

Slovak Republic, J. Richard Fredericks, of California, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and William B. Taylor, Jr., of Virginia, for the Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Coordinator of U.S. Assistance for the New Independent States, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Fredericks was introduced by Senator Boxer, and Mr. Spielvogel was introduced by Senator Daschle.

RUSSIAN SPACE LAUNCH QUOTA

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine quota based trade agreements as an instrument of commercial space launch trade policy between the United States and Russia, after receiving testimony from Catherine Novelli, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe and the Mediterranean; Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; John D. Holum, Senior Advisor for Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; and Will Trafton, International Launch Services/Lockheed Khronichev Energia International, Inc., San Diego, California.

FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded oversight hearings on

Federal asset forfeiture, focusing on its role in fighting crime and the need for reform of the asset forfeiture laws, after receiving testimony from Representatives Hyde and Weiner; Eric H. Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, and Richard A. Fiano, Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice; James E. Johnson, Under Secretary for Enforcement, and Bonni G. Tischler, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Gilbert G. Gallegos, Fraternal Order of Police, Samuel J. Buffone, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and Roger Pilon, CATO Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Johnny Mack Brown, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Sheriffs Association; Johnny L. Hughes, Annapolis, Maryland, on behalf of the National Troopers Coalition.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL GAMING AGREEMENT ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 985, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Enzi; Hilda A. Manuel, Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; James E. Billie, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood; Raymond C. Scheppach, National Governors' Association, and Richard G. Hill, National Indian Gaming Association, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2576–2585, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 259, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 257, providing for consideration of H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–247); and

H. Res. 258, providing for consideration of H.R. 1074, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits (H. Rept. 106–248).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Burr to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H6021

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Richard A. Lord of Vienna, Virginia. Page H6021

Meeting hour—Thursday, July 22: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 22. Page H6026

Military Construction Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Hobson, Porter, Wicker, Tiahrt, Walsh, Miller of Florida, Aderholt, Granger, Young of Florida, Olver, Edwards, Farr, Boyd, Dicks, and Obey. Page H6082

Treasury, Postal, and General Government Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to 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, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Kolbe, Wolf, Northup, Emerson, Sununu, Peterson of Pennsylvania, Blunt, Young of Florida, Hoyer, Meek of Florida, Price of North Carolina, Roybal-Allard, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Olver motion to instruct conferees to restore \$50 million in funding for the IRS to complete its Year 2000 compliance work.

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American Embassy Security Act: The House passed H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000. The House completed general debate on July 19 and considered amendments to the bill on July 19 and 20.

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Agreed to:

The Gilman amendment, as modified, that restricts all nuclear cooperation with North Korea until the President determines and certifies to the Congress that North Korea is complying with all international agreements pertaining to nuclear proliferation and has terminated its nuclear weapons program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 305 ayes to 120 noes, Roll No. 321);

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The Gibbons amendment that requires that both parents, or the child's legal guardian, to execute the passport application before it is issued for the first time to children under the age of 14 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 323);

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The Bereuter amendment that expresses support of the Congress for the upcoming plebiscite on independence or autonomy in East Timor and calls upon the Indonesian government to disarm anti-independence paramilitary groups;

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The Traficant amendment, as modified, that limits the use procurement funding to products produced in the United States or the country receiving the assistance and provides for a waiver by the President on a case-by-case basis;

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The Stearns amendment that expresses the Sense of Congress that State Department employees who, in the course of their duties, inform the Congress of pertinent facts concerning their responsibilities, should not as a result be demoted or removed from their current position or from Federal employment

(agreed to by a recorded vote of 287 ayes to 136 noes, Roll No. 325);

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The Bilbray amendment that expresses the Sense of Congress that the United States and Mexico should enter into an agreement to eliminate the sewage pollution of the San Diego and Tijuana border region (agreed to by a recorded vote of 427 ayes with none voting "no" Roll No. 327);

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The Gilman en bloc amendment, as modified, that authorizes funding for the NATO civil budget assessment; requires a report on the proliferation of small arms; expresses the Sense of the Congress that the U.S. should support the peace process in Columbia, Haitian elections in November 1999, commend the people of Israel for reaffirming their democratic ideals in its elections, stipulate that any party objecting to the water boundaries established between Greece and Turkey in the Aegean sea should seek redress in the International Court of Justice at the Hague, seek a renunciation by the People's Republic of China of the use of force against Taiwan and commends the people of Taiwan for their democratic tradition, and supports the holding of a plenary session of the Iraqi National Assembly.

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The Doggett amendment that authorizes the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to determine the validity and amounts of any claims by nationals of the United States against the Government of Iraq (agreed to by a recorded vote of 427 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 328); and

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The Engel amendment that expresses the Sense of the Congress that the Serbian and Yugoslav Governments should immediately account for all Kosovar Albanians held in their prisons and treat them in accordance with all applicable international standards (agreed to by a recorded vote of 424 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 329).

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Rejected:

The Sanders amendment that sought to prohibit the State Department from imposing restrictions on any intellectual property law or policy of countries in Africa or Asia, including Israel, that is designed to make pharmaceuticals more affordable, if the law or policy complies with the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (rejected by a recorded vote of 117 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 322);

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The Goodling amendment that sought to prohibit foreign military assistance to countries whose votes in the United Nations General Assembly agree with the United States position less than 25 percent of the time and further provides for waiver authority by

the Secretary of State (rejected by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 324); and

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The Waters amendment that sought to express the Sense of Congress concerning support for democracy in Peru and the release of Lori Berenson, an American citizen imprisoned in Peru (rejected by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 234 noes, with 5 voting “present”, Roll No. 326).

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Withdrawn:

The Condit amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require all recipients of U.S. foreign aid to certify annually the need and use of the assistance and provide a detailed accounting of how it is used.

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 2415.

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H. Res. 247, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 16.

Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Iraq: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his notice extending the national emergency with respect to Iraq referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–102).

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:23 p.m. and reconvened at 10:18 p.m.

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Chemical Safety Information, Site Security, and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act: The House passed S. 880, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program. Agreed to the Blunt amendment in the nature of a substitute; and agreed to amend the title.

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Financial Freedom Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, and to provide incentives for education savings and health care and consumed one hour of general debate. Pursuant to the rule consideration will resume at a time designated by the Speaker on the legislative day of Thursday, July 22.

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H. Res. 256, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to, as amended, by a yeas and nays vote of 219 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 330. The amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in section 3 of the rule, as amended, was considered as adopted. Earlier, the

House agreed to the Pryce amendment in the nature of a substitute to the rule by voice vote.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Read a letter from the Speaker to Representative Forbes wherein he stated that he is withdrawing his appointment of Mr. Forbes to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe effective immediately.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6021.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 46 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6200–01.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6038–39, H6039–40, H6040, H6052, H6052–53, H6063, H6063–64, H6079–80, H6080, and 6100–01. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:26 a.m. on July 22.

Committee Meetings

CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

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

FINANCIAL PRIVACY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit continued hearings on financial privacy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; and John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller; Edward M. Gramlich, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC; and public witnesses.

NRC AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 2531, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year