

The nominations of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Faith S. Hochberg, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Virginia A. Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Donna A. Bucella, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and Daniel J. French, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York.

MCI WORLDCOM/SPRINT MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the possible effects the proposed merger of MCI WorldCom and Sprint would have on competition and consumer choice in the telecommunications industry, and S.1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, after receiving testimony from Bernard J. Ebbers, MCI WorldCom, Clinton, Mississippi; William T. Esrey, Sprint Corporation, Westwood, Kansas; James F. Rill, Collier, Shannon, Rill and Scott,

and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and Tod A. Jacobs, Sanford C. Bernstein and Company, Inc., New York, New York.

NURSING HOME CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings on certain initiatives to improve nursing home quality of care, focusing on the Health Care Financing Administration's regional offices and their ability to oversee state agencies they contract with to ensure that nursing homes comply with federal quality standards, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Steve White, Raleigh, North Carolina, on behalf of the Association of Health Facility Survey Agencies.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3217-3231; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 220, and H. Res. 361 were introduced. Page H11556

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1725, to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land (H. Rept. 106-446);

H.R. 2541, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi, amended (H. Rept. 106-447);

H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech (H. Rept. 106-448);

H.R. 1832, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry, amended (H. Rept. 106-449, Pt. 1). Pages H11555-56

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Allen P. Novotny, Society of Jesus of Washington, D.C. Page H11483

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, November 3, by a yeas and nays vote of 346 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 563. Pages H11483, H11488-89

Suspension—Overtime for Fire Protection Employees: The House passed H.R. 1693, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities. Pages H11499-H11500

Suspension Failed—Phonics Instruction: The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 214, expressing the sense of Congress that direct systematic phonics instruction should be used in all schools by a 2/3 yeas and nays vote of 224 yeas to 193 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 564. Pages H11489-99, H11500-01

Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 by yeas and nays vote of 417 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 565. Pages H11501-07

Considered pursuant to a previous order of the House. Earlier, Representative Goss asked unanimous consent that it be in order consider the joint resolution in the House. Pages H11483-84

District of Columbia Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3194, 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

agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Lewis of California and Obey. **Page H11507**

Considered pursuant to a previous order of the House. Earlier, Representative Goss asked unanimous consent that it be in order for a motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference. **Page H11483**

Question of Privilege: Representative Visclosky rose to a point of privilege, offered a resolution previously noted, and asked for its immediate consideration. The form of the resolution called on the President to abstain from renegotiating international agreements governing antidumping and countervailing measures. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not constitute a question of privilege, and Representative Visclosky moved to appeal the ruling of the chair. Subsequently, the House agreed to the LaHood motion to table that appeal by a ye and nay vote of 218 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 566. **Pages H11507-09**

Question of Privilege: Representative Wise rose to a point of privilege, offered a resolution previously noted, and asked for its immediate consideration. The form of the resolution called on the President to abstain from renegotiating international agreements governing antidumping and countervailing measures. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not constitute a question of privilege, and Representative Wise moved to appeal the ruling of the chair. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Kolbe motion to table that appeal by a ye and nay vote of 216 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 567. **Pages H11509-10**

Question of Privilege: Representative Kucinich rose to a point of privilege, offered a resolution previously noted, and asked for its immediate consideration. The form of the resolution called on the President to abstain from renegotiating international agreements governing antidumping and countervailing measures. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not constitute a question of privilege, and Representative Kucinich moved to appeal the ruling of the chair. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Kolbe motion to table that appeal by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 568. **Pages H11510-13**

Rules Laid on the Table: H. Res. 358 and H. Res. 360 were laid on the table. **Page H11513**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:11 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m. **Page H11513**

Gramm, Leach, Bliley Act: The House agreed to the conference report on S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers

by a ye and nay vote of 362 yeas to 57 nays, Roll No. 570. **Pages H11526-51**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 355, the rule that provided for consideration of the conference report by a recorded vote of 355 yeas to 79 noes, Roll No. 569. **Pages H11513-26**

Order of Procedure: Pursuant to H. Res. 353, Representative Tancredo announced that H.R. 3075, Medicare Addbacks would be considered under suspension of the rules. **Page H11554**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:44 p.m. and reconvened at 12:52 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 5. **Page H11554**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H11483 and H11513.

Referrals: S. 185 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and S. 976 was referred to the Committee on Commerce. **Page H11555**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H11557-63.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11488-89, H11501, H11506-07, H11508-09, H11510, H11512-13, H11526, and H11551. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:53 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 6.

Committee Meetings

U.S. COMMISSION ON NATIONAL SECURITY/21ST CENTURY REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the report of the United States Commission on National Security/21st Century. Testimony was heard from the following members of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century: Charles Moskos; John Hillen; Robert Killebrew; and Richard Kohn.

EPA'S BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Problems with EPA's Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Program. Testimony was heard from Timothy Fields, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; Darsi Foss, Brownfields Section Chief, Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment, Department of Natural Resources, State of Wisconsin; Dannel P. Malloy, Mayor, Stamford, Connecticut; and Thomas Ahern, Senior Project Manager, Brownfields and Industrial Development, Redevelopment Authority, Boston, Massachusetts.