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DC COLLEGE ACCESS ACT/HIGHER EDUCATION FOR DC STUDENTS ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on 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, and S. 856, to provide greater options for District of Columbia students in higher education, after receiving testimony from Senator Jeffords; Representative Thomas Davis; District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton; Maureen A. McLaughlin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education for Policy, Planning, and Innovation, Office of Post-Secondary Education; and Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Lucio A. Noto, Mobil Corporation, on behalf of the District of Columbia College Access Program, Julius F. Nimmons, Jr., University of the District of Columbia, and Patricia A. McGuire, Consortium of Universities of the Metropolitan Washington Area, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas;

S. 768, to establish court-martial jurisdiction over civilians serving with the Armed Forces during contingency operations, and to establish Federal jurisdiction over crimes committed outside the United States by former members of the Armed Forces and civilians accompanying the Armed Forces outside the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Keith P. Ellison, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Gary Allen Feess, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, W. Allen Pepper, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Karen E. Schreier, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and Stefan R. Underhill, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, July 1.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 2335–2361, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 853, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for joint resolutions on the budget, reserve funds for emergency spending, strengthened enforcement of budgetary decisions, increased accountability for Federal spending, accrual budgeting for Federal insurance programs, mitigation of the bias in the budget process toward higher spending, modifications in paygo requirements when there is an on-budget surplus, amended, adversely (H. Rept. 106–198, Part 1); and

H. Res. 221, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1802, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding

and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency (H. Rept. 106–199).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Calvin V. French of Washington, D.C.

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Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Flag Desecration: The House passed 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 by a recorded vote of 305 ayes to 124 noes, Roll No. 252. The House completed general debate on June 23.

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Rejected the Watt of North Carolina amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to propose

the following article as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States: "Not inconsistent with the first article of amendment to this Constitution, the Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States" by a ye and nay vote of 115 yeas to 310 nays, Roll No. 251.

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H. Res. 217, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to on June 23.

Year 2000 Readiness and Responsibility Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Hyde, Sensenbrenner, Goodlatte, Conyers, and Lofgren from the Committee on the Judiciary and Representatives Bliley, Oxley, and Dingell from the Committee on Commerce for consideration of section 18 of the Senate amendment.

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Agreed to the Conyers motion to instruct conferees to ensure that their eventual report to the House reflects due regard for the substantive concerns of the high-technology community and the possible implications of the "y2k" date change on that community and on the Nation's economy; the substantive inputs of the Administration and of the bipartisan Leaderships in the Congress on the issues committed to conference; and the sense of the House that a decision not to follow this process will lead to a failure to enact legislation by a ye and nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 253.

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Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures by a recorded vote of 375 yeas to 48 noes, Roll No. 255.

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Agreed to a Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Hyde amendment that clarifies that the provisions of the bill apply to civil asset forfeitures not criminal asset forfeitures.

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Rejected:

The Paul substitute amendment to the Hutchinson amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to specify that no property may be forfeited under any civil asset forfeiture law unless the property's owner has first been convicted of the criminal

offense that makes the property subject to forfeiture; and

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The Hutchinson amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to create general rules relating to civil forfeiture proceedings and require the United States to establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the property is subject to forfeiture (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 254).

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Withdrawn:

The Meek of Florida amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to permit civil asset forfeiture for any conveyance used in alien smuggling.

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H. Res. 216, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Civil Uses of Atomic Energy Between the U.S. and Canada: Message wherein he transmitted his text of a proposed Protocol Amending the Agreement for Cooperation Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy Between the government of the United States and Canada—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-84); and

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Export Administration Act: Message wherein he transmitted his report on the national emergency declared with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-85).

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H4829.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4913-53.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4841, H4843-44, H4851, H4876, and H4878. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review H.R. 1402, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1-A as part of the implementation of the