AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON) at 9 a.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GONZALEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and December 12 on account of personal business.

Mr. LUTHER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family matters.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through December 13 on account of official business.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and until noon on December 12 on account of official business.

Mr. WAMP (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NUSSELE, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 91. Concurrent resolution expressing deep gratitude to the government and the people of the Philippines for their sympathy and support since September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House adjourned until today, December 12, 2001, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4780. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Commander of Air Force Material Command is initiating a standard cost comparison of the Aircraft Maintenance and Support Activities at Edwards Air Force Base, California, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4781. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Direct Grant Programs, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4782. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Direct Grant Programs (RIN: 1890–AA02) received November 29, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4783. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a listing of gifts by the U.S. Government to foreign individuals during fiscal year 2001, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2694(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

NOTICE

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4784. A letter from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting notification of certain foreign policy-based export controls which are being lifted, including lifting of the rule—Safety and Security Zones: National Force Protection, Bath Iron Works, Kennebec River, Bath, Maine [CGD01-01-175] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4785. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the Outer Continental Shelf—Revision of Requirements Governing Surety Bonds for Outer Continental Shelf Leases (RIN: 1010-AC68) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4786. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Safety and Security Zones: National Force Protection, Bath Iron Works, Kennebec River, Bath, Maine [CGD01-01-175] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4787. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Safety and Security Zones; Coast Guard Force Protection for Station Jonesport, Jonesport Maine; Coast Guard Group Southwest Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Maine; and Station Rockland, Rockland Harbor Maine [CGD01-01-164] (RIN: 2115-AA97) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4788. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Aircrew Safety under General Operating and Flight Rules [Docket No. FAA-2001-79736; SFAR 91] (RIN: 2120-AE51) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4789. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Temporary Extension of Time Allowed for Certain Testing and Training [Docket No. FAA-2001-79779; SFAR 93] (RIN: 2120-AB51) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.


4791. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Amendment to 14 Code of Federal Regulations 140.530 Deadline to Submit Questions on the Rulemaking—February 1, 2002 [Docket No. 01-A50-32] (RIN: 2120-AB51) received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4792. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Revocation of Class D Airspace, Fort Worth Carswell AFB, TX [Airspace Docket No. 2001-ASW-04] received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4793. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Revocation of Class D Airspace, Fort Worth Carswell AFB, TX [Airspace Docket No. 01-AEA-05FR] received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4794. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Revocation of Class E Airspace, Farmington, NM [Airspace Docket No. 2001-ASW-08] received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4795. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Coudersport, PA [Airspace Docket No. 01-AEA-16FR] received November 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.


4797. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Veterans’ Appeals: Rules of Practice—Notice of Appeal in Simultaneously Contested Claim [RIN: 2900-AX73] received November 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

4798. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Veterans’ Appeals: Decision Level; Copayments for Inpatient Hospital and for Outpatient Care to Veterans [RIN: 2900-AK50] received November 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

4799. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a request to raise the statutory debt ceiling; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4800. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department’s eighth report on the impact of the Department’s decisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR) (both by request):

H.R. 3441. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to realign the policy responsibility in the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, considered and passed.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. LEREHLMANN of California):

H.R. 3442. A bill to establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission, to study the role of the establishment and maintenance of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HORN:

H.R. 3443. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress regarding the requirements applicable to the inscription of veterans’ names on the memorial wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; to the Committee on Armed Services, and the Subcommittee on Readiness.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 3444. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to direct the Postal Service to achieve an equilibrium in the re-selecting air carriers of nonpriority bypass mail to certain points in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. THOMSEN, Mr. KIND, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. FORD, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. HOLT, Ms. SOLIS, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 3295. A bill to establish the Federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve the retirement security of American families; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KILDREW, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WILSON of Colorado, Mr. WICKER): H.R. 3447. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain qualified nurses for the Veterans Health Administration, to provide additional benefits for the families of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, to enhance certain health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 3448. A bill to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to a terrorist event, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself and Mr. ESCHOFF):

H.R. 3452. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of medical devices that prevent or mitigate the consequences of a bioterrorist attack, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. HART:

H.R. 3456. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KUCINICH (for himself and Ms. LATORETTI):

H.R. 3454. A bill to amend the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Act of 1999 to clarify the definition of qualified steel company under that Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MARKY (for himself and Mr. CUNNINGHAM):

H.R. 3455. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to introduce new technologies to reduce energy consumption in buildings; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MAXIM:

H.R. 3459. A bill to prohibit the sale of tobacco products through the Internet or other indirect means to individuals under the age of 18, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHROCK (for himself and Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland):

H.R. 3457. A bill to ensure the prompt release, development, manufacture, and distribution of new lifesaving drugs, biologics, and medical devices that prevent or mitigate the consequences of a bioterrorist attack, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SHADEGG:

H.R. 3458. A bill to provide for the development and dissemination of educational materials about responding to terrorist events involving a nuclear, biological, or chemical element, and to provide for an emergency medicine alert network; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VELAZQUEZ (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. FILNER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. HINCHET, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. McKINNEY, Mrs. OWENS of Hawaii, and Mr. SERRANO):

H.R. 3459. A bill to reform the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mr. ACHUE, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. DEAULOBRO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GRUCCI, Mr. HINCHET, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. PAYNE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TOWNES, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WHITFIELD, and Mr. WICKER):

H.R. 3460. A bill to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Finger Lakes National Forest in New York; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 3461. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the President in using all means at his disposal to encourage the establishment of a democratically elected government in the Kurdistan region of Iraq; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 310. A resolution providing for the convenience of the House with an amendment in the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 1291; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 25: Mr. CARDIN.
H.R. 162: Mr. ETHERIDGE.
H.R. 179: Mr. BOOZMAN.
H.R. 212: Mr. SIMPSON.
H.R. 267: Mrs. CUBIN and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.
H.R. 303: Mr. COX.
H.R. 488: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 612: Mr. ROEPEFF.
H.R. 638: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
H.R. 1090: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 1111: Mr. ANDREWS and Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 1168: Mr. PAUL.
H.R. 1296: Mr. BARR.
H.R. 1341: Mr. RAMSTAD.
H.R. 1366: Mr. PORTER, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. WAMP.
H.R. 1475: Mr. WELLER.
H.R. 1509: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 1520: Mr. WYNN and Mr. FORD.
H.R. 1609: Mr. COOKSEY.
H.R. 1629: Mr. BREITSEN.
H.R. 1657: Mr. MCDERMOTT.
H.R. 1671: Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. FORD, and Mr. OLIVER.
H.R. 1739: Mr. HINOJOSA.
H.R. 1784: Mr. ISRAEL and Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 1795: Mrs. NOETHUP.
H.R. 1806: Mr. TRAFICANT.
H.R. 1948: Mr. OSBORENE.
H.R. 1990: Mr. ABHRCROMBIE.
H.R. 1997: Mr. MORA of Virginia.
H.R. 2068: Mr. HOFFEII and Mr. UDLAND of New Mexico, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. OLIVER.
H.R. 2181: Mr. STRICKLAND.
H.R. 2254: Mr. SIMMONS.
H.R. 2346: Mr. MARKY and Mr. HOEFFEL.
H.R. 2405: Mr. LEACH.
H.R. 2428: Mr. FOLEY and Mr. MARKY.
H.R. 2573: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 2610: Mr. PASCRELL.
H.R. 2623: Mr. KILDREW.
H.R. 2744: Mr. PORTMAN.
H.R. 2836: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 2837: Mr. MATH.
H.R. 2899: Mr. ETHERIDGE.
H.R. 2989: Mr. BORSKI, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 3014: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
H.R. 3041: Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. FONSELLA, Mr. KINSTON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. LARSEN, and Mr. ROSS.
H.R. 3054: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. KIND, Mr. HOYER, Mr. DAVID of Illinois, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. GRANGER, and Mr. KILDEE.
H.R. 3130: Mr. UPTON and Ms. DELAOURO.
H.R. 3175: Mr. OWENS and Mr. WAXMAN.
H.R. 3181: Ms. MCKINNEY.
H.R. 3236: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 3215: Mr. COOKSEY, Ms. MORELLA, Mr. TURNER, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. OSBORENE, and Mr. NUSSE.
H.R. 3218: Mr. PLATTS and Mr. MASCARA.
H.R. 3219: Mr. BACA and Mr. BARR of Georgia.
DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolution as follows:

H.R. 2107: Mr. Bicchieri.
H. Con. Res. 253: Mr. Pallone.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 3295

Offered By Ms. Carson of Indiana

Amendment No. 1 Add at the end of section 502 the following:

(8) The State does not prohibit any individual who is a veteran from registering to vote for any election for public office, or from voting in any election for public office, on the grounds that the individual has been convicted of a felony if (at the time the individual seeks to register to vote or vote) the individual is no longer in the custody of the State or the Federal government as a result of the individual’s conviction. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “veteran” means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service (as defined in section 101(24) of title 38, United States Code) and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions characterized as honorable.
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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1795–1807, S. Res. 189–190, and S. Con. Res. 92. Pages S12858–59

Measures Reported:


Measures Passed:

Chamber Photograph Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 190, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate. Page S12985

Judicial Financial Disclosure Authority: Senate passed H.R. 2336, to extend for 4 years, through December 31, 2005, the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

Reid (for Lieberman/Thompson) Amendment No. 2478, to extend for 4 years the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers. Page S12985

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2479, to amend the title. Page S12985


District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act: Senate passed H.R. 2199, to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2480, to make a certain technical correction. Pages S12986–87

Farm Credit Assistance: Senate passed S. 1519, to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide farm credit assistance for activated reservists. Page S12987

Federal Farm Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Rejected:

Crapo Amendment No. 2472 (to Amendment No. 2471), to replace the provision relating to the national dairy program with the provision from the bill passed by the House of Representatives. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 362), Senate tabled the amendment) Pages S12834–36, S12837–42

Pending:

Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S12829–34

Lugar/Domenici Amendment No. 2473 (to Amendment No. 2471), of a perfecting nature. Pages S12845–53

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 12, 2001, with a vote in relation to Lugar/Domenici Amendment No. 2473 (to Amendment No. 2471) (listed above), to occur at approximately 10:20 a.m. Page S12853

Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 494, to provide for a transition to democracy and to promote economic recovery in Zimbabwe. Page S12985–86

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:
By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 361), John D. Bates, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Julie A. Robinson, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

James Duane Dawson, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

William Carey Jenkins, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Dwight MacKay, of Montana, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Ronald Richard McCubbin, Jr., of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

David Reid Murtaugh, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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Executive Reports of Committees:

Additional Cosponsors:

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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted:

Authority for Committees to Meet:

Privilege of the Floor:

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—362)

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 12, 2001. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S12987.)

Committee Meetings

(Business not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met to discuss the status of the conference on S. 1438, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be First Vice President, and J. Joseph Grandmason, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the local role in homeland security, focusing on the federal government’s role in preparedness assessment and planning, and in providing resources necessary to local areas for terrorism defense, after receiving testimony from Mayor Marc H. Morial, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Joseph E. Tinkham II, Maine Department of Defense Veterans and Emergency Management, Augusta; Jay Fisette, Arlington County Board, Arlington, Virginia; Javier Gonzales, Santa Fe County Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Michael C. Caldwell, Dutchess County Department of Health, Dutchess County, New York, on behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials; Richard J. Sheirer, New York City Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management, New York, New York; John D. White, Jr., Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, Nashville, on behalf of the State Government of Tennessee; William B. Berger, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Alexandria, Virginia; and Michael J. Crouse, International Association of Fire Fighters, Washington, D.C.

HOMELAND DEFENSE—LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on S. 1615, to provide for the sharing of certain
fore Otter.

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Measures Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3441–3460; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 286, and H. Res 310, were introduced.  Pages H9238–39

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2440, to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as “Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts”, amended (H. Rept. 107–330);

H. Res. 311 providing for consideration of H.R. 3295, to establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, amended (H. Rept. 107–331); and

H. Res. 312, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2883, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 107–332).

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Otter to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.  Page H9083

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, Chaplain of the Senate.  Page H9087

Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.  Page H9087

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Eligibility for Meals under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act for Children of Armed Forces Members: H.R. 3216, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to exclude certain basic allowances for housing of an individual who is a member of the uniformed services from the determination of eligibility for free and reduced price meals of a child of the individual; Pages H9087–89


Support for the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum: S. Con. Res. 58, expressing support for the tenth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum; Pages H9106–8

Russia Democracy Act: H.R. 2121, amended, to make available funds under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to expand democracy, good governance, and anti-corruption programs in the Russian Federation in order to promote and strengthen democratic government and civil society in that country and to support independent media; Pages H9108–12

Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and services for homeless veterans—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H9112–21

Veterans’ Compensation Rate Amendments Act of 2001: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2540, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make various improvements to veterans’ benefits programs under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (the Senate amended the title so as to read: An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors
of such veterans)—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H9121–24

Appointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer to the Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: S.J. Res. 26, providing for the appointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; Page H9124

Honoring the United States Capitol Police: H. Res. 309, Honoring the United States Capitol Police for their commitment to security at the Capitol; Pages H9125–27

Traverse City School District, Michigan Property Conveyance for Recreational Facility: H.R. 3370, to amend the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 to modify the reversionary interest of the United States in a parcel of property conveyed to the Traverse City Area School District in Traverse City, Michigan; Pages H9127–28

21st Century Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act: H. Res. 310, providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 1291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill (the Senate amended the title so as to read: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve authorities relating to education benefits, burial benefits, and vocational rehabilitation benefits for veterans, to modify certain authorities relating to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes); Pages H9128–49

Honoring Johnny Micheal Spann: H. Con. Res. 281, honoring the ultimate sacrifice made by Johnny Micheal Spann, the first American killed in combat during the war against terrorism in Afghanistan, and pledging continued support for members of the Armed Forces. Agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 483; Pages H9149–52, H9166–67

Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse, Butte, Montana: H.R. 3282, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the “Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse.” Agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 484; Pages H9152–54, H9167

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts: H.R. 2440, amended, to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as “Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts;” Pages H9154–56

Fishery Conservation Management Programs: H.R. 1989, amended, to reauthorize various fishery conservation management programs. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: A bill to reauthorize various fishing conservation management programs, and for other purposes; Pages H9156–57

Chatham County, Georgia Land Conveyance: H.R. 2595, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chatham County, Georgia; Pages H9157–58

Commending Charitable Efforts and Generosity in the Aftermath of September 11 Terrorist Attacks: H. Con. Res. 259, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the relief efforts undertaken by charitable organizations and the people of the United States in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001; Pages H9158–60

Railroad Retirement and Survivors’ Improvement Act: Agreed to the Senate amendments H.R. 10, to provide for pension reform. Agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 369 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 485. (The Senate amended the title so as to read: An Act to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries)—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H9160–66, H9167–68

Department of Transportation Policy Responsibility Realignment: H.R. 3441, to amend title 49, United States Code, to realign the policy responsibility in the Department of Transportation; Pages H9168–70


Additions to Nebraska Homestead National Monument of America: H.R. 38, amended, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska; Pages H9179–80

James Peak, Colorado Wilderness and Protection Area: H.R. 1576, amended, to designate the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado; Pages H9180–84

Native American Cultural Center and Museum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: H.R. 2742, amended, to authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Pages H9184–87
Basic Pilot Program for Employment Eligibility Verification: H.R. 3030, amended, to extend the “Basic Pilot” employment verification system. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: A bill to extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes;

Small Business Investment Company Amendments: Agreed to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 1196, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958—clearing the measure for the President; and

Enhancement of Authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 3447, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain qualified nurses for the Veterans Health Administration, to provide an additional basis for establishing the inability of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, to enhance certain health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Suspensions—Further Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules upon which further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, Dec. 12:

Keeping the Social Security Promise Initiative: H. Con. Res. 282, expressing the sense of Congress that the Social Security promise should be kept;

Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act: H.R. 3209, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to false communications about certain criminal violations; and

Public Health Service and Bioterrorism Response Act: H.R. 3448, to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

Community Recognition Act of 2001—Corrections Calendar: On the call of the corrections calendar, the House completed debate on H.R. 1022, to amend title 4, United States Code, to make sure the rules of etiquette for flying the flag of the United States do not preclude the flying of flags at half mast when ordered by city and local officials. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, Dec. 12. Earlier, the House agreed to the Committee on the Judiciary amendment to the bill.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H9083.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 91 was referred to the Committee on International Relations and S. Con. Res. 73 and S. Con. Res. 87 were held at the desk.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H9237.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9166–67, H9167, and H9168. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001.

Committee Meetings

PAINKILLER OXYCONTIN

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on OxyContin. Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

U.S. GOVERNMENT AND NEXTWAVE, INC. SETTLEMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on the settlement between the U.S. Government and Nextwave, Inc., to resolve disputed spectrum licenses. Testimony was heard from Michael K. Powell, Chairman, FCC; Joseph H. Hunt, Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act of 2001. Providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ney and Representatives Putnam, Goodlatte, Upton, Vitter, Hoyer, Davis of Illinois, Maloney of New York, Hastings of Florida, and Menendez.
CONFERENCE REPORT—INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a rule waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2883, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goss and Representative Nancy Pelosi.

Joint Meetings

EDUCATION REFORM

Conferences agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense implementation of the President’s Military Order on the detention, treatment, and trial by military commissions of certain non-citizens in the war on terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nomination of Harold Craig Manson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, the nomination of Kathleen Burton Clarke, of Utah, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the nomination of Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the nomination of Rebecca W. Watson, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, all of the Department of the Interior; and the nomination of Michael Smith, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, the nomination of Margaret S.Y. Chu, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and the nomination of Beverly Cook, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, all of the Department of Energy, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up H.R. 3005, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements; and to consider the nomination of Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy; the nomination of Kenneth Lawson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, and the nomination of B. John Williams, Jr., of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel, all of the Department of the Treasury; the nomination of Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, and the nomination of Joan E. Ohl, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and the nomination of James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and the nomination of Harold Daub, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, both of the Social Security Administration, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1779, to authorize the establishment of “Radio Free Afghanistan”; H.R. 3167, to endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996; S. Con. Res. 86, expressing the sense of Congress that women from all ethnic groups in Afghanistan should participate in the economic and political reconstruction of Afghanistan; H. Con. Res. 77, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the efforts of people of the United States of Korean ancestry to reunite with their family members in North Korea; and H. Con. Res. 211, commending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 10th anniversary of her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize and expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the Government of Burma; and pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the future of the Microsoft settlement, 10 a.m., SD–106.

House


Committee on Government Reform, hearing on “The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Is It Working as Congress Intended?—Part II,” 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H.J. Res. 75, regarding the monitoring of weapons development in Iraq, as required by United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 (April 3, 1991); and H. Con. Res. 273, reaffirming the special relationship between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Southeast Asia after 9/11: Regional Trends and U.S. Interests, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on
“The Digital Millennium Copyright Act Section 104 Report,” 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following Conference Reports: H.R. 1, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; S. 1438, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002; and H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, 4 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2733, Enterprise Integration Act of 2001; and H.R. 2486, Tropical Cyclone Inland Forecasting Improvement and Warning System Development Act of 2001, 11 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Addressing Sewage Treatment in the San Diego-Tijuana Border Region: Implementation or Title VIII of Public Law 106–457, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the state of human rights, democracy and security concerns in Kyrgyzstan, focusing on human rights and democracy in the Central Asian region, 2 p.m., 334, Cannon Building.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 12

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1731, Federal Farm Bill, with a vote in relation to Lugar/Domenici Amendment No. 2473 (to Amendment No. 2471), to occur at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, December 12

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2883, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Rule waives all points of order); Consideration of H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act (closed rule, one hour of general debate); and Consideration of a motion to go to conference on H.R. 3338, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002.