

years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. The House completed debate and considered amendments to the bill on June 19, 20, and 23.

Pages H4291–H4309

Agreed to the Buyer amendment that prohibits funding for the deployment of ground forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina after June 30, 1998 without a request from the President or otherwise as the Congress may determine; prohibits funding for law enforcement activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina after enactment; and requires a Presidential report on political and military conditions in Bosnia not later than December 15, 1997 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 278 ayes to 148 noes, Roll No. 234).

Pages H4298–H4301, H4308–09

Rejected the Hilleary substitute amendment to the Buyer amendment that sought to prohibit funding for the deployment of ground forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina after December 31, 1997; allow an extension of up to 180 days by the President if he transmits a report to the Congress requesting an extension and a joint resolution is then enacted specifically approving the request; prohibit funding for law enforcement activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina after enactment; and require a Presidential report on the deployment on the ground of U.S. forces not later than October 31, 1997 (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 233).

Pages H4301–08

Agreed to H. Res. 169, as amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on June 19.

Pages H3934–45

Commission On Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Hoyer, Markey, Cardin, and Slaughter to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of May 7, 1997, as extended on June 12, 1997, be further extended through Tuesday, July 15, 1997. The order of the House concerning the ethics process made in order during the period beginning immediately and ending on July 15, 1997: (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) the Committee on Standard of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) a resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered

from the floor by a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader, or a Member designated from the floor by the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader at the time of notice pursuant to clause 2(A)(1) of Rule IX, as a question of the privileges of the House shall once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after July 15, 1997.

Pages H4313–14

Recess: The House recessed at 10:37 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25.

Pages H4336–37

Amendments: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4339–75.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4289–90, H4290–91, H4307–08, and H4308–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:06 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full Committee action the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE—DISASTER PRONE AREAS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on The Adequacy of Available Homeowners' Insurance in Disaster Prone Areas—The Problem. Testimony was heard from Daniel Sumner, General Counsel, Department of Insurance, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Financial

Services Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDUCATION AT A CROSSROADS

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Education at a Crossroads, What Works, What's Wasted in Federal Drug and Violence Prevention Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barton of Texas and Etheridge; Carotta Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OSHA'S REINVENTION PROJECT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's reinvention project. Testimony was heard from Gregory Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor.

OVERSIGHT—INSPECTORS GENERAL— INVESTIGATIVE PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on Investigative Practices of Inspectors General. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hamilton and Goss; Jacquelyn Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, Department of State; Eleanor Hill, Inspector General, Department of Defense and Chair, President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE); Michael Bromwich, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Patrick McFarland, Inspector General, OPM and Chair, Investigations Committee, PCIE; and Robert M. Bryant, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice and Chair, Integrity Committee, PCIE.

GULF WAR SYNDROME-STATUS OF EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Status of Efforts to Identify Gulf War Syndrome, with emphasis on Recent GAO Findings. Testimony was heard from Donna Heivilin, Director, Planning and Reporting, GAO.

Hearings continue June 26th.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; LIBERIAN ELECTION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action the following: H. Con. Res. 99, expressing concern over recent events in the Republic of Sierra Leone in the wake of the recent military coup d'etat of that country's first democratically elected President; and a resolution urging a restoration of peace in Congo-Brazzaville.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on The Liberian Election: A New Hope? Testimony was heard

from Howard Jeter, U.S. Special Envoy to Liberia, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

NORTHERN IRELAND—HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights in Northern Ireland. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; H.R. 948, Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Act; H.R. 976, Mississippi Sioux Tribes Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 1997; and H.R. 1604, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18-E, 58, 364, and 18-R before the Indian Claims Commission. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Resident Exotic Plants and Pests threatening the health of the National Forests. Testimony was heard from William Mattson, Chief Insect Ecologist, N. Central Forest Experiment Station, Forest Service, USDA; Barbara Burns, Forest Insect and Disease Specialist, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

UTAH WILDERNESS PROTECTION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1952, Utah Wilderness and School Trust Lands Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 1500, to designate certain Federal lands in the State of Utah as wilderness. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cannon and Cook; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R.

134, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain Water Storage Project and H.R. 1400, Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BALANCED BUDGET ACT; TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted by a recorded vote of 9 to 4, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 2015 ("The Balanced Budget Act") and waives all points of order against its consideration. The rule provides three hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule considers the amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, as adopted. All points of order are waived against the provisions of the bill, as amended by the rule. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 2014 ("The Taxpayer Relief Act") and waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and against its provisions, as amended by the rule. The rule provides three hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule considers the amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2, as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides for consideration of the bill, as amended, as an original bill for the purposes of further amendment. The rule provides for the consideration of an amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, only if offered by Representative Rangel of New York or his designee, which shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and opponent, and which shall not be subject to amendment or to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order are waived against the amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kasich, Shays, Smith of Michigan, Archer, Thomas, Roukema, Fawell, Davis of Virginia, Castle, Barton of Texas, Spratt, Minge, Bentsen, Pomeroy, Rangel, Levin, Cardin, McDermott, Becerra, Peterson of Minnesota, Kennedy of Massachusetts, Hinchey, Dingell, Pallone, Brown of Ohio, Norton, Nadler, Taylor of Mississippi, Maloney of New York, Conyers, Meek of Florida, Visclosky, Eshoo, Furse, Thurman, Berry, Goode, Turner, Boyd, and John.

CIVILIAN AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT— ROLE OF R&D

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on The Role of R&D in Improving Civilian Air Traffic Management. Testimony was heard from Steven B. Zaidman, Director, Office of System Architecture and Investment Analysis, FAA, Department of Transportation; Henry McDonald, Director, Ames Research Center, NASA; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NATO ENLARGEMENT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on NATO Enlargement. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to resume oversight hearings to examine Social Security investment in the securities markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Associate Administration for Commercial Space Transportation, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine waste within the Medicare's durable medical equipment program, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine encryption, key recovery, and privacy protection in the information age, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings to examine campaign financing, focusing on whether political contributions are voluntary, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.