

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

final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blunt and Green of Wisconsin; Jesse Ventura, Governor, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY—SECURITY PROBLEMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the security problems at the U.S. Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Warren B. Rudman, Chairman, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

#### **COUNTERPARTY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY GROUP STUDY**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on a Study Released by The Counterparty Risk Management Policy Group. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **DATA SERVICES DEPLOYMENT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, held a hearing on Deployment of Data Services. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **BILINGUAL EDUCATION ACT EXAMINATION**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Examining the Bilingual Education Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **IMMUNITY RESOLUTIONS; DO TIGHTER SECURITY ADVOCATES FACE INTIMIDATION?**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported H.R. 1327, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the "Maureen B. Neuberger United States Post Office."

The Committee approved resolutions to Grant Immunity to Maria Mapili, Reynaldo Mapili and Charles T. Chiang.

The Committee held a hearing on Retaliation at the Departments of Defense and Energy: Do Advo-

cates of Tighter Security for U.S. Technology Face Intimidation? Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon of Pennsylvania; Lt.Col. Edward McCallum, Director, Office of Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Leitner, Senior Strategic Trade Adviser and Michael Maloof, Chief, Technology Security Operations, both with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency; and Jonathan Fox, Arms Control Specialist, Defense Special Weapons Agency.

The Committee also met in executive session on this subject. Testimony was heard from Robert Henson, Physicist, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Department of Energy.

#### **FRANCHISING OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on franchising; the franchise relationship, mutual rights and obligations of franchisees and franchisors, and assessing the need for more regulation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Coble, LaFalce and Dickey; and public witnesses.

#### **PAIN RELIEF PROMOTION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the Report of the U.S. Copyright Office on Copyright and Digital Distance Education; and Intellectual Property Security Registration. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—U.S. SECRET SERVICE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the United States Secret Service. Testimony was heard from Brian Stafford, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury.

#### **NATIONAL MONUMENT NEPA COMPLIANCE ACT; OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1487, National Monument NEPA Compliance Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plants. Testimony was heard from Henri Bisson, Assistant Director,

Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Robert Lewis, Deputy Chief, Research and Development, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—RESTRUCTURED ELECTRIC INDUSTRY

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the Role of the Power Marketing Administration's in a Restructured Electric Industry. Testimony was heard from James J. Hoecker, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses,

### FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act of 1999. The rule further provides 20 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Commerce.

The rule waives clause 401(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the current fiscal year) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule also waives clause 401(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for consideration of only the amendments printed in the report accompanying the resolution. The rule further provides that the amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.

Additionally, 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 Representa-

tives Johnson of Connecticut, Buyer, Cardin, and Thompson of California.

### WHY ARE GOVERNMENT WEBSITES VULNERABLE?

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Federal Agencies Under Attack: Why Are Government Websites Vulnerable? Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Michael Jacobs, Deputy Director, Information Systems Security, NSA, Department of Defense; and Keith Rhodes, Technical Director, Office of the Chief Scientist, GAO.

### PRIME ACT; LOAN PROGRAMS AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Small Business:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 413, PRIME ACT.

The Committee also held a hearing on proposed amendments to the 7(a) and 504 Loan Programs. Testimony was heard from Fred P. Hochberg, Deputy Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

### TRADE SANCTIONS—PENALIZE SMALL BUSINESS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on "Do Unilateral Economic Trade Sanctions Unfairly Penalize Small Business?" Testimony was heard from Representative Crane; and public witnesses.

### HOMELESS VETERANS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the effectiveness of federal grants to community based organizations with regard to homeless veterans. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Associate Director, Veterans Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; Espiridion A. Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Fred Karnas, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Needs Assistance Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### WORLD DEVELOPMENTS BRIEFING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on World Developments: A Global Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

### Y2K ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, June 29.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1999

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Risky Business in the Op. Sub.: How the OCC Dropped the Ball, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.