

Office; Carolyn L. Huntoon, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, David Michaels, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, and William D. Magwood, IV, Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, all of the Department of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Karl William Hofmann, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Howard Franklin Jeter, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, John W. Limbert, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Sharon P. Wilkinson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, and Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John W. Darrah, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Paul C. Huck, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Joan Humphrey Lefkow, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and George Z. Singal, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Also, Committee began markup of S. 353, to provide for class action reform, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded oversight hearings on issues relating to the now expired

Independent Counsel statute, Congressional oversight requests, and the Department of Justice 1996 campaign finance investigations, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SINGLE USE MEDICAL DEVICES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the safety and effectiveness of certain medical devices, focusing on the practice of reprocessing and reusing certain medical devices that were designed, manufactured, and approved by FDA for use in a single patient, during a single procedure, after receiving testimony from Representative Eshoo; David W. Feigal, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet Heinrich, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Josephine M. Torrente, Association of Disposable Device Manufacturers, Washington, D.C.; Vern Feltner, Alliance Medical Corporation, Asheville, North Carolina, on behalf of the Association of Medical Device Reprocessors; John Clough, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; and Anne Cofiehl, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, on behalf of the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS/SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings on the goals and operations of the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; and Lawrence M. Small, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4762–4775; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 533–537, were introduced. **Pages H5239–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 4717, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require 527 organizations and certain

other tax-exempt organizations to disclose their political activities, amended (H. Rept. 106–702);

H.R. 4680, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, amended (H. Rept. 106–703, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 538, providing for consideration of H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and

Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–704); and

H. Res. 539, providing for consideration of H.R. 4680, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program (H. Rept. 106–705). **Page H5239**

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H5173**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. **Page H5175**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H5205**

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

Placement of a Statue of Chief Washakie of Wyoming in Statuary Hall: H. Con. Res. 333, amended, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Chief Washakie, presented by the people of Wyoming, for placement in National Statuary Hall; **Pages H5175–77**

Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Father Theodore Hesburgh: H. Con. Res. 344, amended, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to Father Theodore Hesburgh; **Pages H5177–79**

Concern About Title Loans and Usurious Interest Rates: H. Con. Res. 312, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the States should more closely regulate title pawn transactions and outlaw the imposition of usurious interest rates on title loans to consumers (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 420 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 331). Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H5179–81, H5205–06**

Constitutionality of Ohio State Motto: H. Res. 494, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Ohio State motto is constitutional and urging the courts to uphold its constitutionality (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 333 yeas to 27 nays with 66 voting “present”, Roll No. 332); **Pages H5182–85, H5206**

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments: S. 1515, amended, to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act; **Pages H5185–90**

Small Business Certified Development Company Program Improvements: H. Res. 533, providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment

in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2614, Certified Development Company Program Improvements Act; **Pages H5190–94**

James H. Quillen United States Courthouse: H.R. 4608, to designate the United States courthouse located at 220 West Depot Street in Greeneville, Tennessee, as the “James H. Quillen United States Courthouse” (passed by a ye and nay vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 333); **Pages H5194–98, H5207**

Federal Protective Service Reforms: H.R. 809, to amend the Act of June 1, 1948, to provide for reform of the Federal Protective Service; **Pages H5198–H5201**

Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center: H.R. 1959, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 743 East Durango Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center.” Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H5201–02**

Floyd H. Flake Federal Building: H.R. 3323, to designate the Federal building located at 158–15 Liberty Avenue in Jamaica, Queens, New York, as the “Floyd H. Flake Federal Building;” and **Pages H5202–05**

Disclosure of Political Activities: H.R. 4762, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require 527 organizations to disclose their political activities (passed by a recorded vote of 385 yeas to 39 noes, Roll No. 341). **Pages H5282–90**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency Re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–261) and **Page H5205**

Expanded Threat Reduction Initiative: Message wherein he transmitted his expanded threat reduction initiative—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–263). **Page H5291**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 3733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 407 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 342. **Pages H5211–82, H5290–91**

Agreed To:

Boehlert amendment that makes modifications to the administration of laws pertaining to the regulation of navigable waters and wetlands; **Pages H5243–44**

Salmon amendment that increases funding for solar and renewable energy technology programs by \$40 million and decreases Atomic Energy Defense Activities funding accordingly; **Pages H5250–54**

Kingston amendment No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record that requires the Department of Energy Inspector General to conduct a study on the economic basis of recent gasoline price levels;

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Kingston amendment No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record that requires the Secretary of Energy to report to Congress on activities taken by the executive branch to address high gasoline prices and develop an overall national energy strategy;

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Visclosky amendment that specifies that the limitations related to the Kyoto Protocol shall not apply to any activity otherwise authorized by law;

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Sherwood amendment printed in H. Rept. 106–701 that includes the text of H.R. 2884, as passed the House, and includes provisions to reauthorize the Strategic Petroleum Reserve through 2003, authorize the Energy Department to buy oil from stripper wells, and establish a regional home heating oil reserve in the Northeast (agreed to by a recorded vote of 393 ayes to 33 noes, Roll No. 339);

Pages H5269–74, H5281–82

Kingston amendment, as modified, that prohibits any funding to be used to pay the salary of any employee at the Los Alamos National Laboratory who has failed to undergo a polygraph examination pursuant to section 3154(c) of Public Law 106–65; and

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Ryun of Kansas amendment that prohibits the dual-hatting of employees in positions within the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of Energy (agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 340).

Pages H5278–79, H5282

Rejected:

Hulshof amendment No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase Corps of Engineers General Investigations funding by \$2 million for the upper Mississippi River comprehensive plan and decrease Corps general expenses funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 334); **Pages H5224–27, H5245–46**

Gilchrest amendment that sought to delete Corps of Engineers General investigations funding of \$100,000 for the C&D Canal deepening project (rejected by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 335); **Pages H5227–31, H5246**

Gilchrest amendment that sought to delete Corps of Engineers operations and maintenance funding of \$6.8 million to straighten the Tolchester Channel

“S” turn (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 281 noes, Roll No. 336); **Pages H5232–37, H5247**

Foley amendment No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for renewable energy research by \$19 million, apply \$3.5 million to debt reduction and cancel the \$22.5 million funding for the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (rejected by a recorded vote of 71 ayes to 356 noes, Roll No. 337); **Pages H5254–56, H5280**

Andrews amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit the use of any funding to carry out the project for the deepening of the main channel of the Delaware River in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania before June 1, 2001 (rejected by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 338); **Pages H5262–67, H5280–81**

Ryan of Wisconsin amendment that sought to prohibit any funding to be used for construction of the National Ignition Facility; **Pages H5275–77**

Withdrawn:

Ehlers amendment was offered and withdrawn that sought to increase Corps of Engineers general investigations funding by \$100,000 for a study dealing with the sustainable use of Great Lakes water;

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Ney amendment was offered and withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission by \$3 million and decrease Department of Energy Departmental Administration funding accordingly; **Page H5257**

Gekas amendment was offered and withdrawn that sought to establish a nine-member national energy self-sufficiency commission; and **Pages H5267–68**

Hansen amendment was offered and withdrawn that sought to prohibit any funding for the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel, low-level radioactive waste, or high-level radioactive waste on any reservation lands of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians. **Page H5275**

Agreed to H. Res. 532, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28 and reconvened at 3:29 a.m. on Thursday, June 29.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5241–42.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5205–06, H5206, H5207, H5245–46, H5246, H5247, H5280, H5280–81, H5281–82, H5282, H5289–90, and H5290–91. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES—MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

NAVY SUBMARINE FORCE STRUCTURE AND MODERNIZATION PLANS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on Navy submarine force structure and modernization plans. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense: Vice Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiana, Jr., USN, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Rear Adm. Albert H. Konetzni, Jr., USN, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Rear Adm. Malcolm I. Fages, USN, Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87); and Rear Adm. John P. Davis, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition), Deputy Commander for Submarines; and Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

DEFENSE LOGISTICS REENGINEERING INITIATIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on Defense Logistics Reengineering Initiatives. Testimony was heard from David Warren, Director, Defense Management Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary (Acquisition Technology and Logistics); Paul J. Hoeper, Assistant Secretary, Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Department of the Army; Ariane L. Whittemore, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics), Department of the Navy; and Ronald L. Orr, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics), Department of the Air Force.

FIRST ACCOUNTS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 4490, First Accounts Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE'S MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicare's Management: Is HCFA's Complexity Threatening Patient Access to Quality Care? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Mike Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; and Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General; and public witnesses.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MERGER REVIEW ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4019, Telecommunications Merger Review Act of 2000.

EXAMINING—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Examining the National Environmental Education Act. Testimony was heard from John Kasper, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Communications, Education, and Media Relations, EPA; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION UNDER GPRA

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Employment Standards Administration Under GPRA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary; T. Michael Kerr, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division; Shirley Wilcher, Assistant Secretary, Office of Federal Contract Compliance; John Koch, Director, Office of Labor Management Standards; and Shelby Hallmark, Acting Director, Office of Federal Workers Compensation.

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a hearing on Implementation of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act. Testimony was