

S. 2058, to extend filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of status of certain Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Haitian nationals; and

S. 2367, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under the Act.

Also, Committee approved a resolution of issuance of subpoenas regarding the appointment of an Independent Counsel pursuant to Rule 26.

#### MOTHER TERESA RELIGIOUS WORKERS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings on S. 2406, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers, after receiving testimony from Archbishop Adam Cardinal Maida, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the United States Catholic Conference Committee on Migration; Rabbi Steven Weil, Oak Park, Michigan, on behalf of the Council of Orthodox Rabbis and Rabbinical Council of

America and the Orthodox Union; and Ralph W. Hardy, Jr., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Washington, DC.

#### PENSION ASSETS PROTECTION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine issues dealing with protecting pension assets in personal bankruptcy, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and on certain provisions of H.R. 833, to amend title 11 of the United States Code (Bankruptcy Reform), after receiving testimony from Leslie B. Kramerich, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; Bruce A. Markell, University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law; Virginia Tierney, American Association for Retired Persons, and James S. Ray, Connerton and Ray, on behalf of the AFL-CIO, both of Washington, DC; Scott J. Macey, Actuarial Sciences Associates, on behalf of the ERISA Industry Committee; and Ned Burmeister, Trustar Retirement Services, Wilmington, Delaware;

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 81 public bills, H.R. 4265–4345; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 307–312 and H. Res. 477–481, were introduced. **Pages H2336–40**

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

H.R. 3244, to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex-trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking, amended (H. Rept. 106–487, Pt. 2);

H.R. 3646, a private bill, for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees (H. Rept. 106–580);

H.R. 3363, a private bill, for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated (H. Rept. 106–581).

H. Res. 443, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the centennial of the raising of the United States flag in American Samoa, amended (H. Rept. 106–582);

H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States (H. Rept. 106–583);

H.R. 2932, to authorize the Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area, amended (H. Rept. 106–584);

H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service, amended (H. Rept. 106–585);

H.R. 1901, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station" (H. Rept. 106–586);

H.R. 1729, to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela B. Gwin Hall" (H. Rept. 106–587);

H.R. 1571, to designate the Federal building under construction at 600 State Street in New Haven, Connecticut, as the "Merrill S. Parks, Jr., Federal Building" (H. Rept. 106–588); and

H.R. 1405, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building" (H. Rept. 106–589).

H.R. 317, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of land in the District of

Columbia to be used for construction of the National Health Museum, amended (H. Rept. 106–590); and

H.R. 3069, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for redevelopment of the Southeast Federal Center in the District of Columbia, amended (H. Rept. 106–591). **Page H2336**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Jacob J. Schachter of New York, New York. **Page H2241**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, April 12 by a yea and nay vote of 365 yeas to 49 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 123. **Pages H2241–42**

**Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001:** The House agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 by a yea and nay vote of 220 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 125. **Pages H2249–58**

H. Res. 474, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 221 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 124. **Pages H2242–49**

**Committee on Rules Resolutions:** Agreed that the following resolutions be laid on the table: H. Res. 356, H. Res. 375, H. Res. 382, and H. Res. 383. **Page H2259**

**Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act:** The House passed H.R. 4199, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by a yea and nay vote of 229 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 127. **Pages H2267–82**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 4230, Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act, was considered as adopted. **Page H2268**

Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that requires comprehensive reform of the tax code by July 4, 2004 by a yea and nay vote of 191 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 126. **Pages H2277–82**

H. Res. 473, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H2259–67**

**Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act:** The House passed H.R. 3615, to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to ensure improved access to the signals of local television stations by multichannel video providers to all households which desire such

service in unserved and underserved rural areas by December 31, 2006 by a yea and nay vote of 375 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 128. **Pages H2283–H2302**

Pursuant to the order of the House, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Agriculture and Commerce now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute sent to the desk by the Chairman Dreier, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, was considered as adopted. Subsequently, during general debate, the House agreed to the Goodlatte unanimous consent request that the amendment in the nature of a substitute considered as adopted under the previous order of the House be the amendment in the nature of a substitute that Representative Goodlatte had placed at the desk. **Pages H2283, H2292**

The bill was considered pursuant to an earlier unanimous consent order of the House and H. Res. 475, a rule to provide for consideration of the bill was laid on the table. **Page H2258**

**Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act:** The House passed H.R. 3439, to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from establishing rules authorizing the operation of new, low power FM radio stations by a recorded vote of 274 yeas to 110 noes, Roll No. 130. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H2302–18**

Agreed to the Committee on Commerce amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H2317**

Rejected the Barrett of Wisconsin amendment that sought to allow the Federal Communications Commission to modify the rules to eliminate or reduce the minimum distance separations for third-adjacent channels six months after the Commission submits a study to Congress that examines whether low-power FM radio stations result in harmful interference to existing stations (rejected by a recorded vote of 142 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 129). **Pages H2311–17**

The bill was considered pursuant to an earlier unanimous consent order of the House; and H. Res. 472, a rule to provide for consideration of the bill was laid on the table. **Pages H2258–59**

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, May 2, 2000, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H2318**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, May 3, 2000. **Page H2318**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representatives Wolf or if not available Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through May 2. **Page H2319**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2242, H2283, and H2319.

**Referrals:** S.J. Res. 40, S.J. Res. 41, and S.J. Res. 42 were referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H2334**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2241–42, H2248–49, H2258, H2281–82, H2282, H2301–02, H2317, and H2318. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H.Con.Res. 303, the House adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, for morning-hour debate.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **HASS AVOCADO PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND INFORMATION ACT; ANIMAL WELFARE ACT AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2962, Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act; and H.R. 1275, to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the interstate movement of live birds for the purpose of having the birds participate in animal fighting.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 2962. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on the Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury.

### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the SSA and the U.S. Institute of Peace. Testimony was heard from Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; and Chester A. Crocker, Chairman, U.S. Institute of Peace.

### **VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Special Oversight Panel on Merchant Marine approved recommendations to the committee on H.R. 4205, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.

### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation approved recommendations to the committee on H.R. 4205, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.

### **NTSB RAPIDRAFT PAYMENT SYSTEM ABUSE**

*Committee on the Budget:* Housing and Infrastructure Task Force held a hearing on Abuse of the NTSB Rapidraft Payment System. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

### **U.S. ENRICHMENT CORPORATION PRIVATIZATION—IMPACT ON DOMESTIC URANIUM INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review U.S. Enrichment Corporation privatization and its impact on the domestic uranium industry. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary, Department of Energy; Carl Paperiello, Deputy Executive Director, Materials, Research, and State Programs, NRC; and public witnesses.

### **RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING FREEDOM ACT; NONCOMMERCIAL BROADCASTING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ACT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3525, Religious Broadcasting Freedom Act; and H.R. 4201, Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from the following Commissioners of the FCC: Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth; and Gloria Tristani; and public witnesses.