

Condemning Arson at Synagogues in Sacramento, California: H. Res. 226, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning the acts of arson at three Sacramento, California, area synagogues on June 18, 1999, and affirming its opposition to such crimes (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay” and one voting “present”, Roll No. 258).

Pages H5030–36, H5045–46

Suspension Failed—Urging Days of Prayer: The House failed to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 94, recognizing the public need for reconciliation and healing, urging the United States to unite in seeking God, and recommending that the Nation’s leaders call for days of prayer by a ye and nay vote of 275 yeas to 140 nays with 11 voting “present” and two-thirds required for passage.

Pages H5038–44, H5046

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation: Message wherein he transmitted the notification of his action to amend Executive Order 12938 which implements the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1998—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–86);

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National Emergency Re Yugoslavia and Kosovo: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Yugoslavia and Kosovo—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–87); and

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Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Message wherein he transmitted the fiscal year 1998 annual report for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the inventory of the Federal Funds Distributed to Public Telecommunications Entities by Federal Departments and Agencies for the same year—referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5044–45, H5045–46, and H5046. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior approved for full Committee action the Interior appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM PLANS

Committee on the Budget: Social Security Task Force held a hearing on Review of Social Security Reform Plans. Testimony was heard from Senators Gregg and Breaux; Representatives Archer, Shaw, Kolbe, Stenholm, Smith of Michigan, Sanford, DeFazio, Nadler, Bartlett of Maryland and Markey.

DOE NUCLEAR FACILITIES—WORKER SAFETY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Worker Safety at DOE Nuclear Facilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: David M. Michaels, Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety, and Health; and R. Keith Christopher, Director, Office of Enforcement and Investigations; the following officials of the GAO: Gary I. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues; and William R. Swick, Assistant Director, Seattle Field Office; and public witnesses.

MUHAMMAD ALI BOXING REFORM ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1832, Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENHANCING RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Enhancing Retirement Security, including discussion of H.R. 1102, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Cardin.

DEFENSE OFFSETS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on “Defense Offsets: Are They Taking Away Our Jobs?” Testimony was heard from Senator Feingold; Roger Majak, Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; Alfred Volkman, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Commercial and International Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT WASTE CORRECTIONS ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 1827, Government Waste Corrections Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from David Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Deidre Lee, Acting Director, Management, OMB; the following officials of the Department of

Defense: George H. Allen, Deputy Commander, Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia; and Gerald R. Peterson, Chief, Accounts Payable Division, Army Air Force Exchange Service; Michelle Snyder, Director, Financial Management Office, and Chief Financial Officer, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CAMPAIGN REFORM

Committee on House Administration: Continued hearings on Campaign Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gillmor, Hutchinson, Regula, Shays, Mink of Hawaii, Andrews, and Tanner.

Y2K, CUSTOMS FLOWS AND GLOBAL TRADE

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on "Y2K, Customs Flows and Global Trade: Are We Prepared to Meet the Challenges of the New Millennium?" Testimony was heard from John McPhee, Director, Office of Computers and Business Equipment and Trade Development, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; S. W. Hall, Jr., Assistant Commissioner and Chief Information Officer, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Jack L. Brock, Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, GAO; and a public witness.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD VICTIMS OF TORTURE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Victims of Torture. Testimony was heard from Leslie Gerson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; Lavinia Limon, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Department of Health and Human Services; Ann Van Dusen, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Bo Cooper, Acting General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY FAIR WARNING ACT

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 881, Regulatory Fair Warning Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, and Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Pennelope Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce; Marshall Jones, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Ron DeHaven, Deputy Administrator, Animal Care, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; and John E. Reynolds, Chairman, Marine Mammal Commission.

OVERSIGHT—GAO REPORT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on a GAO Report entitled: "A Cohesive Strategy is Needed to Address Catastrophic Wildlife Threats." Testimony was heard from Barry Hill, Associate Director, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Janice McDougale, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA.

OVERSIGHT—PARK VISITORS—HEALTH RISKS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Dealing with Occurrence of the Hantavirus Disease and associated health risks to Park Visitors on the Channel Islands National Park in California. Testimony was heard from Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; James N. Mills, Chief, Medical Ecology Unit, Special Pathogens Branch, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Vicki Kramer, Chief, Vector-Borne Disease Section, Department of Health Services, State of California; and a public witness.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for consideration in the House of H.R. 1218, Child Custody Protection Act, with 2 hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady of Florida and Watt of North Carolina.

ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance.

The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open to amendment by section.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Hansen.

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER HISTORIC TRAIL STUDY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 791, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999.

The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Hansen.

WORLD WAR II VETERANS PARK AT GREAT KILLS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 592, to Redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills".

The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hansen and Fossella.

RUDMAN REPORT—DOE SECURITY PROBLEMS

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on the Rudman Report on Security Problems at the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Warren B. Rudman, Chairman, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

RANGE MODERNIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, the Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development of the Committee on Armed Services held a joint hearing on Range Modernization, Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Richard C. Henry, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, Range Integrated Product Team, Air Force Space Command; and John M. Borky, Vice Chairman, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the requirement for Double Hulls under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Testimony was heard from Representative Frelinghuysen; Rear Adm. Robert C. North, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

REDUCING NONMARITAL BIRTHS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Reducing Non-marital Births. Testimony was heard from Stephanie J. Ventura, Senior Researcher, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Edward Tetelman, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Human Services, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.