

Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

LIBERATION OF IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the progress report of the liberation of Iraq, after receiving testimony from Richard N. Perle, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security; and Ahmad Chalabi, Iraqi National Congress, London, England.

TREATMENT OF U.S. BUSINESS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine the treatment of U.S. business in Central and Eastern Europe, after receiving testimony from Earl Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; Ronald S. Lauder, Central European Media Enterprises, New York, New York; Kempton Jenkins, Ukraine U.S. Business Council, Washington, D.C.; and Peter K. Nevitt, Greenbrier Europe, San Francisco, California.

WWII POW SLAVE LABOR LAWSUIT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to determine whether those who profited from the forced labor of American World War II Prisoners of War once held and forced into labor for private Japanese companies have an obligation to remedy their wrongs and whether the United States can help facilitate an appropriate resolution, after receiving testimony from Senator Bingaman; David W. Ogden, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Ronald J. Bettauer, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; Harold G. Maier, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee; and Harold W. Poole, Salt Lake City, Utah, Frank Bigelow, Brooksville, Florida, Les-

ter I. Tenney, La Jolla, California, Maurice Mazer, Boca Raton, Florida, and Edward Jackfert, Wellsburg, West Virginia, all former WWII Prisoners of War.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings on the National Commission on Terrorism's report on issues relating to efforts being made by the intelligence and law enforcement communities to counter, and U.S. policies regarding, the changing threat of international terrorism to the United States, after receiving testimony from L. Paul Bremer III, Chairman, National Commission on Terrorism; R. James Woolsey, Shea and Gardner, Washington, D.C., former Director of Central Intelligence; Jane Harman, Harman International, Los Angeles, California; John F. Lewis Jr., Goldman, Sachs and Company, New York, New York; and Juliette N. Kayyem, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

INDIAN TRIBAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2283, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Rodger Vicenti, Jicarilla Apache Tribe, Dulce, New Mexico; Pete Red Tomahawk, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ft. Yates, North Dakota; David Whitener, Sr., Squaxin Island Tribe, Shelton, Washington; and Pat Ragsdale, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4776–4781, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 365, were introduced. Page H5435

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 2848, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 and the Small Business Act to establish a New Markets Venture Capital Program, to establish an America's Private Investment Company Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a New Markets Tax Credit, amended (H. Rept. 106–706, Pt. 1).

H. Res. 540, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 106–707);

H. Res. 541, providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period (H. Rept. 106–708); and

H. Res. 542, providing for consideration of H.R. 1304, to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plan and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such

laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act (H. Rept. 106–709). **Page H5435**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5299**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain Rev. Mark A. Teslik of East Moline, Illinois. **Page H5299**

Medicare RX 2000 Act: The House passed 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, and to modernize the Medicare Program by a ye and nay vote of 217 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 357. **Pages H5319–H5415**

Rejected the Stark motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with a Medicare prescription medicine plan with various features which provides a benefit available to all Medicare beneficiaries including those in rural areas by a ye and nay vote of 204 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 356. **Pages H5398–S5414**

Earlier, a point of order was sustained against a Stark motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that inserts the provisions of the Medicare Guaranteed and Defined Rx Benefit and Health Provider Relief Act of 2000. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a ye and nay vote of 224 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 355. **Pages H5383–98**

Pursuant to the rule, the Committee on Ways and Means amendment now printed in the bill, H. Rept. 106–703, part 1, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 106–705, the report accompanying the rule, were considered as adopted. **Page H5334**

Agreed to H. Res. 539, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 349. Agreed to table the Goss motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 350. **Pages H5300–18**

Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a ye and nay vote of 227 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 347. Agreed to table the Moakley motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 348. **Pages H5315–17**

Earlier, Representative Stenholm made the point of order that H. Res. 539 violated section 426(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Subsequently agreed to consider the resolution by a ye and nay vote of 224 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 344. Agreed to table the Frank of Massachusetts motion to recon-

sider the vote by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 345. **Pages H5300–03**

Lastly, agreed to permit the use of exhibits during debate of the bill by the following Members: Representative Menendez by a ye and nay vote of 371 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 352; Representative Olver by a recorded vote of 326 yeas to 92 noes, Roll No. 353; and Representative Hooley by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 191 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 354. **Pages H5370–71, H5371–72, H5372–73**

Motions to Adjourn: Rejected the Bonior motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 166 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 343. Rejected the Frank of Massachusetts motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 174 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 346. Rejected the Moakley motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 351. **Pages H5300, H5303–04, H5318–19**

Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House agreed to H. Res. 538, the rule that is 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 by a ye and nay vote of 232 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 358. **Pages H5415–23**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motion to suspend the rules upon which further proceedings were postponed:

Supplemental Medicare Funding: H. Res. 535, sense of the House concerning the use of additional projected surplus funds to supplement Medicare funding, previously reduced under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and **Pages H5423–26**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Drug Import Fairness Act: H.R. 3240, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify certain responsibilities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the importation of drugs into the United States. **Pages H5426–34**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5436–37.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye and nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5300, H5302–03, H5303, H5303–04, H5315–16, H5316–17, H5317, H5318, H5318–19, H5370–71, H5371–72, H5372–73, H5398, H5413–14, H5414–15, and H5422–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:27 a.m. on Thursday, June 29.

Committee Meetings

WATER POLLUTION PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT; EPA'S PROCESSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD RULES

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4502 Water Pollution Program Improvement Act of 2000; and EPA's proposed Total Maximum Daily Load rules on agriculture and silviculture. Testimony was heard from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY LABORATORIES MEASURES

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 534, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the recent nuclear weapons security failures at Los Alamos National Laboratory demonstrate that security policy and security procedures within the National Nuclear Security Administration remain inadequate, that the individuals responsible for such policy and procedures must be held accountable for their performance, and that immediate action must be taken to correct security deficiencies; H.R. 3906, amended, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; H.R. 4446, amended, to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health; H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; and H.R. 4737, amended, Nuclear Secrets Safety Act.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the National Missile Defense Program. Testimony was heard from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

INTERNET GAMBLING FUNDING PROHIBITION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4419, Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act.

AMERICAN CONSUMER—SUMMER ENERGY CONCERNS

Committee on Commerce: Held a hearing on Summer Energy Concerns for the American Consumer. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of

Energy; Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

RISING FUEL PRICES—APPROPRIATE FEDERAL RESPONSE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Rising Fuel Prices and the Appropriate Federal Response. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

SEMIPOSTAL AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Postal Service approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4437, Semipostal Authorization Act.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Met to consider pending business.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO MICRONESIA AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to Micronesia and the Marshall Islands: A Question of Accountability. Testimony was heard from Susan S. Westin, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Division, GAO; Ferdinand Aranza, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Allen Stayman, Special Negotiator, Compact of Free Association, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Fred Smith, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary, Asia-Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 4528, amended, International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000, H. Con. Res. 328, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the free and fair elections in Burma and the urgent need to improve the democratic and human rights of the people of Burma; H. Con. Res. 257, amended, Concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire; and H. Con. Res. 348, amended, expressing condemnation of the use of children as soldiers and expressing the belief that the United States should support and, where possible, lead efforts to end this abuse of human rights.