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NOMINATIONS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ida L. Castro, of New York, and Paul M. Igasaki, of California, each to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Castro was introduced by Senator D'Amato.

MEDICAL INDUSTRY Y2K COMPLIANCE

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings to examine the potential impact of the Year 2000 technology information problem on the medical industry, focusing on the health industry's progress in preparing for Y2K, and its effect on data systems holding medical records and payment systems, medical devices for di-

agnostic testing, and patient monitors and life support systems, after receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; Kevin L. Thurm, Deputy Secretary, Michael A. Friedman, Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel S. Nutkis, Odin Group, Nashville, Tennessee; Jennifer Jackson, Connecticut Hospital Association, Hartford, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; Donald J. Palmisano, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the American Medical Association; Ramin Mojdeh, Guidant Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the Health Industry Manufacturers Association; Gil R. Glover, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Dallas, on behalf of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; and Joel Ackerman, Rx2000 Solutions Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4313–4325; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 305–307, were introduced. Pages H6281–82

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Report on the revised Suballocation of Budget Totals for fiscal year 1999 (H. Rept. 105–642); and

H. Res. 509, providing for consideration of H.R. 4250, to provide new patient protections under group health plans (H. Rept. 105–643). Page H6281

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H6189

DoD Authorization Conference: Agreed to the Skelton motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the authorization levels provided in title II of the House bill for Theater Missile Defense programs and for space-based lasers by a yea and nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay" and 1 voting "present", Roll No. 322. Pages H6201–02

Subsequently, agreed to the Spence motion to close portions of the conference when classified information is under consideration, by a yea and nay vote of 412 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 323. Pages H6202–03

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban—Veto Override: The House voted to override the President's veto of H.R.

1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, by a yea and nay vote of 296 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 325. Pages H6203–13

Earlier agreed to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from further consideration of H.R. 1122 by a yea and nay vote of 295 yeas to 131 nays, Roll No. 321. Pages H6193–H6201

Military Construction Appropriations: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Page H6213

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Packard, Porter, Hobson, Wicker, Kingston, Parker, Tiahrt, Wamp, Livingston, Hefner, Olver, Edwards, Cramer, Dicks, and Obey. Page H6213

Interior Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yea and nay vote of 245 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 331. Pages H6213–18

The Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with Instructions to report it back with an amendment limiting funds made available unless Representative Sidney R. Yates stands for election to the 106th Congress from the

9th District of Illinois was offered and subsequently withdrawn. Pages H6217-18

Rejected:

The DeFazio amendment that sought to strike the provision that extends the recreational fee demonstration program for another 2 years (rejected by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 341 noes, Roll No. 326); Pages H6213-14

The McDermott amendment that sought to strike Section 333 dealing with the operation or implementation of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (rejected by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 327); Pages H6214-15

The Hinchey amendment that sought to strike section 327 that grants Chugach Alaska Corporation an easement for public roads and related facilities that were conveyed to the corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 328); Page H6215

The Miller of California amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to construct any road in the Tongass National Forest (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 237 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 329); and Pages H6215-16

The Pappas amendment that sought to increase the State side grant program of the land and water conservation fund by \$50 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 330). Pages H6216-17

H. Res. 504, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 21.

VA, HUD Appropriations: The House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Pages H6219-77

Agreed To:

The Obey amendment that specifies that any limitation on funding to EPA or the Council on Environmental Quality shall not apply to educational outreach or informational seminars (agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 332); Pages H6219-25

Rejected:

The Waxman amendment that sought to specify that any limitation on funds to EPA or the Council on Environmental Quality shall not apply to regulatory determinations for mercury emissions, dredging as a remediation tool, and implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act, Regional Haze Program, or cleanup requirements for facilities licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (rejected by

a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 334); Pages H6244-57

Pending:

The Roemer amendment numbered 5 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to cancel funding for the International Space Station. Pages H6264-75

H. Res. 501, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 16.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6283-95.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two quorum calls (Roll No. 324 and Roll No. 333), five yeas and nay votes, and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6201, H6201-02, H6202-03, H6207-08, H6212-13, H6213-14, H6214-15, H6215, H6215-16, H6216-17, H6218, H6225, H6241, and H6257.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:16 a.m. on Friday, July 24.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 3899, American Homeownership Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL WORKPLACE DRUG-TESTING PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services' Policy for Federal Workplace Drug-Testing Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Joseph Autry, M.D., Director, Division of Workplace Programs, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Edward J. Cone, M.D., Acting Chief, Clinical Pharmacology Branch, Intramural Research Programs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; and Donald Bruce Burlington, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4237, amended, to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 to revise the revenues and activities covered under such Act; H.R. 2508, amended, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in San Joaquin County, CA,