

to managing its people, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and Janice R. Lachance, Director, Office of Personnel Management.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H-1B nonimmigrant aliens, with amendments;

S. 1796, to modify the enforcement of certain anti-terrorism judgments;

S.J. Res. 39, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war; and

S. Res. 258, designating the week beginning March 12, 2000 as "National Safe Place Week".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965,

with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Joan R. Challinor, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Juanita Sims Doty, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Jerome F. Keever, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, Leslie Lenkowsky, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Bobby L. Roberts, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Michael G. Rossmann, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Daniel Simberloff, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, and certain Public Health Service Corps lists.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 3871–3902; 1 private bill, H.R. 3903; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 272–275 and H. Res. 437, were introduced. **Pages H920–21**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H759**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 8 by a recorded vote of 369 ayes to 45 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 35. **Pages H759, H764–65**

Ivanpah Valley, Nevada Airport: The House passed H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility by a yea and nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 37. **Pages H765–73**

Agreed to the Hansen amendment printed in H. Rept. 106–515 that clarifies land conveyance and reversionary language and includes the Secretary of the Interior with the Secretary of Transportation as a joint lead agency for environmental review by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 36. **Pages H771–72**

Earlier agreed to H. Res. 433, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yea and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 34. **Pages H762–64**

Small Business Tax Fairness Act: The House passed H.R. 3081, to increase the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for small businesses by a recorded vote of 257 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 41. **Pages H792–H879**

Rejected the Rangel motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment in the nature of a substitute providing for

small business tax relief by a yea and nay vote of 207 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 40. **Pages H866–78**

Pursuant to the rule, the text of H.R. 3832 was considered as adopted in lieu of the Committee on Ways and Means amendment printed in the bill.

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Minimum Wage Increase: The House passed H.R. 3846, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage by a recorded vote of 282 yeas to 143 noes, Roll No. 45.

Pages H879–H902

Pursuant to the rule, the text of H.R. 3846, as passed the House, was appended to the end of H.R. 3081; H.R. 3846 was laid on the table; and the Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Rejected the Clay motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back with amendments that remove several exemptions in the bill and apply provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 44.

Pages H899–H901

Agreed to the Traficant amendment printed in H. Rept. 106–516 that raises the minimum wage by \$1 over two years instead of three years by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 43.

Pages H894–99

Earlier, agreed to the Sessions amendment to the rule that provided that an amendment striking Section 5, State Minimum Wage be considered as adopted.

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Representative Largent made a point of order against consideration of the bill pursuant to section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 dealing with an intergovernmental unfunded mandate in excess of \$50 million. Subsequently, the House voted to consider the bill by a yea and nay vote of 274 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 42.

Pages H879–81

The House agreed to H. Res. 434, the rule that provided for consideration of both H.R. 3081, to provide tax benefits for small businesses and H.R. 3846, to increase the minimum wage by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 211 noes, Roll No. 39. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 216 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 38. **Pages H773–92**

Open-market Reorganization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications (ORBIT) Act: The House agreed to the conference report on S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications.

Pages H902–06

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 27th Annual Report for Federal Advisory Committees for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Pages H906–07**

Senate Conditional Adjournment: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 94, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate. **Page H907**

Meeting Hour Monday, March 13: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2000. **Page H907**

Meeting Hour Tuesday, March 14: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 13, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14 for morning-hour debates. **Page H907**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 15. **Page H907**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H759 and H879.

Referral: S. 935 was referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Science. **Page H916**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H764, H764–65, H772, H772–73, H791–92, H792, H877, H878–79, H881, H899, H900–01, and H901–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2000.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Stephen Dewhurst, Budget Officer; and Hugh Parmer, Assistant Administrator, Humanitarian Response, AID, Department of State.