

Nicholas N. Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute, Bryan T. Johnson, Heritage Foundation, Richard E. Messick, Freedom House, and David F. Gordon, Overseas Development Council, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq, focusing on the recent U.S. cruise missile strikes on Iraq, after receiving testimony from Kathryn C. Porter, Human Rights Alliance, Fairfax, Virginia; and Rend Rahim Francke, Iraq Foundation, Paul Wolfowitz, Johns Hopkins University, and Michael Eisenstadt, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Alan H. Flanigan, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, office of National Drug Control Policy; and

S. 389, for the relief of Nguyen Quy An and his daughter, Nguyen Ngoc Kim Quy.

JUDICIAL TAXATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on S. 1817, to limit the authority of Federal courts to fashion remedies that require local jurisdictions to assess, levy, or collect taxes, after receiving testimony from Senator Thurmond; Representative Manzullo; Mary M. Cheh, George Washington University Law School, and Roger Pilon, Center for

Constitutional Studies/Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Alfred A. Lindseth, Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan, Atlanta, Georgia; and William R. Neblock, Rockford, Illinois.

HERBICIDE EXPOSURE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the implementation of the Agent Orange Act (P.L. 102-4), focusing on the medical and scientific bases for compensating Vietnam veterans and their children with diseases which may have been caused by exposure to herbicides, including Agent Orange, after receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; William H. Farland, Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; Joel E. Michalek, Principal Investigator of the Air Force Health Study/Armstrong Laboratory/Human Systems Center/Brooks Air Force Base, Texas; Daniel Wartenberg, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute/UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, New Jersey; David Tollerud, Allegheny University School of the Health Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, representing the Committee to Review the Health Effects in Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides; Ellen K. Silbergeld, University of Maryland Medical School, Baltimore; Michael Gough, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Raoul Frevel, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Atlanta, Georgia.

IRAQ

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on security issues with regard to the Middle East, receiving testimony from John M. Deutch, Director of Central Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4114, 4115, 4117-4126; 2 private bills, H.R. 4116, 4127; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 524, 526, 527 were introduced.

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Reports filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3828, to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (H. Rept. 104-808); and

H. Res. 525, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain

resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 104-809).

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Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 58 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 420, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, September 18.

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Dispute Resolution Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 2977, to reauthorize alternative means of dispute resolution in the Federal administrative process, and agreed to

a conference. Appointed as conferees Hyde, Gekas, Flanagan, Conyers, and Reed. **Page H10607**

Partial Birth Abortion Ban: By a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 422, the House voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions—clearing the measure for Senate action. **Pages H10621–42**

Earlier, by a yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 421, agreed to the Canady motion to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the further consideration of the President's veto message and the bill. **Pages H10608–20**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 524, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. **Pages H10642–43**

Subsequently, agreed to the Arney motion to table the resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 395 yeas to 9 noes with 10 voting "present", Roll No. 423). **Pages H10642–43**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 526, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. **Pages H10643–44**

Subsequently, agreed to the Arney motion to table the resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 179 noes with 10 voting "present", Roll No. 424). **Pages H10643–44**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of September 23. Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, September 20, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, September 23. **Page H10645**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 24, for morning hour debates. **Pages H10644–45**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of September 25. **Page H10645**

Presidential Message—National Emergency re Angola: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–266). **Pages H10645–46**

Referral: One Senate-passed bill, S. 982, to protect the national information infrastructure, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H10672**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10603.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10608, H10620, H10641–42, H10642–43, and H10643–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Conservation Reserve Program, regulations, and the implementation of the Conservation Title of the Federal Agriculture Improvement Reform Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, USDA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2508, Animal Drug Availability Act of 1995; and H.R. 1791, Medicaid Certification Act of 1995.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the following: H.R. 3142, Uniformed Services Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act; and the Military Beneficiaries Medicare Reimbursement Model Project Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Stephen C. Joseph, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; and Kathleen A. Buto, Associate Administrator, Policy, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING PRACTICES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Perspectives on Pharmaceutical Pricing Practices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Sally Jaggard, Director, Health Services, Quality and Public Health Issues, Health Education and Human Services Division; John C. Hanson, Assistant Director, Health Financing and Public Health; and George Silberman, Assistant Director; and public witnesses.

FEDERALLY FUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Federally Funded Youth Programs and Local Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Representatives Watts of Oklahoma and Payne of New Jersey; and public witnesses.