

Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Flag Desecration: The House completed general debate on 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 and pursuant to the earlier order of the House, further proceedings were postponed until June 24. **Pages H4787–H4804**

International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Campbell of California and Mr. Allan H. Meltzer of Pennsylvania to the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission. **Page H4804**

Presidential Message—Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Message wherein he transmitted the annual report of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 1997—referred to the Committee on Commerce. **Page H4804**

National Commission on Terrorism: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of the Honorable Jane Harman of Torrance, California and Mr. Salam Al-Marayati of Shadow Hills, California to the Commission on Terrorism. **Page H4806**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H4587.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4823–27.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4747–48, H4782–83, H4783, and H4784–85. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WTO MINISTERIAL

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on the Administration's preparation for the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the DC Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; Linda Cropp, Chairman, Council; and

Valerie Holt, Chief Financial Officer; Alice Rivlin, Chairman, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and a public witness.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

AMERICA'S HEALTH

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment continued hearings on America's Health, focusing on Protecting Patients with a Strong Appeals Process. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORKFORCE PRESERVATION ACT; REWARDING PERFORMANCE IN COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 987, Workforce Preservation Act; and H.R. 1381, amended, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act.

IS MEXICO A SAFE HAVEN FOR KILLERS?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Getting Away With Murder, Is Mexico a Safe Haven for Killers?: The Del Toro Case. Testimony was heard from Representative Miller of Florida; Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Jamison M. Borek, Deputy Legal Advisor, Department of State; and a public witness.

YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 1599, Year 2000 Compliance Assistance Act. Testimony was heard from Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Frank P. Pugliese, Commissioner, Federal Supply Service, GSA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held an oversight hearing on Combating Terrorism: Role of the National Guard Response Teams. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Gebicke, Director, National Security Preparedness Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles Cragin, Acting Assistant Secretary,

Reserve Affairs; Maj. Gen. Roger Shultz, USA, Director, Army National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Bruce Lawlor, USA, Deputy Director, Military Support, Director, Consequence Management Program Integration Office, National Guard; and Maj. Gen. John H. Finimore V, USAF, Adjutant General, National Guard, State of New York.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1152, Silk Road Strategy Act of 1999; and H.R. 1794, amended, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1691, amended, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999; H.R. 1218, Child Custody Protection Act; and H.R. 2014, to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory commuter tax on nonresidents.

WARNER CREEK TIMBER SALE

Committee on Resources: Task Force on Warner Creek Timber Sale and Related Matters met in executive session to discuss the Warner Creek Timber Sale and related matters.

COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET PROCESS REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 853, Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999.

VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1568, Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1568. Testimony was heard from Betsy Myers, Associate Administrator, Entrepreneurial Development and Director of Small Business Welfare to Work, SBA; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2280, amended, Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1999; and H.J. Res. 34, congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

REDUCING THE TAX BURDEN

Committee on Ways and Means: Concluded hearings on Reducing the Tax Burden: II, Providing Tax Relief

to Strengthen the Family and Sustain a Strong Economy. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rangel, Weller, Hulshof, Clement, Danner, Graham, McIntosh, Turner, Baird and Crowley; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings on agricultural trade issues, focusing on agriculture's role in the World Trade Organization negotiations with China, and the European Union regulation of genetically modified agriculture products, 9:30 a.m., SR 328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to examine the implications of the proposed acquisition of the Atlantic Richfield Company by BP Amoco, PLC, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on NOx/State Implementation Plans, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up the proposed Medicare Subvention Demonstration for Veterans Act, to create a three year program that will allow veterans who are eligible for Medicare to receive their health care at a Veterans Affairs (VA) facility, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of Richard C. Holbrooke, of New York, to be the Representative of the United States to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine U.S. satellite controls and the domestic production/launch capability, 2:45 p.m., SD-562.