

on S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, to occur on Wednesday, October 7, 1998.

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A further consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill on Tuesday, October 6, 1998.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. Pages S11526–27

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David M. Walker, of Georgia, to be Comptroller General of the United States for a term of fifteen years.

John A. Moran, of Virginia, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2001.

Andrea Kidd Taylor, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

John F. Walsh, of Connecticut, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2006.

Norman A. Mordue, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Stephen Hadley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 1999.

Stephen Hadley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003.

Zalmay Khalizad, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:

Mari Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, which was sent to the Senate on April 28, 1998.

Gus A. Owen, of California, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, which was sent to the Senate on February 2, 1998.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—297)

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Recess: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and recessed at 8:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 6, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on S11526.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

START TREATY COMPLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded closed hearings to examine START Treaty compliance issues, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Steiner, U.S. Representative, Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 4996–4704; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 572, 577, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 105–769);

H.R. 1467, to provide for the continuance of oil and gas operations pursuant to certain existing leases in the Wayne National Forest, amended (H. Rept. 105–770);

H.R. 3878, to subject certain reserved mineral interests of the operation of the Mineral Leasing Act (H. Rept. 105–771);

H.R. 3511, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide additional exceptions to the imposition of civil money penalties in cases of payments to beneficiaries, amended (H. Rept. 105–772, Part 1);

H.R. 4567, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make revisions in the per beneficiary and per visit payment limits on payment for health services under the Medicare Program, amended (H. Rept. 105-773, Part 1);

H.R. 4377, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the membership of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to 17 (H. Rept. 105-774, Part 1);

H.R. 3783, to amend section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 to require persons who are engaged in the business of selling or transferring, by means of the World Wide Web, material that is harmful to minors to restrict access to such material by minors, amended (H. Rept. 105-775);

H. Res. 573, providing for consideration of H.R. 4570, to provide for certain boundary adjustments and conveyances involving public lands, to establish and improve the management of certain heritage areas, historic areas, National Parks, wild and scenic rivers, and national trails, to protect communities by reducing hazardous fuels levels on public lands (H. Rept. 105-776);

H. Res. 574, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Department 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 (H. Rept. 105-777);

H. Res. 575, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105-778);

H. Res. 576, providing consideration of H.R. 4259, to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures (H. Rept. 105-779); and

Conference report on H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Disability System, (H. Rept. 105-780).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:59 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1836, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to

improve administration of sanctions against unfit health care providers under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program—clearing the measure for the President;

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Federal Employees Child Care Affordability: H.R. 4280, amended, to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees;

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Increasing Federal Employee Organ Donor Leave Time: H.R. 2943, to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor;

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Travel and Transportation Reform: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 930, to require Federal employees to use Federal travel charge cards for all payments of expenses of official Government travel, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish requirements for prepayment audits of Federal agency transportation expenses, to authorize reimbursement of Federal agency employees for taxes incurred on travel or transportation reimbursements, and to authorize test programs for the payment of Federal employee travel expenses and relocation expenses—clearing the measure for the President;

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Freedom From Government Competition: S. 314, to provide a process for identifying the functions of the Federal Government that are not inherently governmental functions—clearing the measure for the President;

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Designating the Tim Lee Carter Post Office Building: H.R. 3864, to designate the post office located at 203 West Paige Street, in Tompkinsville, Kentucky, as the “Tim Lee Carter Post Office Building;”

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Designating the Thomas P. Foglietta Post Office Building: H.R. 4000, amended, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 400 Edgmont Avenue, Chester, Pennsylvania, as the “Thomas P. Foglietta Post Office Building”. Agreed to amend the title;

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Designating the Roxanne H. Jones Post Office Building: H.R. 4001, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2601 North 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Roxanne H. Jones Post Office Building”;

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Guam Judicial Empowerment: H.R. 2370, amended, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure and the office of Attorney General. Agreed to amend the title;

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Tribal Self Governance Amendments: H.R. 1833, amended, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further Self-Governance by Indian Tribes;

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California Indian Land Transfer: H.R. 2742, amended, to provide for the transfer of public lands to certain California Indian Tribes; **Pages H9471-72**

Commerce Department Toll Free Number for American-made Product Determination: H.R. 563, amended, to establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; **Pages H9472-74**

Money Laundering Deterrence: H.R. 4005, amended, to amend title 31 of the United States Code to improve methods for preventing financial crimes. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H9474-80**

Money Laundering and Financial Crimes Strategy: H.R. 1756, amended, to amend chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, to require the development and implementation by the Secretary of the Treasury of a national money laundering and related financial crimes strategy to combat money laundering and related financial crimes; **Pages H9480-84**

Computation of Annuities for State Department Special Agents and Security Personnel: H.R. 633, amended, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to Federal law enforcement officers; **Pages H9484-86**

Transition to Democracy in Iraq: H.R. 4655, amended, to establish a program to support a transition to democracy in Iraq (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 360 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 482). **Pages H9486-94**

Commercial Space: H. Res. 572, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1702, to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States. Pursuant to H. Res. 572, agreed to the Senate amendment with an amendment; **Pages H9494-H9502**

Export Apple Act: H.R. 4148, to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples; and **Pages H9502-03**

Reporting Requirement for any Selective Embargo on Agricultural Commodities: H.R. 4647, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, to provide greater assurances for contract sanctity. **Pages H9503-07**

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

Conveyance of Federal Land in New Hampshire: H.R. 4614, amended, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in New Castle, New Hampshire, to the town of New Castle, New Hampshire, and to require the release of certain restrictions with respect to land in such town (failed by a ye and nay

vote of 230 yeas to 168 nays, with two-thirds required for passage, Roll No. 480); and **Pages H9440-46, H9492**

Indian Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures: H.R. 1154, amended, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups (failed by a ye and nay vote of 190 yeas to 208 nays, with two-thirds required for passage, Roll No. 481). **Pages H9455-62, H9492-93**

Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight on Monday, October 5, to file a conference report on H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page H9452**

Treasury, Postal Appropriations: Agreed to recommit to the conference committee the conference report on H.R. 4104, 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, 1999. **Page H9494**

Conferees on National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Authorization Act: Agreed to remove Representatives Castle and Souder as conferees on S. 2073 and appoint Representatives Riggs and Greenwood to fill the vacancies. **Page H9507**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9347.

Referrals: S. 1016, S. 1333, S. 1408, S. 1665, S. 1718, S. 2129, S. 2232, S. 2272, S. 2351, S. 2469, S. 2470, and S. 2474 were all referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H9532**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9537-91.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9492, H9493, and H9493-94. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS—MEDICARE PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION BENEFIT ABUSES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Abuses of the Medicare Partial Hospitalization Benefit at Community Mental Health Centers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General; and Penny Thompson, Director, Program Integrity Group, Health Care Finance Administration.