiality in the Modern Delivery of Health Care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Peggy Hamburg, Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation; John M. Eisenberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; and Lana R. Skirboll, Associate Director, Science

Policy, NIH; Mark O'Keefe, Commissioner of Insurance, Department of Insurance, State of Montana; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS—READING RESULTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to Review and Oversight of the 1998 Reading Results of the National Assessment of Education Programs (NAEP)—The Nation's Report Card. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Pascal D. Forgione, Jr., Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics; and Mark D. Musick, Chairman, National Assessment Governing Board.

FDA'S MONITORING OF SUPPLEMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "How Accurate is the FDA's Monitoring of Supplements Like Ephedra?" Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Levitt, M.D., Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SUDAN—CRISIS AGAINST HUMANITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Africa held a joint hearing on the Crisis Against Humanity in Sudan. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES—COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 915, Testimony was heard from Henry Romero, Associate Director, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, OPM; and public witnesses.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 1218, Child Custody Protection Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION PRIVACY POLICY DISCLOSURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Electronic Communication Privacy Policy Disclosure. Testimony was heard from John Bentivoglio, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

CURRENT GUN LAWS ENFORCEMENT; PENDING FIREARMS PROPOSALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on pending Firearms legislation and the Administration's Enforcement of Current Gun Laws. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; James E. Johnson, Under Secretary, Enforcement, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 1243, amended, National Marine Sanctuaries Enhancement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1431, amended, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a joint hearing on H. Con. Res. 63, expressing the sense of the Congress opposing removal of dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers for fishery restoration purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington and Nethercutt; Steve Wright, Senior Vice President, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; Brig. Gen. Robert H. Griffin, USA, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held an oversight and reauthorization hearing on the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program. Testimony was heard from Daniel Hill, Assistant Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 91, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a clinic to be conducted by the United States Luge Association, H. Con. Res. 105, authorizing the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the 1999 Special Olympics World Games to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and H.R. 1000, amended, Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century.

The Committee also approved the following: resolutions authorizing the GSA's Fiscal year 2000 Capital Investment Program; and 2 construction resolutions.

WELFARE REFORM EFFECTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Effects of Welfare Reform. Testimony was heard from Howard Rolston, Director, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; J. Jean Rogers, Administrator, Department of Workforce Develop-

ment, State of Wisconsin; Richard Larson, Director, Office of Policy, Research, and Systems, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; and public witness.

UNILATERAL TRADE SANCTIONS—USE AND EFFECT

Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the use and effect of unilateral trade sanctions. Testimony was held from Representatives Dooley of California, Nethercutt and Blumenauer; Stuart E. Eizenstate, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; Robert Rogowsky, Director of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission; Richard D. Farmer, Principal Analyst, Natural Resources and Commerce Division; CBO; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 28, 1999**
Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings/hearings scheduled.