

School of Public Health/Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxic Research Center, Houston; Michel R. Benoit, Cement Kiln Recycling Coalition, Washington, D.C.; Bernard C. Melewski, Adirondack Council, Albany, New York; and William F. Tyn-dall, Cinergy Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### PAKISTAN POLITICAL CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings on issues related to the political crisis in Pakistan and how the United States can promote its restoration of democracy, receiving testimony from Karl F. Inderfurth, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### DIABETES RESEARCH

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine the impact of diabetes on society and government investment in diabetes research, focusing on scientific opportunities available in diabetes research, treatment, prevention, and funding levels for diabetes research, after receiving testimony from Phillip

Gorden, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institute of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; C. Ronald Kahn, Joslin Diabetes Center, Boston, Massachusetts; Edward H. Leiter, The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine; Jeffrey A. Bluestone, Ben May Institute for Cancer Research, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Ryan Dinkgrave, Livonia, Michigan, on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International; Pam Fernandes, Needham, Massachusetts; Gordon Jump, Coto de Caza, California; and William H. Fuller, Jr., Virginia Beach, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ronald A. Guzman, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, William Joseph Haynes, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Barbara M. Lynn, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Also, committee approved a committee resolution on the issuance of subpoenas pursuant to Rule 26, as amended.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 3072–3088; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 198 and H. Res. 331–332, were introduced. Pages H10119–20

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

H.R. 2886, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act (H. Rept. 106–383);

H.R. 486, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to preserve low-power television stations that provide community broadcasting, amended (H. Rept. 106–384); and

H.R. 1987, to allow the recovery of attorneys' fees and costs by certain employers and labor organizations who are prevailing parties in proceedings brought against them by the National Labor Relations Board or by the Occupational Safety and

Health Administration, amended (H. Rept. 106–385). Page H10119

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10035

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Charles Wright of Washington, D.C. Page H10035

**Veterans Affairs, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations:** The House agreed to 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, by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 500. Pages H10042–60

H. Res. 328, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 300, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect

to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules was laid on the table.

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**Motor Carrier Safety Act:** The House agreed to 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 by yeas and nays vote of 415 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 501. Agreed to amend the title.

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Agreed to:

The Shuster amendment that modifies various provisions including penalties for violation of safety laws, registration of motor vehicles operating in interstate commerce or outside the commercial zone along the United States-Mexico border, and a study related to positive drug tests;

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The Baldacci amendment that changes the name of the agency established by the act to the National Motor Carrier Safety Administration by adding "Safety";

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The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that includes the finding that the use of recording devices in commercial motor vehicles may prove useful to law enforcement officials investigating highway crashes; and

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The Menendez amendment that requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the causes of crashes in the State of New Jersey that involve passenger vans.

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Withdrawn:

The Gonzalez amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to establish a toll-free safety violation telephone hotline.

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H. Res. 329, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part A of H. Rept. 106–381 that makes technical and clarifying changes was considered as adopted.

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**Motion to Instruct—Juvenile Justice Reform Act:** Rejected the Jackson-Lee of Texas 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 legisla-

tion prior to adjournment, by a yeas and nays vote of 174 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 502.

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**District of Columbia Appropriations:** The House passed 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 by a yeas and nays vote of 211 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 504.

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H. Res. 330, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 217 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 503.

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**Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment on H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: Chairman Shuster and Representatives Young of Alaska, Petri, Duncan, Ewing, Horn, Quinn, Ehlers, Bass, Pease, Sweeney, Oberstar, Rahall, Lipinski, DeFazio, Costello, Danner, E. B. Johnson of Texas, Millender-McDonald, and Boswell.

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Conferees from the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of title IX and title X of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Chambliss, Shays, and Spratt;

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Conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of title XI of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Archer and Representatives Crane, and Rangel; and

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Conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of title XIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Morella, and Hall of Texas.

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**Late Report:** Conferees received permission to have until midnight on Oct. 15 to file a conference report on H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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**Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary Appropriations—Motion to Instruct:** Representative Coburn 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 non-essential 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. **Page H10112**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of October 18. **Pages H10112–13**

**Meeting Hour—Monday, October 18:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debates. **Page H10113**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of October 20. **Page H10113**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H10035 and H10112.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H10120.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10060, H10078, H10082–83, H10089–90, and H10111. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### USDA CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the USDA Civil Rights Programs and Responsibilities. Testimony was heard from Rosalind D. Gray, Director, Office of Civil Rights, USDA; and public witnesses.

### OLYMPICS SITE SELECTION PROCESS—NEED FOR REFORM

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Olympics Site Selection Process: The Need for Reform. Testimony was heard from Bill Hybl, President, U.S. Olympic Committee; Francois Carrard, Director General, International Olympic Committee; Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State; and public witnesses.

### QUALITY OF GRANT PERFORMANCE—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on How the Quality of Grant Performance is Assessed at the U.S. Department of Labor. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Raymond J. Uhalde, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration; and Patricia A. Dalton, Deputy Inspector General; and a public witness.

### NATIONAL YOUTH ANTI-DRUG MEDIA CAMPAIGN

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. Testimony was heard from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on International Child Abduction: Implementation of the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Testimony was heard from Representative Forbes; Mark Ryan, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Richard Rossman, Chief of Staff, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Jess Ford, Associate Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; U.S.-SOUTH AFRICA RELATIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 20, concerning economic, humanitarian, and other assistance to the northern part of Somalia; and H. Con. Res. 46, urging an end of the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia and calling on the United Nations Human Rights Commission and other human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuses in connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on United States-South Africa Relations: Present and Future. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Rice, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Judson Ray, Special Agent, Unit Chief, International Training and Assistance, FBI, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

### OVERSIGHT—CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION—CHARTER SCHOOLS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Civil