

and Tobago, Johnny Young, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain, Nancy Dorn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation, Harold C. Pachios, of Maine, and Paula Dobriansky, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and a Foreign Service Officer promotion list received by the Senate on September 4, 1997.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan, Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, and Stephen W. Bosworth, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Foley was introduced by Senators Gorton and Murray and Representative Hyde.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with re-

gard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Ann McBride and Donald J. Simon, both of Common Cause, Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, Thomas E. Mann, Brookings Institution, Douglas C. Berman, Campaign Reform Project, Becky Cain, League of Women Voters, Edward H. Crane, CATO Institute, Curtis B. Gans, Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, and Ellen S. Miller, Public Campaign, all of Washington, D.C.; and Leo Troy, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1186, to reform Federal job training, vocational education, and adult education programs, with amendments; and

A list of nominations in the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2533–2543; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 157, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 242, waiving 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 (H. Rept. 105–267); and

H. Res. 243, providing for consideration of H.R. 901, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands (H. Rept. 105–268).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Commissioner Robert A. Watson, National Commander, the Salvation Army.

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Journal: By a recorded vote of 324 yeas to 81 nays, Roll No. 427, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, September 23. Earlier, approved the Journal by a division vote of 157 yeas to 70 nays.

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Motion to Adjourn: By a yeas and nays vote of 59 yeas to 342 nays, Roll No. 426, rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn.

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Motion to Adjourn: By a yeas and nays vote of 124 yeas to 293 nays, Roll No. 429, rejected the Gephardt motion to adjourn. Earlier, agreed to table the motion to reconsider ordering the yeas-and-nays by a yeas and nays vote of 217 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 428.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations: By a yeas and nays vote of 309 yeas to 106 nays, Roll No. 432, the House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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Agreed to H. Res. 238, the rule waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report by a recorded vote of 408 ayes to 5 noes, Roll No. 431. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 237 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 430. Pages H7741-46

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Tierney motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 82 ayes to 325 noes, Roll No. 433. Pages H7754-55

Presidential Message—National Emergency Re UNITA: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his notice concerning the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA)—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-134). Page H7759

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn by a yea and nay vote of 66 yeas to 348 nays, Roll No. 434. Pages H7759-60

Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Kolbe, Wolf, Livingston, Hoyer, and Obey. As additional conferees solely for consideration of Titles I through IV of the House bill, and Titles I through IV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Istook, Northup, and Meek of Florida. Pages H7760-69

By a recorded vote of 412 ayes to 2 noes with 6 voting "present," Roll No. 436, agreed to the Hoyer motion to instruct conferees to insist on the House position providing \$514,000 for the fourth year of operation of the Exploited Child Unit of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 229 yeas to 199 nays. Roll No. 435. Pages H7760-69

Motion to Adjourn: By a recorded vote of 70 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 437, rejected the Eshoo motion to adjourn. Pages H7769-70

Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, September 25. Pages H7770-H7818

Agreed To:

The Souder amendment that increases the Department of Justice Inspector General funding by \$2 million and reduces INS funding by \$3 million; Pages H7795-96

The Ackerman amendment that identifies an additional \$300,000 to investigate Nazi war criminals living in the United States; Page H7796

The Watt of North Carolina amendment that delays from March to June 1998 the implementation date for the INS to process fingerprint cards; Pages H7802-03

The Schumer amendment that identifies \$1 million for police recruitment programs; and Page H7803

The Jackson-Lee amendment that identifies \$750,000 in juvenile justice programs funding to study pornography on the Internet. Pages H7810-11

Pending:

The Hyde amendment was offered that seeks to allow an defendant who prevails in a Federal prosecution an opportunity to recover attorney fees unless the government establishes that it was substantially justified in initiating and prosecuting the case; Pages H7790-94

The Scott amendment was offered that seeks to increase funding for the Boys and Girls Clubs by \$80 million; special advocate program by \$13 million; child abuse training program by \$8 million; grants to combat violence against women by \$40 million; residential substance abuse treatment grants by \$37 million; drug courts by \$76.7 million; and law enforcement family support programs by \$4 million and decrease the funding for the violent offender incarceration and truth in sentencing incentive grants program by \$258.7 million; Pages H7805-07

The Waters amendment was offered that seeks to increase drug courts funding by \$30 million and decrease the violent offender incarceration and truth in sentencing incentive grants funding accordingly; Pages H7807-10

The Coburn amendment was offered that seeks to increase Juvenile Justice funding by \$74.1 million and reduce Department of Commerce Advanced Technology Program funding accordingly; and Pages H7811-15

The Norton amendment was offered that seeks to strike section 103 that prohibits funding for abortions in the Federal prison system. Pages H7815-17

Withdrawn:

The Weygand amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to delay the implementation date for the INS to process fingerprint cards. Pages H7801-02

Agreed to H. Res. 239, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part I of H.

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