

Harris, American Jewish Committee, both of Washington, D.C.; and Israel Singer, World Jewish Congress, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts resumed open and closed oversight hearings on alleged Chinese espionage, focusing on the plea-bargain agreement reached in the case of Peter Lee, receiving testimony from Jonathan Shapiro, Los Angeles, California, former Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Central District of California.

Committee will meet again Wednesday, April 12.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings to examine the role of political parties in America, focusing on campaign finance reform issues, after receiving testimony from Representatives Shays and Meehan; Bobby R. Burchfield, Covington and Burling, Scott Harshbarger, Common Cause, and Charles E.M. Kolb, Committee for Eco-

nomic Development, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael C. Munger, Duke University, Department of Political Science, Durham, North Carolina; Robert T. Bennett, Ohio Republican Party, Columbus; and Dylan C. Glenn, Albany, Georgia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

INDIAN NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 612, to provide for periodic Indian needs assessments, and to require Federal Indian program evaluations, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; JoAnn K. Chase, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; and Britt E. Clapham, II, Navajo Nation Department of Justice, Window Rock, Arizona.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4180–4197; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 298–299 and H. Res. 461–463, were introduced. **Pages H1851–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 1776, to expand homeownership in the United States (H. Rept. 106–553 Part 2); and

H. Res. 460, providing for consideration of H.R. 1776, to expand homeownership in the United States (H. Rept. 106–562). **Page H1851**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gillmor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1767**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Rev. Jim Fisher, Chaplain, United States Coast Guard of Washington, D.C. **Page H1767**

Sequoia Ecosystem and Recreation Preserve Act: Agreed that Representative George Miller of California be hereafter considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 2077, a bill originally introduced by the late

Honorable George Brown of California, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints. **Page H1767**

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act: The House passed H.R. 3660, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions by a ye and nay vote of 287 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 104. **Pages H1779–H1801**

Rejected the Frank of Massachusetts motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back with an amendment that exempts a partial-birth abortion to avert serious adverse longterm physical health consequences by a ye and nay vote of 140 yeas to 289 nays, Roll No. 103. **Pages H1799–H1801**

H. Res. 457, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 244 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 102. **Pages H1771–79**

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: The Committee on Banking and Financial Services received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 1776, American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act. **Page H1801**

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvements Act: The House passed H.R. 3671, to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts by a ye and nay vote of 423 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 105. **Pages H1806–21**

Agreed to the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Pages H1815–20**

Agreed to:

Young of Alaska amendment that increases the cap on the amounts authorized in the bill for the annual Set-Asides for Administration and makes technical changes; **Page H1818**

Udall of Colorado amendment that requires an implementation report on the Act from the Secretary of the Interior; and **Page H1819**

Traficant amendment that requires compliance with the Buy American Act. **Pages H1819–20**

H. Res. 455, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H1801–06**

Presidential Message—Transportation of Hazardous Materials: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the Department of Transportation biennial report on the transportation of hazardous materials for Calendar Years 1996–1997—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H1821**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1778–79, H1800–01, H1801, and H1820–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on U.S. Trade Representative. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held an oversight hearing on the Everglades. Testimony was heard from Jim Wells, Director, Energy and Natural Resources Division, GAO; and Mary Doyle, Chairperson, South Florida Task Force, and Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Health; John Feussner, M.D., Chief Research and Development Officer; Kenneth Clark, Chief Network Officer; Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits; Michael Walker, Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs; Richard Griffin, Inspector General; Edward Powell, Assistant Secretary, Financial Management; Mark Catlett, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget; Leigh Bradley, General Counsel; E.D. Clark, Chairman, Board of Veterans Appeals; Harold Gracey, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology; Eugene Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Administration; and Dennis Duffy, Assistant Secretary, Planning and Analysis, and Acting Secretary, Congressional Affairs.

ENERGY POLICY ACT TECHNICS; NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 2641, to make technical corrections to title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Testimony was heard from James J. Fiori, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management for Site Closure, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 380, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDUCATION OPTIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act.