

Kingdom; and Sir Freddie Laker, Laker Airways, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Michael J. Armstrong, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Campbell, Allard, Conrad, Dorgan and Representatives Skaggs and Pomeroy, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA.

FBI OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review the administration and operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

SMALL BUSINESS MANDATES

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine Federal efforts to reduce unfunded man-

dates, paperwork requirements, and certain regulations affecting the small business community, and provisions of S. 389 and H.R. 1010, bills to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, receiving testimony from Senator Abraham; Representative Condit; Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Angela Antonelli, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Bob Spence, Faultless Laundry Company, Kansas City, Missouri; David S. Marsh, Marsh Plating Company, Ypsilanti, Michigan; Shelly Netherwood, Clarendon Flavor Engineering, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; and Philip C. Hauck, Counselor Publishing Company, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION-INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 1775–1793; and 1 private bill, H.R. 1794 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 105–116);

H. Res. 160, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 105–117);

H. Res. 161, 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. 105–118); and

Conference report on H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping ef-

orts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 105–119).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hobson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

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Foreign Relations Authorization Act: The House completed all debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, June 6.

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Agreed To:

The Gilman en bloc amendment that strikes fee account provisions for passport information services and visas to conform to existing procedure;

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The Diaz-Balart amendment to the Skaggs amendment that requires the President to certify that continued funding for television broadcasting to Cuba is not in the national interest of the United States (agreed to by a recorded vote of 271 ayes to 155 noes, Roll No. 159);

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The Skaggs amendment, as amended, that prohibits funding for television broadcasting to Cuba after October 1, 1997 if the President certifies that continued funding is not in the national interest of the United States;

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The Smith of New Jersey amendment that increases funding for Radio Free Asia;

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The Bachus amendment that requires an annual report to Congress listing overseas United States surplus properties for sale and specifies that amounts received from these sales be used for deficit reduction (agreed to by a recorded vote of 277 ayes to 146 noes Roll No. 161);

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The Hefley amendment that requires that the State Department maintain records on criminal incidents of individuals with immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of the United States under the Vienna Convention;

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The Gilman en bloc amendment that authorizes certain U.S. citizen employees to perform designated consular officer duties; clarifies that the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security is responsible for diplomatic security and management; increases the authorized strength of the Foreign Service; establishes the policy that the United States shall not expel, extradite, or otherwise effect the involuntary return of any person to a country in which there is a substantial danger of torture; expresses the sense of Congress that the Government of Turkey recognize the Ecumenical Patriarch and its nonpolitical, religious mission and reopen the Halki Patriarchal School of Theology; and requires a report dealing with the repatriation of unresolved POW/MIA remains from Viet Nam;

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The Goss amendment that strikes the section relating to the Office of the Inspector General procedures for instances where an employee is the likely subject or target of a criminal investigation (agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 211 noes Roll No. 162);

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The Gilman en bloc amendment that urges Peru to respect the rights of prisoners and expedite legal procedures; directs the State Department to monitor human rights in Ethiopia; establishes special envoys to promote mutual disarmament talks throughout

the world; expresses the sense of Congress that Taiwan should reconsider the transfer of nuclear waste to North Korea; expresses support for Prime Minister Gujral of India; supports the sovereignty of Belarus; supports the accession of Taiwan to the World Trade Organization; requires a report concerning human rights violations of the Hmong and Laotian refugees who have returned to Laos; withholds assistance to countries that provide nuclear fuel to Cuba; makes funds available for the Cuban liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1996 and the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992; urges the President to achieve an international arms sales code of conduct with all Wassenaar Arrangement countries; and requires compliance with the Buy American Act;

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The Coburn amendment that prohibits funding for the Man and Biosphere Program or the World Heritage Program administered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization;

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The Smith of New Jersey amendment that requires the President to report on any border closure or economic or commercial blockade by any newly independent states that impede the delivery of U.S. humanitarian aid;

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The Pallone amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that reaffirms United States policy and commitment to a negotiated settlement to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabagh;

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The Engel amendment that establishes a declaration of policy regarding the crisis in Albania and urges the U.S. to support the new government as it attempts to reestablish calm and achieve political reconciliation;

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The Serrano amendment that requires a report to Congress concerning official complaints of the government of Cuba to the departments or agencies of the U.S. government;

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The Fox of Pennsylvania amendment that expresses the sense of Congress commending the government of Ukraine for their decision to relinquish nuclear weapons;

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The Lazio amendment that expresses the sense of Congress regarding the compliance with child and spousal support obligations by United Nations Personnel;

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The Pallone amendment that expresses the sense of Congress concerning the development of Azerbaijan's Caspian Sea petroleum reserves;

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The Condit amendment that requires an annual foreign assistance justification report from the President and requires congressional explanation of proposed changes to the President's foreign assistance report; and

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The Menendez amendment that maintains proportions of assistance made available for activities and programs in Latin America and the Caribbean region and the Asia and Pacific region. **Pages H3432–33**

Rejected:

The Hamilton en bloc amendment that sought to strike the Consolidation of Foreign Affairs Agencies sections in the bill and replace with sections that authorize the President to implement his proposal to reorganize and consolidate the foreign affairs agencies and requires a plan to be submitted to Congress within 120 days of enactment (rejected by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 160)

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The Paul amendment that sought to withdraw the United States from the United Nations upon enactment; repeal the United Nations Participation, Headquarters Agreement, Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, and Environment Program Participation Acts; terminate Peacekeeping Operations and U.S. contributions to the United Nations; withdraw United Nations presence in facilities of the U.S. Government; and repeal diplomatic immunity for United Nations employees (rejected by a recorded vote of 54 yeas to 369 noes Roll No. 163);

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The Stearns amendment that sought to have the Congress, instead of the Secretary of State, make the determination that the United Nations or any such agency has failed to implement consensus-based decisionmaking procedures on budgetary matters (rejected by a recorded vote of 176 yeas to 244 noes Roll No. 164);

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Withdrawn:

The Snowbarger amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to condition any payment of arrearage to the United Nations upon a certification by the President that the United Nations has implemented a range of reforms.

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The Nethercutt amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish the sense of Congress relating to the abduction and detention of Donald Hutchings of the State of Washington;

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Votes Postponed:

The Stearns amendment that seeks to express the sense of Congress that the President and Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations should encourage the United Nations to commission a study concerning a revolving headquarters for the U.N. and establish the United Nations as a part-time body was debated and a recorded vote was postponed until Thursday, June 5;

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The Scarborough amendment that seeks to apply to Sudan the provisions of the Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act that restricts financial transactions until the President certifies that Sudan is no longer sponsoring or supporting terrorism and establishes findings that continued disregard of the freedom of religion by Sudan is unacceptable was debated and a recorded vote was postponed until Thursday, June 5;

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The Engel amendment that seeks to express the sense of Congress that the United States should consider applying to Syria sanctions which are currently enforced against Iran and Libya was debated and a recorded vote was postponed until Thursday, June 5;

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By a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 158, the House agreed to H. Res. 159, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 and H.R. 1758, to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, and to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 157.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3477.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the house today and appear on pages H3290, H3290–91, H3320–21, H3321, H3341–42, H3342–43, H3343, and H3343–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York; H.R. 1184, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek hydroelectric project in the State of Washington; H.R. 1217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington; and H.R.