

Office of Special Investigations, both of the General Accounting Office; Bonne Ann McHenry,

Merrimack, New Hampshire; and Thomas A. Parks, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 5236–5265; 1 private bill, H.R. 5266; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 108; H. Con. Res. 405, and H. Res. 587–588 were introduced. **Pages H7990–92**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2413, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to enhance the ability of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to improve computer security, amended (H. Rept. 106–876);

H.R. 4429, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assist small and medium-sized manufacturers and other such businesses to successfully integrate and utilize electronic commerce technologies and business practices, amended (H. Rept. 106–877);

H.R. 2987, to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 106–878, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4897, to amend the Small Business Act to establish a program to provide Federal contracting assistance to small business concerns owned and controlled by women (H. Rept. 106–879);

H.R. 4944, to amend the Small Business Act to permit the sale of guaranteed loans make for export purposes before the loans have been fully disbursed to borrowers (H. Rept. 106–880);

H.R. 4946, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, amended (H. Rept. 106–881); and

H. Res. 586, 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. 106–882). **Pages H7989–90**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Richard Elliott of Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania. **Page H7935**

Defense and Security Assistance Act: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to

certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries by a yea and nay vote of 396 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 485.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 584, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill by voice vote. **Page H7939**

Enrollment Correction: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 405, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 4919, Defense and Security Assistance Act.

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Lackawanna Heritage Valley, Pennsylvania American Heritage Area: The House concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 940, to establish the Lackawanna Heritage Valley American Heritage Area—clearing the measure for the President.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 583, the rule waiving points of order against a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill by voice vote.

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Veterans Health Administration. Personnel System Improvements: The House passed H.R. 5109, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the personnel system of the Veterans Health Administration by a yea and nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 486. **Pages H7949–65**

Agreed to the committee amendment made in order by the rule. **Page H7951**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 585, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

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Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Scarborough announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4205, Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act to recede to the Senate language contained in section 701 of the Senate amendment. **Page H7983**

Meeting Hour—Friday, September 22: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Friday, September 22.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of September 27.

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Senate Message: Message received by the Senate today appears on page H7935.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7942–43 and H7965. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOD—CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the Department of Defense chemical agents and munitions destruction program. Testimony was heard from Senator Sessions; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Anna Johnson-Winegar, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary (Chemical and Biological Affairs); Gloria Patton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Chemical Demilitarization); Denzel Fisher, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, Jim Bacon, Program for Chemical Demilitarization, John Ferriter, Director, Operations, Remediation and Restoration, U.S. Army Soldier, Biological and Chemical Command, Cheryl Maggio, Tooele Chemical Demilitarization Facility, Site Support Team Leader, U.S. Army Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, and, Col. Kevin Connors, USA, Deputy Director, Army Safety, all with the Department of the Army; Russ Salter, Director, Chemical and Radiological Preparedness, FEMA; Kevin Yeskey, National Center for Environmental Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; David Kooson, Committee on Review and Evaluation of Army Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

MILITARY PROCUREMENT STATUS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of military procurement. Testimony was heard from Christopher Jehn, Assistant Director, (National Security Division), CBO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Lynn, Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer; Lt. Gen. Larry R. Ellis, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans; Vice. Adm. Emund P. Giambastiani, USN, Deputy Chief, Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements, and Assessments); Lt. Gen. Robert H.

Fogelson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations; and Lt. Gen. William L. Nyland, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources.

CREDIT SCORE DISCLOSURE

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Credit Score Disclosure, focusing on H.R. 2856, Fair Credit Full Disclosure Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FIRESTONE TIRE RECALL

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued joint hearings on the recent Firestone tire recall action, focusing on the action as it pertains to relevant Ford vehicles. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Rodney E. Slater, Secretary; and Sue Bailey, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and representatives of Ford Motor Company and Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.

TRANSPORTATION RECALL ENHANCEMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DOCUMENTATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection began mark up H.R. 5164, Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation Act.

IMPROVED MATH-SCIENCE EDUCATION IMPORTANCE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on the National and Economic Importance of Improved Math-Science Education and H.R. 4272, National Science Education Enhancement Act. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

POTENTIAL ENERGY CRISIS

Committee on Government Reform: Concluded hearings on Potential Energy Crisis in the Winter of 2000. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Bill Richardson, Secretary; and James J. Hoecker, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Carol Browner, Administrator, EPA.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on "The Federal