

Rejected the Obey motion to rise by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 371.

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H. Res. 273, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 221 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 369.

Pages H6974–83

Emergency Steel, Oil, and Gas Loan Guarantee Program: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1664, providing emergency authority for guarantees of loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and to qualified oil and gas companies, by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 176 noes with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 375.

Pages H7222–33

Legislative Branch Appropriations: The Toomey motion to instruct conferees on the Senate amendments to H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 to insist upon (1) the House provisions for the funding of the House of Representatives under title I of the bill; (2) the Senate amendment for the funding of the Senate under title I of the bill, including funding provided under the heading “JOINT ITEMS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL—Capitol Buildings and Grounds—senate office buildings”; (3) the House provisions for the funding of Joint Items under title I of the bill, other than the funding provided under the heading “JOINT ITEMS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL—Capitol Buildings and Grounds—senate office buildings”; and (4) the House version of title II of the bill was offered and subsequently, proceedings were postponed.

Pages H7233–36

Recess: The House recessed at 11:44 p.m. and reconvened at 12:38 a.m. on Thursday, August 5.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6967.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7026–27.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6972–73, H6973–74, H6982–83, H7017–18, H7216, H7219–20, H7220–21, H7221, and H7233. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:39 a.m. on Thursday, August 5.

Committee Meetings

COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on legislation to Improve the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, focusing on several brownfields-related provisions contained in the following bills: H.R. 1300, Recycle America’s Land Act of 1999; H.R. 1750, Community Revitalization and Brownfield Cleanup Act of 1999; and H.R. 2580, Land Recycling Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Tim Fields, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; Lois Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environmental Protection Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE+CHOICE—PROGRAM EVALUATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment held a hearing on Medicare+Choice: An Evaluation of the Program. Testimony was heard from Robert Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on reauthorization of the Office of Government Ethics. Testimony was heard from Stephen D. Potts, Director, Office of Government Ethics; and a public witness.

GUN MANUFACTURERS—HUD’S ROLE IN LITIGATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on What is HUD’s Role in Litigation Against Gun Manufacturers? Testimony was heard from Gail Laster, General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DECEPTIVE SWEEPSTAKES MAILINGS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Postal Service approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2319, to make the American Battle Monuments Commission and the World War II Memorial Advisory Board eligible to use

nonprofit standard mail rates of postage; H.R. 642, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the "Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building"; H.R. 643, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building"; H.R. 1666, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 2307, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hoskinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Postal Office Building"; and H.R. 2357, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3675 Warrensville Center Road in Shaker Heights, Ohio, as the "Louise Stokes Post Office".

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Deceptive Sweepstakes Mailings. Testimony was heard from Representatives LoBiondo and Rogan; Orson Swindle, Commissioner, FTC; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO; Ken Hunter, Chief Postal Inspector, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

BALKANS—U.S. INTERESTS AND GOALS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The Balkans: What Are U.S. Interests and the Goals of U.S. Engagement? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: E. Anthony Wayne, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for European and Canadian Affairs; and Ambassador Larry C. Napper, Coordinator, East European Assistance; Ambassador James Pardew, Principal Deputy Special Adviser to the President and the Secretary of State for Kosovo and Dayton Accords Implementation; and public witnesses.

FREEDOM FROM SEXUAL TRAFFICKING ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 1356, Freedom From Sexual Trafficking Act of 1999.

OVERSIGHT—HATE CRIMES VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on Hate Crimes Violence. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Reuben Greenberg, Chief of Police, Charleston, South Carolina; and public witnesses.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999.

SUBPOENA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved a motion to issue a subpoena duces tecum directed to the U.S. Department of Justice regarding criminal aliens released by the Immigration and Naturalization Service who commit additional crimes in the United States after they are released.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported, amended, the following bills: H.R. 795, Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1999; H.R. 970, Perkins County Rural Water System Act of 1999; H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho; H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 2435, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions or transfers of funds on a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule. The rule provides that, before consideration of

any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, which may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, shall be debatable for the time specified in the 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives points of order against the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions or transfers of funds in a general appropriations bill). The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes and 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 Representatives Walsh, Obey, Edwards, Evans, Filner, Stabenow, and Capuano.

CONFERENCE REPORT—FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2488, Financial Freedom Act of 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule one hour of debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that clause 5(b) of rule XXI (requiring a three-fifths vote on any amendment or measure containing a federal income tax rate increase) shall not apply to the question of adoption of the conference report and to any subsequent conference report or to any motion to dispose of an amendment between the houses on the bill. Testimony was heard from Representative Thomas.

AVIATION PROGRAMS FUNDING LEVELS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against consideration of S. 1467, to extend the funding levels for aviation programs for 60 days in the House. The rule makes in order a motion to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert the text of H.R. 1000 as passed by the House. The rule waives all points of order against the motion to strike. Finally, the rule makes in order a motion to go to conference with the Senate on the bill, as amended. Tes-

timony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representative Oberstar.

K-12 MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on K-12 Math and Science Education-Testing and Licensing Teachers. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Elliott, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Department of Education, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

Y2K—COMPUTER SECURITY IMPACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform held a joint hearing on Computer Security Impact of Y2K: Expanding Risks of Fraud. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS—EFFECTS OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to investigate the effects of federal procurement policy on small business competitiveness. Testimony was heard from Deidre Lee, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; Robert Neal, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Deputy Secretary (International and Commercial Programs, Department of Defense; Richard Hayes, Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Minority Business Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT; RAIL PASSENGER DISASTER FAMILY ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Con. Res. 171, congratulating the American Public Transit Association for 25 years of commendable service to the transit industry and the Nation; H.R. 2679, Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999; and H.R. 2681, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1999.

DISASTER MITIGATION SPENDING—EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Effectiveness of Disaster Mitigation Spending. Testimony was heard from Stanley Czerwinski, Associate Director, Resources Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Michael Armstrong, Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate, FEMA.

KHOBAR TOWERS UPDATE BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Khobar Towers Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

Joint Meetings**WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY
AUGUST 5, 1999**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to continue hearings on farm crisis issues, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Harry J. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank; the nomination of Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; the nomination of Martin Neil Baily, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers; the nomination of Robert Z. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers; and the nomination of Dorian Vanessa Weaver, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 1:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 620, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated; S. 486, to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States; and the nomination of Mervyn M. Mosbacher, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing

to review the operations of the Food Stamp Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, hearing to review regulatory relief for U.S. futures exchanges, 2 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce; H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999; H.R. 486, Community Broadcasters Protection of 1999; H.R. 2630, NTIA Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 2130, Hillory J. Farias Date-Rape Prevention Drug Act of 1999; and H.R. 2506, Health and Research and Quality Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on "White House Insider Mark Middleton: His Ties to John Huang, Charlie Trie, and Other Campaign Finance Figures", 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1883, Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999; and H.R. 2367, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999; and H.R. 2551, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the H-1B Temporary Professional Worker Visa Program, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 33, imposing certain restrictions and requirements on the leasing under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of lands offshore Florida, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 2669, Coastal Community Conservation Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 20, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of 1999; H.R. 748, to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission; H.R. 1615, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act; H.R. 1665, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation; H.R. 2140, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; and H.R. 2339, National Discovery Trails Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 417, Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1999, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.