

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, May 23 by a yea and nay vote of 345 yeas to 54 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 224. **Pages H3651-52**

Normal Trade Relations Treatment to China: The House passed H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 228. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H3662-H3747**

Rejected the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and International Relations with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that revokes normal trade relations with China if Taiwan is attacked or invaded by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 258 noes, Roll No. 227. **Pages H3744-46**

Pursuant to the rule, the House agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 106-636.

The House agreed to H. Res. 510, the rule that provided for further consideration of the bill by a yea and nay vote of 294 yeas to 136 nays, Roll No. 225. **Pages H3652-62**

Office of Compliance Board of Directors: The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate of Ms. Barbara L. Camens of Washington, D.C. and Ms. Roberta L. Holzwarth of Rockford, Illinois to the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance. **Page H3662**

Commending Israel For Its Withdrawal From Southern Lebanon: The House completed debate on H. Con. Res. 331, commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon.

Further proceedings will resume on May 25.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:41 p.m. **Page H3763**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 p.m. and reconvened at 12:32 a.m. **Page H3804**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H3652.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 116 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H3805**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3814.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 226), two yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3651-52, H3661-62, H3711, H3745-46, and H3746-47.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:34 a.m. on Thursday, May 25.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Predatory Lending Practices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; Ellen S. Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency; Bill Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing-FHA Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Edward Gramlich, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; David Medine, Associate Director, Division of Financial Practices, FTC; Andrew G. Celli, Bureau Chief, Civil Rights, Office of the Attorney General, State of New York; and public witnesses.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FINANCIAL RECORDS

Committee on the Budget: Education Task Force held a hearing on "Education Department Fails Accounting 101: The Department of Education's Unreliable Financial Records." Testimony was heard from Gloria L. Jarmon, Director, Civil Audits, GAO; Lorraine Lewis, Inspector General, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL PARKS—CONCESSION CONTRACTS

Committee on the Budget: Natural Resources and the Environment Task Force held a hearing on "Management Failures at the National Parks, Oversight Weaknesses with Concession Contracts." Testimony was heard from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on National Energy Policy: Ensuring Adequate Supply of Natural Gas and Crude Oil. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration;

and Melanie Kenderdine, Acting Director, Office of Policy; and public witnesses.

DOD CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on "DoD Chemical and Biological Defense Program: Management and Oversight." Testimony was heard from Kwai-Cheung Chan, Director, Special Studies and Evaluations, GAO; and Anna Johnson-Winegar, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary, Chemical/Biological Defense, Department of Defense.

COMMENDING ISRAEL'S REDEPLOYMENT FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolution and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 331, commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon.

U.S. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: First Annual Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: Rabbi David Saperstein, Chair; Elliot Abrams and Nina Shea, both Commissioners.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3048, amended, Presidential Threat Protection Act of 1999; H.R. 4108, amended, Secure Our Schools Act; H.R. 4391, Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act; H.R. 3489, amended, Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act; and S. 1515, Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 1211, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner; S. 1629, Oregon Exchange Act of 2000; H.R. 1775, amended, Estuary Habitat Restoration Partnership Act of 1999; S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture; H.R. 3023,

amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry; H.R. 3176, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine ways of restoring the natural wetlands conditions in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii; H.R. 3291, amended, Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act; H.R. 3292, amended, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; H.R. 3468, Duchesne City Water Rights Conveyance Act; H.R. 3535, amended, Shark Finning Prohibition Act; H.R. 3999, amended, Virgin Islands and Guam Constitutional Self-Government Act of 2000; H.R. 4132, to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; and H.R. 4435, to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NCO1 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS 2001

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4461, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be fifteen minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

CROP INSURANCE CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection

Act, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Combest.

QUALITY HEALTH-CARE COALITION ACT

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Thomas, Campbell, Coburn and Conyers.

U.S. BILATERAL SPACE LAUNCH TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on U.S. Bilateral Space Launch Trade Agreements. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ONLINE MUSIC

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on "Online Music: Will Small Music Labels and Entrepreneurs Prosper in the Internet Age?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OBSOLETE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION VESSELS DISPOSAL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Disposal of Obsolete Maritime Administration Vessels. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Bonnie M. Green, Deputy Administrator, Inland Waterways and Great Lakes, Maritime Administration; and Thomas J. Howard, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Maritime and Departmental Programs; Rear Adm. Anthony W. Lengerich, USN, Director, Industrial Capability, Maintenance Policy and Acquisition Logistics Division, Department of the Navy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D506)

H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the "E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed May 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-203)

S. 2370, to designate the Federal building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse". Signed May 23, 2000. (P.L. 106-204)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings on the competition and innovation in the credit card industry, focusing on the consumer and network level, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine a Federal Trade Commission survey of Internet privacy policies, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to examine the outlook for America's natural gas demand, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings on the potential ban on snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the recent decision by the Department of the Interior to prohibit snowmobile activities in other units of the National Park System, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the issuance of semipostal stamps by the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings to examine gene therapy issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine internet security and privacy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2001: Defense; and Interior, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Nigeria in Transition, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Housing and Infrastructure Task Force, hearing on "Lack of Income Verification in HUD Assisted Housing", the Need to Eliminate Overpayments, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled: "Enforcing the Laws on Internet Pharmaceutical Sales: Where are the Feds?" 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on the deployment of broadband technologies, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4504, Higher Education Technical Amendments of 2000; and H.R. 4079, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.