

Rept. 105-264, that provides for an expedited judicial review to determine the legality and constitutionality of the use of sampling for purposes of apportionment or redistricting, was considered as adopted. Pages H7755-59

Tribute to Americans of Austrian Heritage: The House agreed to H. Res. 217, recognizing the important contributions made by Americans of Austrian heritage. Page H7818

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7733.

Amendments: Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7831.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7733-34, H7734-35, H7740-41, H7741, H7745, H7745-46, H7753-54, H7754-55, H7759-60, H7768, H7768-69, and H7769-70. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2493, amended, Forage Improvement Act of 1997; H.R. 1779, to make minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, MO, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements; H.R. 1789, to reauthorize the dairy indemnity program; and H.R. 2366, Census of Agriculture Act of 1997.

DEBIT CARDS AND UNSOLICITED LOAN CHECKS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on issues relating to debit cards and unsolicited loan checks. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lucas of Oklahoma, Hinchey and Barrett of Wisconsin; Laurence Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING ITS FUTURE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Protecting the Future of Social Security. Testimony was heard from Jose Pinera, former Minister of Labor and Social Security, Chile.

Hearings continue October 1.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Electricity Competition: Necessary Federal and State Roles. Testimony was heard from Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Jeanne Shaheen, Governor, State of New Hampshire; Jeff Groscost, Representative, State of Arizona; Jackson E. Reasor, Jr., Senator, State of Virginia; Wayne Shirley, Chairman, Public Utility Commission, State of New Mexico; Denise Bode, Commissioner, Corporation Commission, State of Oklahoma; P. Gregory Conlon, President, Public Utilities Commission, State of California; Marsha H. Smith, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, State of Idaho; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL IMMUNITY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Approved granting of Congressional immunity to certain witnesses.

DORNAN V. SANCHEZ—CONTESTED ELECTION

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported a resolution that the Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California file criminal charges against Hermandad Mexicana National for failure to comply with a valid subpoena under the Federal Contested Election Act.

FAST TRACK

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade concluded hearings on Fast Track: On Course or Derailed? Necessary or Not? Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and Timothy Hauser, Under Secretary, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

CABLE TV INDUSTRY—COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the State of Competition in the Cable Television Industry. Testimony was heard from Reed Hundt, Chairman, FCC; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL WORK VISA PROGRAMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on

temporary agricultural work visa programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Committee on Resources: Approved a motion to authorize the Chairman to issue subpoenas for the production of records related to the Committee's review of the designation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 1842, to terminate further development and implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Kanjorski, Herger, Stearns, Scott, Hastings of Washington, Reyes and Emerson; Kathleen A. McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Young of Florida and Murtha.

AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act. The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the substitute shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Young of Alaska and Miller of California.

EDUCATION—CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Education—Curriculum Development. Testimony was heard from Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORTATION MEASURES; WATER RESOURCES SURVEY RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2516, to extend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 through March 31, 1998.

The Committee also approved the following: a Committee resolution on the reauthorization of surface transportation programs; and 2 Water Resources Survey Resolutions.

The Committee also concluded markup of H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to authorize funds for the transit provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on S. 852, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the Federal agency energy management provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 799, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land compromising the Steffens family property, S. 814, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest, and H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to continue hearings to examine the practices and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine religious persecution in Sudan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Maritime Boundary Treaty with Mexico (Treaty Doc. 96-6), Protocol Amending the 1916 Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds (Treaty Doc. 104-28), and Protocol with Mexico Amending Convention for Protection of Migratory Birds and Game Mammals (Treaty Doc. 105-26), 2 p.m., SD-419.