

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5477.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees, extend the authorization of appropriations, and improve the administration of that Act, and to amend the United States Warehouse Act to authorize the issuance of electronic warehouse receipts;

S. 1762, to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide cost share assistance for the rehabilitation of structural measures constructed as part of water resources projects previously funded by the Secretary under such Act or related laws;

S. 1066, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to encourage the use of and research into agricultural best practices to improve the environment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Christopher A. McLean, of Nebraska, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; and Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for the remainder of the term expiring October 13, 2000.

Also, the committee ordered reported without recommendation the nomination of Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring October 13, 2006.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior approved for full committee consideration H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with amendments.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded hearings on S. 1333 and H.R. 1776, bills to expand homeownership in the United States, and other related proposals to promote affordable housing, including the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage, Title I property improvement loan program,

Section 203(k) rehabilitation loan program, Section 8 housing, and the HOME program, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; Representative Lazio; William Apgar, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner; W. Roger Haughton, PMI Mortgage Insurance Company, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America; Frank C. Thompson, Sweetwater Builders, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Catherine B. Whatley, Buck and Buck, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors; Peter H. Bell, National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association, Ann B. Schnare, Center for Housing Policy, and Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles Wehrwein, National Equity Fund, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade concluded hearings on the World Trade Organization's dispute settlement system after five years, focusing on its impact on foreign trade practices and U.S. laws and regulations, after receiving testimony from Susan S. Westin, Associate Director, International and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; and John H. Jackson, Georgetown University Law Center, Gary N. Horlick, O'Melveny and Myers, and Lori Wallach, Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Owen James Sheaks, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be an Assistant Secretary of State, after the nominee testified and answered question in his own behalf.

AUTHORIZATION—COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the National and Community Service Act and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act, after receiving testimony from Montana Governor Marc Racicot, Helena; Harris Wofford, Corporation for National Service, Washington, D.C.; Rosie K. Mauk, Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, Fort Worth, on behalf of the American Association of State Service Commissions; Jane Freeland Williams, Vermont

Commission on National and Community Service, Montpelier; Emily B. Zollo, Americorps, Lyndonville, Vermont; Maureen Curley, Massachu-

setts Service Alliance, and Ruth Blackman, both of Boston, Massachusetts; and Debra Socia, Mattapoisset, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4694–4703, were introduced. **Page H4783**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

Committee on Appropriations Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–683);

H. Res. 529, providing for consideration of H.R. 4690, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–684); and

H. Res. 530, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–685). **Page H4783**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Isakson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4677**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Rev. Ken L. Day of Randleman, North Carolina. **Page H4680**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H4680**

Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act: The House passed H.R. 4201, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the service obligations of noncommercial educational broadcast stations by a recorded vote of 264 ayes to 159 noes, Roll No. 295. **Pages H4684–H4701**

The Committee on Commerce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 106–662) was considered as adopted. **Page H4684**

Rejected the Markey amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit the eligibility to hold a noncommercial license to those that serve an educational, instructional, cultural, or educational religious purpose by a yeas and nays vote of 174 yeas to 250 nays, Roll No. 294. **Pages H4692–H4701**

H. Res. 527, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H4682–84**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Debt Reduction Reconciliation Act: H.R. 4601, amended, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 213(c) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 419 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 296); **Pages H4701–08, H4722–23**

Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act: H.R. 3859, amended, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security and Medicare surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 420 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 297); **Pages H4708–14, H4723–24**

Presentation of Congressional Gold Medal to the Apollo 11 Crew, Astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins: H.R. 2815, to present a congressional gold medal to astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, the crew of Apollo 11; and **Pages H4714–19**

Designation of John Brademas Post Office in South Bend, Indiana: H.R. 2938, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the “John Brademas Post Office.” **Pages H4720–22**

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations: The House considered amendments to H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. The bill was previously considered on June 19. **Pages H4724–26**

Agreed To:

Walsh en bloc amendment consisting of amendments no. 26, 28, and 40 printed in the Congressional Record that increases Veterans Administration funding for extended care facilities by \$30 million and medical research by \$30 million and decreases NASA and EPA programs as offsets.; **Pages H4729–34, H4737**