

for point of service coverage, and to provide for the establishment and operation of Health Insurance Ombudsmen. **Pages S8554–64, S8592**

Lott Amendment No. 1254 (to Amendment No. 1232), in the nature of a substitute.

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Daschle Amendment No. 1232, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8435–S8622**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 209), Kerrey Amendment No. 1253 (to Amendment No. 1251), to provide for a transitional period for certain patients. **Pages S8573–92**

Federal Financial Assistance Programs Improvement: Senate passed S. 468, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Pages S8695–97**

Highway Traffic Safety Corrections: Senate passed H.R. 2035, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8697**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Johnnie E. Frazier, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

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Communications: **Pages S8629–30**

Petitions: **Page S8630**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S8631–47**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S8692–93**

Additional Statements: **Pages S8693–95**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—210) **Pages S8553, S8577, S8592, S8622–23**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 16, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8697.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 143) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

OFFICIAL DOLLARIZATION IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance and the Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in Latin America, receiving testimony from Manuel E. Hinds, San Salvador, El Salvador, former Republic of El Salvador Minister of Finance; Michael Gavin, Warburg Dillon Read, Stamford, Connecticut; and David R. Malpass, Bear, Stearns and Company, Inc., and Liliana Rojas-Suarez, Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., both of New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Wednesday, July 14, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 147) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: On Wednesday, July 14, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 149) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Transportation Safety Board, after receiving testimony from James E. Hall, Chairman, Peter Goelz, Managing Director, Daniel Campbell, General Counsel, Craig Keller, Chief Financial Officer, Bernard S. Loeb, Director, Office of Aviation Safety, and Claude Harris, Deputy Director, Office of Highway Safety, all of the National Transportation Safety Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 145) authorizing funds by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ELECTRIC COMPANY COMPETITION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 161, to provide for a transition to market-based rates for power sold by the Federal Power Marketing Administrations and the Tennessee Valley Authority, S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry, S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier, after receiving testimony from John W. Rowe, Unicom Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Susan F. Clark, Florida Public Service Commission, Tallahassee, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; John Anderson, Electricity Consumers Resource Council, Washington, D.C.; Billy Jack Gregg, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Charleston, on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates; Steven J. Kean, ENRON Corporation, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association; Ralph Cavanagh, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco, California; George Fraser, Northern California Power Agency, San Diego, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; and David R. Nevius, North American Electric Reliability Council, Princeton, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 150) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res.

154) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 144) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: On Wednesday, July 14, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 138) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committees on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 152) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 142) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business;

S. 1156, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 to ensure full analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules proposed by certain agencies, with amendments;

S. 1346, to ensure the independence and non-partisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, with amendments; and

H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee approved for reporting an original resolution (S. Res. 151) authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 155) authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT Y2K PREPAREDNESS

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings on state and local government preparedness for the year 2000 computer problem, after receiving testimony from Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information System, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Mike Benzene, State of Missouri, Jefferson City, on behalf of NASIRE; Indiana State Auditor Connie Kay Nass,

and Patrick R. Ralston, Indiana State Emergency Management Agency, both of Indianapolis; Brian O'Neil, City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Suzanne J. Peck, Government of the District of Columbia; Mayor James E. Trobaugh, Kokomo, Indiana, on behalf of the Conference of Mayors; James O'Brien, City of West Hartford, Connecticut; Randy Johnson, Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; and Robert D. Browder, Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff, and Miller, Fort Worth, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2527–2541, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 249, 251, were introduced. Pages H5686–87

Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 250, providing for consideration of H.R. 434, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the method of payment of taxes on distilled spirits (H. Rept. 106–236). Page H5686

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, July 14, by a ye and nay vote of 346 yeas to 53 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 297. Page H5580

Religious Liberty Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 1691, to protect religious liberty by a ye and nay vote of 306 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 299. Pages H5584–H5608

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Page H5585

Rejected the Nadler amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to permit persons to file claims related to the free exercise of religion except for cases dealing with housing and employment discrimination. For these cases, small landlords, religious institutions and small business owners may file claims, by a ye and nay vote of 190 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 298. Pages H5596–H5608

H. Res. 245, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote. Pages H5580–84

Treasury, Postal, and General Government Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2490, 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 by a ye and nay vote of 210 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 305. Pages H5612–77

Rejected the Hoyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations. Page H5676

Agreed to:

The Velazquez amendment that provides \$3 million for grants to investigate money laundering and related financial crimes; Pages H5622–25

The Lowey amendment to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that strikes the reference to moral convictions as a basis for objection to provisions regarding contraceptive coverage (agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 303); Pages H5655–61

The Smith of New Jersey amendment, as amended, that specifies that no provisions regarding contraceptive coverage will apply to any existing or future plan if the Carrier objects on the basis of religious beliefs; Pages H5641–62

The Maloney of New York amendment that specifies that no funds may be used to enforce any prohibition on women breast-feeding their children in Federal buildings or on Federal property; and Pages H5672–74

The Andrews amendment that prohibits the import of any children's sleepwear without the labels required by the flammability standards issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Pages H5674–75

Rejected:

The DeLauro amendment that sought to strike the section that prohibit funds for abortions or administrative expenses in connection with any FEHB plan