

Colorado, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys—clearing the measure for the President;

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Transfer of the Dillon Ranger District, Colorado: S. 591, to transfer the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H9926–27, H9984

Hinsdale County, Colorado Land Exchange: S. 587, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale County, Colorado (passed by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 572) —clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H9927, H9984

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center: S. 931, to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center—clearing the measure for the President;

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Volunteers for Wildlife Act: H.R. 1856, amended, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a volunteer pilot project at one national wildlife refuge in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region; and

Pages H9928–31, H9985

Distribution of Judgment Funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians: H.R. 1604, amended, 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.

Pages H9931–37, H9985

Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

U.S.-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act: H.R. 2644, to provide to beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act benefits equivalent to those provided under the North American Free Trade Agreement (failed to pass by a ye and nay vote of 182 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 570); and

Pages H9873–81, H9965–66

Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians: H.R. 948, to reaffirm and clarify the Federal relationship of the Burt Lake Band as a distinct federally recognized Indian Tribe (failed to pass by a ye and nay vote of 240 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 574; 2/3 required to pass).

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HELP Scholarships Act: By a ye and nay vote of 191 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 569, the House failed to pass H.R. 2746, to amend title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to

give parents with low-incomes the opportunity to choose the appropriate school for their children.

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By a ye and nay vote of 203 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 568, rejected the Etheridge motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on education and the Workforce with instructions to hold a full, open, and fair hearing and markup on the bill before reporting it to the full House for consideration.

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The House agreed to H.Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2746 and H.R. 2616 on October 31.

Pages H9814–32

Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997: The House completed general debate on H.R. 2616, to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools.

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Agreed to the Riggs amendment, as modified, that makes technical and clarifying changes relating to best practices of charter schools and the Federal formula allocation during the first year and for successive enrollment expansions.

Pages H9981–82

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9867.

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H9994.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9964, H9964–65, H9965–66, H9966, H9984, H9985, and H9985–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BANKING AND THE YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Millennium Bug: Banking and the Year 2000 computer problem. Testimony was heard from Edward W. Kelley, Jr., member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury and Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council; and public witnesses.

EPA REGULATORY REINVENTION EFFORTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Federal-State Relationship: A Look into EPA Regulatory Reinvention Efforts. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues,

GAO; J. Charles Fox, Associate Administrator, Office of Reinvention, EPA; and public witnesses.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PRIVATIZATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Privatization of Child Support Enforcement Services. Testimony was heard from Representative Bilirakis; Mark V. Nadel, Associate Director and David P. Bixler, Assistant Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

POSTAL SERVICE—IMPROVING LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Postal Service held a hearing on Improving Labor Management Relations in the Postal Service. Testimony was heard from Bernard L. Unger, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO; John Calhoun Wells, Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Marvin T. Runyon, Postmaster General and CEO, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

DOD SUPPORT PROGRAM

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Federal response to domestic terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction—status of Department of Defense support program. Testimony was heard from Representative Skelton; Robert M. Blitzer, Section Chief, Domestic Terrorism Planning Section, FBI, Department of Justice; Catherine H. Light, Director, Terrorism Coordination Unit, FEMA; Lisa E. Gordon-Haggerty, Director, Office of Emergency Response, Department of Energy; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: James Q. Roberts, Principal Director, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Policy and Missions), Office of the Assistant Secretary (Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict); Raymond Dominquez, Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Forces and Resources) Office of the Assistant Secretary(Special Operations/ Low Intensity Conflict); Maj. Gen. Edward Soriano, USA, Director of Military Assistance, Headquarters; Maj. Gen. George E. Friel, USA, Commander, Chemical-Biological Defense Command; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1659, amended, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act; H.R. 2416, provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the United States Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of

such property; and H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interest in the National grasslands in Billings County, ND, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interest to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection.

IRS RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 2676, Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Portman, Gekas, Stupak, Farr and Kucinich.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of bills in the following manner: First, H.R. 2358, THE POLITICAL FREEDOM IN CHINA ACT, a modified closed amendment process, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on International Relations, providing that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations, as modified by the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules be considered as adopted, and also making in order the Gilman/Markey amendment to be debatable for 30 minutes and finally, providing one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Second, H.R. 2195, TIGHTENING PROHIBITIONS ON SLAVE LABOR IMPORTS, a closed amendment process, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means, providing that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means be considered as adopted and providing one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Third, H. Res. 188, ON MISSILE PROLIFERATION, a modified closed amendment process providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on International Relations, providing that the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules be considered as adopted and providing one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Fourth, H.R. 967, FREE THE CLERGY ACT, a

modified closed amendment process, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on International Relations, providing that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations, as modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules be considered as adopted and providing one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Fifth, H.R. 2570, THE FORCED ABORTION CONDEMNATION ACT, a modified closed amendment process, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Judiciary, providing that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules be considered as adopted and providing one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Sixth, H.R. 2386, THE TAIWAN MISSILE DEFENSE ACT, a modified closed amendment process, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on International Relations, providing that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations, as modified by the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules be considered as adopted, and providing one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Seventh, THE COMMUNIST CHINA DE-SUBSIDIZATION ACT, a modified closed amendment process, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and providing that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules be considered as adopted and providing one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Eighth, H.R. 2647, DENIAL OF NORMAL COMMERCIAL STATUS TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY, a modified closed amendment process, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on International Relations, providing that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations be considered as adopted, and providing one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Ninth, H.R. 2232, CONCERNING RADIO FREE ASIA, a closed amendment process, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on International Relations, providing that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations be considered as adopted, and providing one motion to recommit,

with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gilman, McCollum, Mrs. Smith of Washington, Royce, Hamilton, Pelosi, Abercrombie, Harman, and Deutsch.

REPEAL RULE ALLOWING SUBPOENAED WITNESSES TO CHOOSE NOT TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on H. Res. 298, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to repeal the rule allowing subpoenaed witnesses to choose not to be photographed at committee hearings. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr of Georgia, Dingell, Waxman and Frank of Massachusetts.

GLOBAL DIMENSIONS THE MILLENNIUM BUG

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held hearing on The Global Dimensions of the Millennium Bug. Testimony was heard from Ahmad Kamal, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and Chairman, United Nations Working Group on Informatics; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. CHINA TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held an oversight hearing on the Future of United States-China Trade Relations and the possible Accession of China to the World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from the following Senators Liberman and Levin; Representatives Bereuter, Cox of California, and Ewing; Susan G. Esserman, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Howard Lang, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asia and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold hearings to examine the presence of foreign governments and companies, particularly in China, in U.S. securities and banking sectors, and on S. 1315, to establish an Office of National Security within the Securities and Exchange Commission, provide for the monitoring of the extent of foreign involvement in United States securities markets, financial institutions, and pension funds, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.