

Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin diplomacy regarding alleged Russian weapons sales to Iran, after receiving testimony from John P. Barker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nonproliferation Controls, Joseph M. DeThomas, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Nonproliferation, Newell L.

Highsmith, Attorney Adviser, Office of Legal Adviser for Political Military Affairs, and Robert E. Dalton, Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Office of Legal Adviser, all of the Department of State.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 5537–5561; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 436–437 and H. Res. 650–654, were introduced. **Pages H11193–94**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 1552, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 and fiscal year 2001 for the Marine Research and related environmental research and development program activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation, amended (H. Rept. 106–987, Pt. 2);

H.R. 3112, to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes, amended (H. Rept. 106–1001);

H.R. 1798, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional support for and to expand clinical research programs (H. Rept. 106–1002);

H.R. 1689, to prohibit States from imposing restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles providing limousine service between a place in a State and a place in another State, amended (H. Rept. 106–1003, Pt. 1);

Filed on Oct. 26 (Legislative day of Oct. 25), conference report on H.R. 2614, to amend the Small Business Investment Act to make improvements to the certified development company program (H. Rept. 106–1004);

Filed on Oct. 26 (Legislative day of Oct. 25), conference report on H.R. 4942, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–1005).

Filed on Oct. 26 (Legislative day of Oct. 25), H. Res. 651, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 106–1006);

Filed on Oct. 26 (Legislative day of Oct. 25), H. Res. 652, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2614 to amend the Small Business Investment Act to make im-

provements to the certified development company program (H. Rept. 106–1007);

Filed on Oct. 26 (Legislative day of Oct. 25), H. Res. 653, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4942 making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–1008). **Pages H10907, S10909–S11192, H11193**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10811**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Ronald F. Christian of Fairfax, Virginia. **Page H10811**

**Journal:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, Oct. 24 by a ye and nay vote of 332 yeas to 51 nays, Roll No. 544.

**Pages H10811, H10817**

### **Foreign Operations Appropriations Conference**

**Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4811, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 307 yeas to 101 nays, Roll No. 546.

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Agreed to H. Res. 647, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by of 210 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 545.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on Tuesday, Oct. 24:

**Older Americans Act Amendments:** H.R. 782, amended, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 (passed by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 547). Agreed to amend the title;

**Pages H10841–42**

**Violence in the Middle East:** H. Con. Res. 426, concerning the violence in the Middle East (a ye and nay vote of 365 yeas to 30 nays with 11 voting “present,” Roll No. 549); and **Pages H10842–43**

**Great Sand Dunes National Preserve in the State of Colorado:** S. 2547, to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve in the State of Colorado (passed by a ye and nay vote of 366 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 550)—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H10843–44**

**Suspension Failed—Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor:** The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5375, amended, to establish the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor in the State of New York (failed to pass by a 2/3 ye and nay vote of 223 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 548). The bill was debated on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

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**Rule Providing for Further Continuing Appropriations Resolutions:** The House agreed to H. Res. 646, providing for consideration of House Joint Resolutions 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, and 120, each making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 205 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 551. **Pages H10844–49**

**Further Continuing Appropriations:** The House passed H.J. Res. 115, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 395 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 552.

**Pages H10849–56**

**Estuaries and Clean Waters Act:** The House agreed to the conference report on S. 835, to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs by voice vote. **Pages H10857–67**

H. Res. 648, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H10856–57**

**Federal Courts Improvement:** The House passed S. 2915, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts. Earlier, agreed to an amendment that makes technical changes and strikes section 103. **Pages H10867–71**

**Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grants:** The House passed S. 2413, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H10871–72**

**Presidential Threat Protection:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendments numbered 1 and

3; agreed to the Senate amendments numbered 2 and 4; and agreed to the Senate amendment numbered 5 with an amendment to H.R. 3048, to amend section 879 of title 18, United States Code, to provide clearer coverage over threats against former Presidents and members of their families. **Pages H10872–74**

**Dairy Market Enhancement:** The House passed S. 2773, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to enhance dairy markets through dairy product mandatory reporting clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H10874–75**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26.

**Pages H10905, H10909**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:04 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 and reconvened at 8:32 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H10812, H10844, and H10880.

**Referrals:** S. 2811 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, S. 3164 was referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Commerce, S. 3194 and S.J. Res. 36 were referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and S. Con. Res. 155 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H11192**

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Nine ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10817, H10824–25, H10840–41, H10841–42, H10842, H10843, H10843–44, H10848–49, and H10855–56. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:33 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26.

## Committee Meetings

### U.S.S. COLE ATTACK

**Committee on Armed Services:** Held a hearing on the attack on the U.S.S. *Cole*. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary (Policy); and Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; and Edward S. Walker, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), Department of State.

### “WASTE, FRAUD AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION”

**Committee on Education and the Workforce:** Held a hearing on “Waste, Fraud and Program Implementation at the U.S. Department of Education.” Testimony was heard from Richard Riley, Secretary of Education.