

The Stearns amendment was offered that seeks to express the sense of the Congress that all member nations of NATO should contribute their proportionate share for the costs of the Partnership for Peace program and any future costs of NATO expansion; and

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The Burton of Indiana amendment was offered that seeks to limit to not more than \$41.7 million of Development Assistance funding to India.

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The bill is being considered pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 24.

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Order of Business—Foreign Operations: It was made in order that, during further consideration of H.R. 2159, no further amendment shall be in order in the Committee of the Whole except the amendment numbered 1 in House Report 105–184 and the amendment to that amendment, under the terms of the order of the House of July 24, 1997, and the amendment numbered 40 by Representative Burton.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Walsh, Young of Florida, Cunningham, Wamp, Latham, Livingston, Serrano, Fazio, Kaptur, and Obey.

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By a yea and nay vote of 202 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 352, rejected the Serrano motion to instruct conferees to agree to the position in Senate amendment numbered 1 with respect to the account “Joint Committee on Taxation” providing not more than a 4.64% increase for the Joint Committee on Taxation compared to an 8% increase in the House bill.

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Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Skeen, Walsh, Dickey, Kingston, Nethercutt, Bonilla, Latham, Livingston, Kaptur, Fazio, Serrano, DeLauro, and Obey.

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By a yea and nay vote of 299 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 353, agreed to the Kaptur motion to instruct conferees to recede to the Senate regarding funding levels provided under the Food and Drug Administration for the program to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors.

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Defense Appropriations Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young of Florida, McDade, Lewis of California, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Istook, Cunningham, Livingston, Murtha, Dicks, Hefner, Sabo, Dixon, Visclosky, and Obey.

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Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on the House position prohibiting the use of funds to approve or license the sale of the F–22 advanced tactical fighter to any foreign government.

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By a yea and nay vote of 420 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 354, agreed that the conference meetings between the House and the Senate on H.R. 2266 be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration; provided, that any sitting Member of Congress shall have a right to attend any closed or open meeting.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and the message transmitted to the Clerk on August 1 appear on page H6717.

Referrals: S. 1120, to provide for a consultant for the President pro tempore, was referred to the Committee on House Oversight.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H6799.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6757–58, H6760, and H6761–62. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TEACHERS: HELPING AMERICA TO READ

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Teachers: The Key to Helping America to Read. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office (DARO). Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine rural and agricultural credit issues, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine national testing for the public school system, 8:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on S. 8, authorizing funds through fiscal year 2002 for programs of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Cambodia, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Peter L. Scher, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Trade Negotiator, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine copyright infringement liability of on-line and Internet service providers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to review the judicial allocations for the Second and Eighth Circuit Courts of Appeal, 2 p.m., SD-226.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1648-49 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on D.C. Public Schools, 11 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Operation of the Superfund Program, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up H.R. 1962, Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on proposals for Electoral College Reform: H.J. Res. 28, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States; and H.J. Res. 43, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the Electoral College and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Small Business Technology Transfer Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, to mark up H.R. 2367, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.