

Privilege of the Floor: Page S8576

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—215) Page S8515, S8535

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:53 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Friday, September 13, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8581).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1210, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2239, to amend the National Housing Act to simplify the downpayment requirements for FHA mortgage insurance for single family homebuyers, with amendments; and

The nomination of Wayne Abernathy, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions.

Prior to this action, Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Wayne Abernathy (listed above), after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTERNET AND CHILDREN

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on S. 2537/H.R. 3833, bills to facilitate the creation of a new, second-level Internet domain within the United States country code domain that will be a haven for material that promotes positive experiences for children and families using the Internet, provides a safe online environment for children, and helps to prevent children from being exposed to harmful material on the Internet, after receiving testimony from Representative Shimkus; Ann Brown, Safer America for Everyone, former Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, and James A. Casey, NeuStar, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Ruben Rodriguez, National Center For Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; and Jan P. Whitley, Silver Spring, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 5063, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gra-

uity payments to members of the uniformed service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE REDUCTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions (Treaty Doc. 107-8), receiving testimony from Rose E. Gottemoeller, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, former Assistant Secretary of Energy for Non-Proliferation and National Security, Fred C. Ikle, Center for Strategic and International Studies, James E. Goodby, Brookings Institution, and Henry D. Sokolski, Non-proliferation Policy Education Center, all of Washington, D.C.; William J. Perry, Stanford University Institute for International Studies, Stanford, California; and John P. Holdren, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANK REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine the Administration's Multilateral Development Bank reform agenda, focusing on the authorizations for the replenishment of the World Bank's International Development Association, the African Development Fund, and the Asian Development Fund, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs, Caroline Atkinson, Council on Foreign Relations/Stonebridge International, former Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Monetary and Financial Policy, former Senior Adviser to the Secretary of the Treasury, James C. Orr, Bretton Woods Committee, David Beckmann, Bread for the World, and George Ayittey, American University, all of Washington, D.C.; and Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University/American Enterprise Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, recessed subject to the call.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE ECONOMY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine unemployed Americans in the context of the current economic situation, focusing on Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) reform, after receiving testimony from Lawrence Mishel, Economic Policy Institute, and Wendell Primus, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Felix Batista, New York, New York, on behalf of New York Unemployment Project.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5373–5376; 5378–5382; 1 private bill, H.R. 5377; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 467, were introduced. **Page H6250**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5091, to increase the amount of student loan forgiveness available to qualified teachers, with an emphasis on special education teachers, amended (H. Rept. 107–655). **Page H6250**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Terry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6231**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop of Jefferson City, Missouri. **Page H6231**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, September 11 by a recorded vote of 342 ayes to 42 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 386. **Pages H6231, H6232–33**

Security Assistance Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and agreed to a conference. Agreed to the motion to go to conference by a yeand-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 385. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on International Relations for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Ros-Lehtinen, Lantos, and Berman. And from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of sections 234, 236, 709, 710, and 844 and section 404 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: chairman Sensenbrenner, Smith of Texas, and Conyers. **Pages H6231–32, H6233**

Back to School Tax Relief Act: The House agreed to H. Res. 521, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 5193, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to certain taxpayers for elementary and secondary education ex-

penses by a yeand-nay vote of 208 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 387. **Pages H6233–40**

Presidential Message National—Emergency re the Terrorist Threat: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect after September 14, 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–261). **Pages H6240–41**

Legislative Program:—The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of Sept. 16. **Pages H6240–41**

Meeting Hour—Friday, Sept. 13: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 13. **Page H6241**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, Sept. 17: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, Sept. 13, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17 for morning-hour debate. **Page H6241**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Sept. 18. **Page H6241**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6232, H6232–33, H6239–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTHY FORESTS INITIATIVE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing on the Administration's Healthy Forests Initiative. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA; and Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior.