

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

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Agreed to:

The Bilirakis en bloc amendment that makes technical and conforming changes; Pages H8917–18

The Andrews amendment, as modified, that links the Health Care Policy and Research Agency web site to consumer satisfaction agencies that perform evaluations on health care quality; Page H8918

The Davis of Illinois amendment that requires that shortages in researchers who are members of priority populations are addressed when allocating training funds; Pages H8918–19

The Jackson-Lee of Texas en bloc amendment that establishes an Office on Special Populations and includes inner-city areas as a priority population;

Pages H8919–21

The Davis of Illinois amendment that requires an annual report on disparities in health care delivery as it relates to racial factors and socioeconomic factors in priority populations; Page H8921

The Davis of Illinois amendment that includes minority institutions of higher education as eligible entities for grants and contracts; Pages H8921–22

The Thompson of California amendment that promotes evidence-based clinical practices for the examination and treatment of individuals who are victims of sexual assault (including child molestation) or attempted sexual assault and training for health professionals on performing medical evidentiary examinations; Page H8922

The Pascrell amendment that requires research on health services regarding cancer and cardiovascular diseases in women; Pages H8923–24

The Tierney amendment that requires research on methods to reduce the costs to consumers of obtaining prescription drugs; Pages H8924–26

The Tierney amendment, as modified, that requires studies to determine the cost and quality effects of various methods of increasing the access to health services in the United States; Pages H8926–29

The Stearns amendment that directs the Director to develop recommendations on automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings including placement, training, maintenance, medical oversight, and coordination with emergency medical services;

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The Johnson of Connecticut amendment that establishes a graduate medical education grant program for children's hospitals; Pages H8932–37

The McGovern amendment that requires a study to determine whether and to what extent there is a shortage of licensed pharmacists; Pages H8937–39

The Thompson of California amendment that requires a report on telemedicine services which in-

cludes factors that inhibit the expansion and accessibility of telemedicine networks; and Pages H8939–40

The Traficant amendment that adds Buy American provisions to the bill. Page H8940

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. Page H8941

Agreed to H. Res. 299, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H8910–11

Presidential Veto Message—District of Columbia Appropriations: Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of 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; and explained his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–135). Pages H8941–42

Agreed to the Istook motion to refer the veto message and the accompanying bill to the Committee on Appropriations. Page H8942

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8942.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8968.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8907–08, H8908, H8909, H8909–10, and H8941. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SECURITIES TRANSACTION FEES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Securities Transaction Fees, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 2441, Fairness in Securities Transaction Fees; and H.R. 1256, Savings and Investment Relief Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lazio and Menendez; and James M. McConnell, Executive Director, SEC.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Prescription Drugs: What We Know and Don't Know About Seniors'

Access to Coverage. Testimony was heard from Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Laura Dummit, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue October 4th.

COMPENSATING VACCINE INJURIES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on Compensating Vaccine Injuries: Are Reforms Needed? Testimony was heard from Thomas Balbier, Director, National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, Department of Health and Human Services; John Euler, Deputy Director, Torts Branch, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on the Democratic Republic of Congo: The Lusaka Peace Accords and Beyond. Testimony was heard from Howard Wolpe, Special Envoy for the Democratic Republic of Congo, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 764, Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Act.

AGRICULTURE RISK PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule, providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2559, Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 1999, to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Agriculture amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, modified by the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by title. The rule makes in order only those amendments preprinted in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that the amendments may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, which shall be considered as read 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 allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to 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 Chairman Combust and Representatives Upton and Stenholm.

CONFERENCE REPORT—FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Callahan and Pelosi.

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AND NATIONAL PROSPERITY—IMPACT OF BASIC RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the Impact of Basic Research on Technological Innovation and National Prosperity. Testimony was heard from Rita Colwell, Director, NSF; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN LEGION

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Alan G. Lance and Steve Robertson, both of the American Legion, Washington, D.C.

SATELLITE COPYRIGHT, COMPETITION, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1554, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the Communications Act of 1934, relating to copyright licensing and carriage of broadcast signals by satellite, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.