

small business participation in the Federal procurement contracting process by a ye and nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 482.

Pages H7876–85

Agreed to H. Res. 582, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Page H7876

Chandler Pumping Plant Water Exchange Feasibility Study: The House passed H.R. 3986, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington by a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 483 (the House failed to pass the bill under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, September 19).

Pages H7885–88

Agreed to the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Page H7885

Agreed to H. Res. 581, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Page H7885

HHS, Education, and Related Agencies—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Agreed to divide the question on the Obey motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4577, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001. Subsequently, by voice vote, agreed to the first division to insist on the highest funding level possible for the Department of Education. And, by a ye and nay vote of 222 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 484, agreed to the second division to instruct conferees to insist on disagreeing with provisions in the Senate amendment which denies the President's request for dedicated resources to reduce class sizes in the early grades and for local school construction and, instead, broadly expands the Title VI Education Block Grant with limited accountability in the use of the funds.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7885, H7888, and H7897. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT—USDA PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the Inspector General's report on USDA's Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and the Urban Partnership Programs. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the USDA: Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Held a hearing on H.R. 5122, Patient Protection Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Thomas Croft, Director, Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Human Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Gloria Crawford Henderson, Director, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Department of Health, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

POTENTIAL ENERGY CRISIS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Potential Energy Crisis in the Winter of 2000. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

REEXAMINATION—DC'S CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES RECEIVERSHIP

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Best Interests of the Child? A Reexamination of the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Receivership, Part 1. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Ernestine F. Jones, General Receiver, Child and Family Services; Carolyn Graham, Deputy Mayor, Children, Youth and Families; and Grace Lopes, Special Counsel, Receivership and Institution Litigation; and Linda Mouzon, Executive Director, Social Services Administration, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland.

OVERSIGHT—DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Oversight of the Defense Security Service: How Big is the Backlog of Personnel Security Investigations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald Mancuso, Acting Inspector General; Gen. Charles Cunningham, USAF, (Ret.) Director, Defense Security Service; and J. William Leonard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Security and Information Operations, Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence; and Carol R. Shuster, Associate Director, National Security International Affairs Division, GAO.

FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Fight Against Corruption: The Unfinished Agenda. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UN PEACEKEEPING

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on United Nations Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4548, amended, Agricultural Opportunities Act; H.R. 604, amended, to amend the charter of the AMVETS organization; H.R. 5136, to make permanent the authority of the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police to provide security beyond the Supreme Court building and grounds; H.R. 4827, amended, Enhanced Federal Security Act of 2000; H.R. 3484, Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping Act of 1999; H.R. 3312, amended, Merit Systems Protection Board Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1999; H.R. 1924, amended, Federal Agency Compliance Act; and H.R. 1293, Transportation Employee Fair Taxation Act of 1999.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 5018, Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 2000.

Will continue September 26.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 1653, amended, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1999; S. 1936, amended, Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 2570, Lincoln Highway Study Act of 1999; H.R. 2710, amended, National Law Enforcement Museum Act; H.R. 2941, amended, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1999; H.R. 3118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants; H.R. 4126, Palace of the Governors Expansion Act; H.R. 4187, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles; H.R. 4503, amended, Historically Women's Public Colleges or Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; H.R. 4721, amended, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States; H.R. 4828, amended, Steens Mountain Wilderness Act of 2000; H.R. 4835, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the

George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia; H.R. 4904, amended, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians; H.R. 5036, Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Amendments Act of 2000; and H.R. 5130, amended, CALFED Extension Act of 2000.

CONFERENCE REPORT—SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4919, Security Assistance Act of 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman.

LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT—CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 940, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 1999. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. Testimony was heard from Representative Sherwood.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 5109, Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 2000. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and against its consideration. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, which shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Stump.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D853)

H.R. 4040, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to