

modernization of the current benefit package, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S.-IRAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings on the United State's policy with Iran, focusing on rapprochement limits, receiving testimony from L. Bruce Laingen, American Academy of Diplomacy, and Azar Nafisi, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jerrold D. Green, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of J. Brady Anderson, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Agency for International Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lincoln, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles R. Wilson, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, William Haskell Alsup, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Adalberto Jose Jordan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Carlos Murguia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Marsha J. Pechman, to be United States District Judge for the

Western District of Washington, and Ronnie L. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

CYBERSQUATTING AND INTERNET CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the impact of cybersquatting and Internet consumer protection, focusing on domain name integrity, and S. 1255, to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, after receiving testimony from Anne H. Chasser, International Trademark Association, Washington, D.C.; Gregory D. Phillips, Howard, Phillips and Andersen, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Christopher D. Young, Cyveillance, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

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 29.

GLOBAL CORPORATIONS Y2K IMPACT

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings on the impact of the Year 2000 technology problem on global corporations, after receiving testimony from Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, Department of State; Ron Balls, International Telecommunications Union, London, England; Gary Beach, CIO Magazine, Framingham, Massachusetts; George Surdu, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Patrick M. Roberts, Ahold USA, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Kevin Click, Philip Morris Companies, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Kevin Haukebo, Procter and Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Charles Krichbaum, Praxair, Inc., Danbury, Connecticut.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2586-2604; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 62-63, and H. Con. Res. 162-163, were introduced. Pages H6351-52

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106-249);

H.R. 1565, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 relating to dilution of famous marks, amended (H. Rept. 106-250);

H.R. 2181, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to acquire and equip fishery survey vessels (H. Rept. 106-251); and

H.R. 1487, to provide for public participation in the declaration of national monuments under the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906, amended (H. Rept. 106-252). Page H6351

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Ronald F. Christian of Washington, D.C. Page H6203

Financial Freedom Act: The House passed 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,

to provide incentives for education savings and health care, by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 333. Agreed to amend the title.

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Rejected the Mr. Tanner motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the bill back to the House with an amendment that provides a net 10-year tax reduction of not more than 25 percent of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses, and provides that the effectiveness of each tax reduction be contingent upon a certification by OMB that all of the Social Security Trust Fund surpluses and half of the non-Social Security surpluses are dedicated to reducing the national debt, that there are protections to assure that the surpluses are used accordingly, and that they shall not be available for any other purpose by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 332.

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Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide \$250 billion in tax cuts over 10 years but restricts the reductions until legislation is enacted to ensure the solvency of Medicare and Social Security by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 331.

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H. Res. 256, as amended, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 21.

Department of Defense Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, by a yeas and nays vote of 379 yeas to 45 nays, Roll No. 334.

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Agreed to:

The Lewis en bloc amendment that specifies particular funding provisions in Operation and Maintenance Accounts, Air Force Other Procurement Account, and Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide Account and

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The Stark amendment that prohibits the use of any funding by the Armed Forces to participate in any air show or trade exhibition held outside the United States.

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Rejected:

The Kucinich amendment that sought to prohibit any funding for the procurement of cluster bombs.

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Withdrawn:

The Barr amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to deal with the elimination of procurement funding of \$1.8 billion for production of the first 6 F-22 Aircraft; and

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The Kucinich amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require studies to assist Congress in evaluating the air campaign conducted by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

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H. Res. 257, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Late Reports: Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Friday, July 23 to file privileged reports on a bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; a bill making appropriations for government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; and a bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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Normal Trade Relations Treatment for China: Agreed that it be in order at any time on July 27, 1999, or any day thereafter, to consider in the House H.J. Res. 57, disapproving the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived; that the joint resolution be debatable for 3 hours, equally divided and controlled; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion; and that the provisions of sections 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall not otherwise apply to any similar joint resolution disapproving the extension of most-favored-nation treatment to the People's Republic of China during the remainder of the 1st Session of the 106th Congress.

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Regulatory Right to Know Act: Agreed to H. Res. 258, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1074, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits.

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Conservation and Development of Water and Related Resources: The House passed S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. Agreed to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the text of a H.R. 1480, a similar House passed bill. Agreed to amend the title.

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Subsequently the House insisted on its amendments to S. 507 and requested a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Shuster, Young of Alaska, Boehlert, Baker, Doolittle, Sherwood, Oberstar, Borski, Tauscher, and Baird.

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Legislative Program: Representative Lazio announced the Legislative Program for the week of July 26.

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Meeting Hour—July 26: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 26 for morning-hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 28.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6203.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6246–47, H6248–49, H6249, and H6294–95. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM— USDA'S ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing to review the USDA's administration of the Conservation Reserve Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Thomas Grau, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; and Glenda Humiston, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Ronald Harnack, Executive Director, Board of Water and Soil Resources, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary approved for the full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Conduct of Monetary Policy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 667, The Power Bill; H.R. 971, Electric Power Consumer Rate Relief Act of 1999; H.R. 1138, Ratepayer Protection Act; H.R. 1486, Power Marketing Administration Reform Act of 1999; H.R. 1587, Electric Energy Empowerment Act of 1999; H.R. 1828, Comprehensive Electricity Competition Act; H.R. 2050, Electric Consumers' Power To Choose Act of 1999; and H.R. 2363, Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM PRIVATIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Domain Name System Privatization: Is ICANN Out of Control? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Becky Burr, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of International Affairs, National Telecommunications Information Agency; and Andrew J. Pincus, General Counsel; and public witnesses.

HELPING DELINQUENT CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Helping Migrant, Neglected, and Delinquent Children Succeed in School. Testimony was heard from Francisco Garcia, Director, Office of Migrant Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC—U.S. ROLE IN COMBATING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on "What is the United States' Role in Combating the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic?" Testimony was heard from Representatives Berry and Jackson of Illinois; Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy; Joseph Papovich, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Services, Investment and Intellectual Property; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John Killen, M.D., Director, Division of AIDS, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Timothy Dondero, M.D., Chief, International Activities Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

CAMPAIGN REFORM

Committee on House Administration: Continued hearings on Campaign Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SILK ROAD STRATEGY ACT

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following measure and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1152, amended, Silk Road Strategy Act of 1999.

U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on U.S.-Libya Relations: A New Era? Testimony was heard from Ambassador Ronald E. Neumann, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE DEFICIT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a