

\$25 million and decrease National Science Foundation funding for Polar and Antarctic Research by \$92 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 281); **Pages H4691–93, H4715**

Nadler amendment No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that sought to increase funding for veteran extended care facilities by \$4.8 million and funding for 34,000 section 8 housing vouchers, including 10,000 for the disabled, by \$195 million and offsets these increases by eliminating the \$200 million in funding for the home ownership Downpayment Assistance Initiative (rejected by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 282); **Pages H4696–98, H4716**

Davis of Illinois amendment that sought to increase funding for the Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing (HOPE VI) program by \$100 million and decrease the Public Housing Capital Fund accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 60 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 283); and **Pages H4705–07, H4716–17**

LaFalce amendment No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that sought to increase funding for Homeless Assistance Grants by \$122.6 million and decrease the home ownership Downpayment Assistance Initiative by \$100 million and HUD salaries and expenses by \$22.6 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 285). **Pages H4710–14, H4717–18**

Withdrawn:

Carson amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase Veterans Administration Office of Inspector General funding by \$16.2 million and decrease Veterans Medical Care funding accordingly; and **Pages H4689–90**

Gutierrez amendment No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase veterans medical and prosthetic research by \$24 million and decrease NASA Human Space Flight funding accordingly. **Pages H4690–91**

Point of order sustained:

Against Obey en bloc amendment that sought to increase funding for Veterans Medical Care by \$300 million, Public Housing by \$282 million, Shelter Plus Care Contracts by \$100 million, EPA enforcement by \$7 million, and the Corporation for National and Community Service by \$311 million with offsets from decreasing the newly applied tax cut for the highest marginal tax payers by changing the rate from 38.6 percent to 39.1 percent; **Pages H4682–86**

Against Filner amendment that sought to appropriate \$30 million for health care benefits for Filipino World War II veterans who were excluded from benefits by the Rescissions Acts of 1946; **Pages H4700–02**

Against Kleczka amendment No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to allow Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans on prescriptions written by private practitioners; and **Pages H4702–03**

Against Filner en bloc amendment that sought to increase funding for Veterans Medical Care by \$1.7 billion, compensation and pensions for veterans who were exposed to Hepatitis C by \$3 million, Veterans Affairs medical research by \$24 million, and Montgomery GI Bill program by \$871 million and designates all increases as emergency designations. **Pages H4703–05**

Rejected the Frank motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 280. **Page H4714**

The House agreed to H. Res. 210, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 279. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 278. **Pages H4652–61**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 209, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a Rules Committee report on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to a resolution reported on July 26, 2001, providing for consideration of H.R. 2620, VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 277. **Pages H4651–52**

Presidential Message—Plan Colombia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report detailing the progress of spending by the executive branch during the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2001 in support of Plan Colombia—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–109). **Page H4718**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4725–26.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4649, H4650, H4652, H4659–60, H4660–61, H4714, H4715, H4716, H4716–17, H4717, and H4718. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Began markup of H.R. 2646, Agriculture Act of 2001.

Will continue tomorrow.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported a measure making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2002.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine approved recommendations to H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

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Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation approved recommendations to H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

CONSUMER INFORMATION USE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on "How Do Businesses Use Customer Information: Is the Customer's Privacy Protected?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICARE MODERNIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Medicare Modernization: Examining the President's Framework for Strengthening the Program." Testimony was heard from Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

MARKET DATA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Market Data II: Implications to investors and market transparency of granting ownership rights over stock quotes." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Viewpoints of Select Regulators on Deposit Insurance Reform." Testimony was heard from Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Sheila

Bair, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions; John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller; and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision.

AMERICANS ABROAD

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Census held a hearing on Americans Abroad, How Can We Count Them? Testimony was heard from Representative Gilman; Edward Betancourt, Director, Office of Policy Review and Interagency Liaison Overseas Citizens Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DOD'S ILLEGAL MANIPULATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations held an "Oversight hearing on the Department of Defense's Illegal Manipulation of Appropriated Funds." Testimony was heard from Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas R. Bloom, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service; and Tina W. Jonas, Deputy Under Secretary, Financial Management.

U.S.-KOREA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S.-Korea Relations after the Policy Review. Testimony was heard from Charles L. Pritchard, Special Envoy for Korean Peace Talks, U.S. Representative to KEDO, Department of State.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS PALESTINIANS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Policy Towards the Palestinians—Part I. Testimony was heard from William J. Burns, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

FEDERAL COURTS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2522, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Deanell R. Tacha, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

CONSUMER PRODUCT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2621, Consumer Product Protection Act of 2001.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Representative Hart; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests, and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1576, James Peak Wilderness, Wilderness Study, and Protection Area Act; and H.R. 1772, to provide for an exchange of certain property between the United States and Ephraim City, Utah. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cannon and Udall of Colorado; Denny Bschor, Director, Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Resources, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2385, Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve Act; and H.R. 2488, to designate certain lands in the Pilot Range in the State of Utah as wilderness. Testimony was heard from Tom Fulton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals, Department of the Interior; Col. Tom Larkin, USAF, Director, Utah Test and Training Range, U.S. Air Force, Hill Air Force Base, Utah; Dan McArthur, Mayor, St. George, Utah; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1985, Short-Term and Long-Term California Water Security; and H.R. 2404, California Water Quality and Reliability Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior; Thomas M. Hannigan, Director, Department of Water Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2620, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill and prohibiting reappropriations in a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the

rule. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the rule may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all point of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation) against amendments offered during consideration of the bill. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

COMBATING THE INVADERS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards held a hearing on Combating the Invaders: Research on Non-Native Species. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NOAA, Department of Commerce: David Evans, Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmosphere Research; and Stephen B. Brandt, Director, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory; Scott Smith, Coordinator, Aquatic Nuisance Species, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on the Competitiveness of the U.S. Aircraft Manufacturing Industry. Testimony was heard from Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary, International Trade, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Steve Falken, Director, Aerospace and Automotive Trade Policy, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Robert A. Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission; Samuel L. Venneri, Associate Administrator, Aerospace Technology, NASA; Jeffrey L. Miller, Group Vice President, Structured Trade and Finance Group, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 51, approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment with respect

to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and H.R. 2603, amended, United States-Jordan Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 2001.

SENIORS—MISLEADING MAILINGS TARGETED

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Misleading Mailings Targeted to Seniors. Testimony was heard from James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, SSA; Darrin Williams, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General, State of Arkansas; and public witnesses.

COUNTERNARCOTICS ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counternarcotics Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine the problem, impact, and responses of predatory mortgage lending practices, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on H.R. 308, to establish the Guam War Claims Review Commission; and H.R. 309, to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Stuart A. Bernstein, of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Denmark; the nomination of Sue McCourt Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Jamaica; the nomination of Russell F. Freeman, of North Dakota, to be Ambassador to Belize; the nomination of Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Romania; the nomination of Charles A. Heimbald, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden; the nomination of Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece; the nomination of Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan; the nomination of Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States; the nomination of Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See; the nomination of Mercer Reynolds, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein; and pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue markup of H.R. 2646, Agricultural Act of 2001, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to mark up H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "National Electricity Policy: Barriers to Competitive Generation," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on "Spring Valley—Toxic Waste Contamination in the Nation's Capital," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.