

Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, Alan G. Lowry, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Reynaldo F. Macias, of California, and Marciene S. Mattleman, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, and two lists for the regular corps of the Public Health Service.

FEC AUTHORIZATION/CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Election Commission, and resumed hearings on proposals to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, and to reform the financing of Federal elections and Senate campaigns, receiving testimony from Lee Ann Elliott, Chairman, and Scott E. Thomas, Chairman, and Joan D. Aikens, Vice Chairman, both of the Finance Committee, all of the Federal Election Com-

mission; and Becky Cain, St. Albans, West Virginia, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Committee recessed subject to call.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings on proposals to reform the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, focusing on the adoption process of Indian children, receiving testimony from Senator Glenn; Representatives Faleomavaega, Geren, Pryce, Solomon, and Don Young; Seth P. Waxman, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Deborah J. Doxtator, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Oneida; Mary V. Thomas, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe of Washington State, Sequim, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Michael J. Walleri, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska; Marc Gradstein, Burlingame, California; and Jane A. Gorman, Tustin, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3719–3729; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 466–467 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2001 and S. 966; both private bills (H. Repts. 104–637 and 104–638, respectively);

H.R. 2779, to provide for soft-metric conversion, amended (H. Rept. 104–639); and

H. Res. 465, providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period (H. Rept. 104–640).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Greene of Utah to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Motion to Adjourn: By a yea-and-nay vote of 55 yeas to 345 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 271, the House failed to agree to the Volkmer motion to adjourn.

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Committee to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today

during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Banking and Financial Services, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence.

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VA, HUD, and Sundry Independent Agencies Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 269 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 282, the House passed H.R. 3666, 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, 1997.

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Rejected the Stokes motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments as follows: On page 61, line 14, after the first dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$350,000,000)" and, on page 61, line 15, strike "September 1, 1997" and insert "September 30, 1997" (rejected by a recorded vote of 205 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 281).

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Agreed To:

The Lazio amendment that increases funding for Supportive Housing for the Elderly by \$100 million and Supportive Housing for the Disabled by \$40 million and decreases funding for HUD Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing, section 8 contracts, by \$140 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 353 ayes to 61 noes, Roll No. 272);

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The Sanders amendment that increases funding for the Court of Veterans Appeals by \$1.4 million and reduces funding for HUD salaries and expenses by \$1.4 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 358 ayes to 55 noes, Roll No. 274);

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The Hefley amendment that increases EPA Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund by \$20 million and reduces HUD salaries and expense funding by \$42 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 157 noes, Roll No. 275);

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The Durbin amendment that increases EPA programs and management funding by \$1.5 million and decreases EPA science and technology funding accordingly.

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The Lewis of California amendment that identifies \$1.2 million of EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund funding for use by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to conduct a health effects study of the Toms River Cancer Cluster in the Toms River area in the State of New Jersey;

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The Lewis of California amendment that provides flexibility to FEMA in setting National Flood Insurance Fund rates;

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The Brown of California amendment that prohibits NASA Science, Aeronautics, and Technology funding for the National Center for Science Literacy, Education, and Technology at the American Museum of Natural History;

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The Solomon amendment that prohibits any contract or grant to institutions of higher learning (other than those with a long standing tradition of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation) that prevents ROTC access to its campus or students, prevents military recruiting on its campus, and further prohibits expenditures to any contractor subject to the requirement in section 4212(d) of title 38, United States Code, that has not submitted an annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning the employment of veterans;

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The Stump amendment that increases funding for Veterans Administration medical care by \$40 million and benefit administration by \$17 million and applies a 4 percent general reduction to each department and agency except for the Veterans Administration, American Battle Monuments Commission, the Court of Veterans Appeals, or Cemeterial Expenses;

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The Tiahrt amendment that increases funding for Veterans Health medical care by \$20 million and prosthetic research by \$20 million, deletes funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service and applies \$327 million to deficit reduction;

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The Bentsen amendment that prohibits EPA funding to issue or renew permits for the storage or disposal of PCBs if the EPA implements rules authorizing the import into the United States of wastes containing PCBs;

Pages H6902–04

The Markey amendment, as amended by the Boehlert substitute amendment, that prohibits the use of hazardous substance superfund funding to implement any retroactive liability discount reimbursement;

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The Walker amendment that increases National Science Foundation research and related activities funding by \$9.1 million and decreases salaries and expenses accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 278);

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The Weller amendment that limits FHA Mortgage Insurance Premiums for the first-time homebuyers who complete an approved program with respect to the responsibilities of home ownership;

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The Orton en bloc amendment that permits the use of loans from family-members and simplifies downpayment methods on FHA-insured loans; and

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The Roemer amendment that prohibits NASA funding for the Bion 11 and Bion 12 projects to launch monkeys into space (agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 280).

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Rejected:

The Shays amendment that sought to increase funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program by \$15 million and reduce NASA mission support funding by \$15 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 273);

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The Roemer amendment that sought to reduce NASA Human Space Flight funding by \$75 million;

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The Hostettler amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the "Corporation for National and Community Service" (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 276);

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The Hoekstra amendment that sought to reallocate Corporation for National and Community Service funding by increasing general grants funding by

\$30 million and deleting funding for innovation activities accordingly. It was made in order to withdraw the request for a recorded vote;

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The Gutknecht amendment that sought to apply a 1.9 percent reduction to all discretionary appropriations (rejected by a recorded vote of 372 ayes to 45 noes, Roll No. 277); and

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The Markey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of hazardous substance superfund funding to provide any reimbursement of response costs, except pursuant to section 122(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, if such costs were required under a judicially approved consent decree entered before enactment (rejected by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 279).

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A point of order was sustained against the Pallone amendment that sought to strike language providing \$861 million for the Hazardous Substance Superfund contingent upon enactment of future appropriations legislation.

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Amendments withdrawn:

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for EPA Environmental Programs and Management by \$2 million;

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The Gejdenson amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought funding of \$1.8 million for the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Consumer Affairs and reductions of \$1.8 million from the NASA Human Space Flight program;

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The Fields of Louisiana amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service by \$178.5 million and reduce FEMA Disaster Relief funding accordingly;

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The Thurman amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a plan that allocates health care resources to ensure that veterans have similar access regardless of the region in which they live;

Pages H6900-01

The Kolbe amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to delete language that restricts procurement of supercomputing equipment if the Commerce Department determines that the equipment was offered at other than fair value;

Pages H6905-13

The Kingston amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding of activities by EPA employees not directly related to governmental functions; and

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The Jackson-Lee amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require housing

authorities to spend funds on replacement of units that have been demolished prior to spending housing certificate funds when there is a waiting list of 6,000 or more families and a shortage of habitable affordable housing.

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People's Republic of China: The House agreed to H. Res. 463, the rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 182, disapproving the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China and H. Res. 461, regarding U.S. concerns with human rights abuse, nuclear and chemical weapons proliferation, illegal weapons trading, military intimidation of Taiwan, and trade violations by the People's Republic of China and the People's Liberation Army, and directing the committees of jurisdiction of commence hearings and report appropriate legislation.

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Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House completed all general debate on H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, June 27.

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H. Res. 469, the rule which provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 467, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Thursday, June 27.

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Presidential Message—Aeronautics and Space: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the Nation's achievements in aeronautics and space during fiscal year 1995—referred to the Committee on Science.

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Funeral Committee: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 459, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the Funeral Committee of the late Representative Bill Emerson, the following Members on the part of the House: Representatives Clay, Gingrich, Gephardt, Boehner, Skelton, Volkmer, Hancock, Danner, Talent, McCarthy, Montgomery, Hall of Ohio, Lewis of California, Hunter, Roberts, Wolf, Kanjorski, McNulty, Poshard, Moran, Lincoln, Chambliss, Cubin, and Latham.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6855-56, H6856-57, H6857-58, H6858, H6858-59, H6884,

H6930–31, H6931, H6941, H6941–42, H6949, and H6949–50. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:18 a.m. on Thursday, June 27.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on 1997 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Marion Barry, Mayor; and David Clark, Chairman, Council; and Andrew Brimmer, Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Control Board.

FDIC-INSURED INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital, Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing regarding practices of FDIC-Insured Institutions Selling Nondeposit Investment Products. Testimony was heard from: Ricki T. Hefler, Chairman, FDIC; Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Edward W. Kelley, Jr., member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Barry P. Barbash, Director, Division of Investment Management, SEC; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2391, Working Families Flexibility Act; and H.R. 2428, to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law.

PROMOTING EXPANSION OF PENSIONS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Promoting Expansion of Pensions for American Workers. Testimony was heard from: Representative Pomeroy; Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits, Department of Labor; former Representative John Erlenborn of Illinois; and public witnesses.

FBI BACKGROUND FILES SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on Security of FBI Background Files. Testimony was heard from the following former officials

of the Administration: Bernard W. Nussbaum, Counsel; Craig Livingstone, Director of Personnel Security; Anthony Marceca, Detailee; and William H. Kennedy, III, Associate Counsel; and Lisa Wetzel, Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

POLITICAL MURDERS IN HAITI

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Administration Actions and Political Murders in Haiti. Testimony was heard from Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

LIBERIAN WARLORDS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Bloody Hands: Foreign Support for Liberian Warlords. Testimony was heard from William Twadell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; James Bishop, former Ambassador to Liberia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported amendment the following bills: H.R. 3024, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act; H.R. 1786, to regulate fishing in certain waters in Alaska; H.R. 3006, to provide for disposal of public lands in support of the Manzanar Historic Site in the State of California; H.R. 2636, to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 2292, Hanford Reach Preservation Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3634, to amend provisions of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands which relate to the temporary absence of executive officials and the priority payment of certain bonds and other obligations; and H.R. 3635, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Governor of the Virgin Islands, upon request, that provides for the transfer of the authority to manage Christiansted National Historic site. Testimony was heard from Delegate Frazier; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Allen P. Stayman, Director, Office of Insular Affairs; and Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service; and Roy Schneider, Governor Virgin Islands.