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### INTERNATIONAL Y2K ISSUES

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* Committee concluded hearings on international Year 2000 technology issues, focusing on security, economic, and humanitarian implications, after receiving testimony from Bonnie R. Cohen, Under Secretary of State for Management; Lawrence K.

Gershwin, National Intelligence Officer for Science and Technology, Central Intelligence Agency; Michael J. Copps, Assistant Secretary for Trade Development, International Trade Administration, and James L. Price, Chief Economist, both of the Department of Commerce; Nick Gogerty, International Monitoring, London, England; Howard A. Rubin, City University of New York Hunter College, Pound City, New York, on behalf of the Gap-Gemini; and James Moody, InterAction, Washington, D.C.

Also, committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the status of United States strategic assets worldwide from Adm. Robert Willard, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3063–3071; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 197, were introduced. Page H10032

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1753, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, amended (H. Rept. 106–377 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia (H. Rept. 106–378 Pt. 1);

Conference report 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 (H. Rept. 106–379);

H. Res. 328, waiving points of order against the conference report 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 (H. Rept. 106–380);

H. Res. 329, providing for consideration of H.R. 2679, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the National Motor Carrier Administration in the Department of Transportation, to improve the safety of commercial motor vehicle operators and carriers, to strengthen commercial driver's licenses (H. Rept. 106–381); and

H. Res. 330, providing for consideration of H.R. 3064, 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. 106–382). Pages H9983–H10030, H10032

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Ronald D. Gerson of Athens, Georgia. Page H9903

**Department of Defense Appropriations Act:** The House agreed to the conference report on 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 372 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 494. Pages H9909–21

H. Res. 326, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. Pages H9907–09

**Export Enhancement Act—OPIC Authorization:** The House passed H.R. 1993, to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency by a recorded vote of 357 yeas to 71 noes, Roll No. 499. Pages H9923–57

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Page H9956

Agreed to:

The Terry amendment that directs OPIC to address concerns that it does not promptly dispose of legitimate claims regarding projects that it insures or guarantees and recognize that private parties face financial obligations that cannot be deferred indefinitely; Pages H9930–33

The Gejdenson amendment that prohibits approval of projects that may have an adverse environmental impact until assessments have been made available to the public for a 60 day comment period and requires that OPIC meet with at least one representative of individuals who have concerns about the project's environmental impact; **Pages H9934–37**

The Traficant amendment, as modified, that requires an annual report on countries where United States goods or services do not have market access; **Pages H9951–52**

The Manzullo amendment that clarifies that the Global Diversity and Urban Export Initiative will focus on businesses that, because of their minority ownership, may have been excluded from export trade; **Page H9952**

The Rohrabacher amendment, as amended, that prohibits OPIC funding for manufacturing enterprises in foreign countries if such investments would cause a reduction in manufacturing in the United States. Earlier, agreed to the Manzullo amendment to the Rohrabacher amendment that limited the prohibition to investments that cause a reduction in U.S. manufacturing (agreed to by a recorded vote of 379 ayes to 49 noes, Roll No. 495);

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The Terry amendment, as amended, that requires a GAO report that reviews claims processing by OPIC and includes an analysis of claims paid, settled, and denied. Earlier, agreed to the Menendez amendment to the Terry amendment that specified the GAO review of OPIC claims processing activity (agreed to by a recorded vote of 259 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 497);

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The Terry amendment, as amended, that requires OPIC to publish and report to Congress interventions, by other Federal departments or agencies, with the intent to impede or delay the timing or settlement of any claim. Earlier, agreed to the Menendez amendment to the Terry amendment that clarifies that the interventions requiring public disclosure are those that intend to impede or delay (agreed to by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 498); and

**Pages H9948–50, H9955–56**

Rejected:

The Sanford amendment that sought to authorize OPIC for one year instead of four (rejected by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 496);

**Pages H9942–45, H9954–55**

Withdrawn:

The Rohrabacher substitute amendment to the Gejdenson amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require that OPIC provide all relevant environmental impact statements, assessments, and audits for a 60 day public comment period before any project is approved. **Pages H9936–37**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct sections numbers, cross references, punctuation, indentation, and any other technical and conforming changes necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 327, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Celebrating One America:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 141, celebrating One America.

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**Commerce, Justice, and State Appropriations—Motion to Instruct:** Representative Tancredo notified the House of his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, to agree to provisions that (1) reduce nonessential spending in programs within the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and other related agencies; (2) reduce spending on international organizations, in particular, in order to honor the commitment of the Congress to protect Social Security; and (3) do not increase overall spending to a level that exceeds the higher of the House bill or the Senate amendment.

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**Juvenile Justice Reform—Motion to Instruct:** Representative Jackson-Lee notified the House of her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders to insist that (1) the committee of conference should immediately have its first substantive meeting to offer amendments and motions, including gun safety amendments and motions, and (2) the committee of conference report a conference substitute by October 20, the six month anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, and with sufficient opportunity for both the House and the Senate to consider gun safety legislation prior to adjournment.

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**Presidential Message—Payments to Cuba:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his semiannual report on payments to Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:27 p.m. and reconvened at 11:07 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:08 p.m. and reconvened at 11:57 p.m.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on pages H9961–62.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H10033.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9920–21, H9953–54, H9954–55, H9955, H9955–56, and H9956–57. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY— ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on U.S. national missile defense policy and the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. Testimony was heard from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of State; Lucas Fischer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategic Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2580, amended, Land Recycling Act of 1999; H.R. 2634, amended, Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 1999; H. Res. 278, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer; H.R. 2418, amended, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999; and H.R. 2260, amended, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2, Students Results Act; and H.R. 2300, Academic Achievement for All Act (Straight A's Act).

### PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on a measure to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held an oversight hearing of the Inter-American Foundation. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the Inter-American Foundation: Maria Otero, Chair; George A. Evans, President; and Adolfo A. Franco, Senior Vice President and General Counsel; and a public witness.

### U.S. POLICY TOWARD KOREA

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea I: Perry Review. Testimony was heard from Representatives Knollenberg and Cox; and the following officials of the Department of State: William Perry, North Korea Policy Advisor; and Wendy R. Sherman, Counselor.

Hearings continue October 15.

### VIOLATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Violations of Intellectual Property Rights: How Do We Protect American Ingenuity? Testimony was heard from Raymond Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Richard Fisher, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Q. Tod Dickinson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Acting Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1801, Antitrust Technical Corrections Act of 1999; H.R. 3028, amended, Trademark Cyberpiracy Prevention Act; H.R. 1714, amended, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; and H.R. 1887, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.

### ALASKAN MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2804, Alaska Federal Lands Management Demonstration Project; and H.R. 3013, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow shareholder common stock to be transferred to adopted Alaska Native children and their descendants. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Heiman, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule waiving all points of order against H.R. 2679, Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999 and against its consideration. The rule provides one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule provides