

H. Res. 290, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Department of Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization:** The House passed H.R. 1655, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the civilian energy and scientific research, development, and demonstration and related commercial application of energy technology programs, projects, and activities of the Department of Energy.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Sensenbrenner amendment that clarifies GAO report requirements and includes the Lawrence Livermore, Sandia, and Los Alamos national laboratories and the Y-12 Plant to the list of laboratories which prohibit citizens of certain foreign nations from entering classified areas;

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The Traficant amendment that insures the compliance of the “Buy American Act,” expresses the sense of Congress to support the purchase of American-made equipment and products, and prohibits contracts to those who affix a “Made in America” inscription to any product that is not made in the United States;

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The Andrews amendment that designates \$2 million for biometric technology security;

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The Udall of Colorado amendment that increases funding for energy technology and conservation research and development programs;

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The Stupak amendment that prohibits the Secretary from selecting a route for the transportation of Mixed Oxide Fuel from Los Alamos, New Mexico to Chalk River, Canada without issuing a rule based on the record after an opportunity for agency hearing;

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The Berkley amendment that authorizes \$2 million to establish a nuclear waste transmutation research and development program; and

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The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that the Department of Energy should increase its efforts to recruit and employ qualified minorities for carrying out the research and development functions of the Department.

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H. Res. 289, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Treasury, Postal, and General Government Appropriations:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Serv-

ice, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 292 yeas to 126 nays, Roll No. 426.

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Rejected the Murtha motion to recommit the report to the conference committee by a yeas and nays vote of 61 yeas to 359 nays, Roll No. 425.

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**Meeting Hour—Friday, September 17:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 17.

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**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, September 21:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, September 17, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21 for morning-hour debates.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business on Wednesday, September 22.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8316–17, H8317–18, H8351, and H8351–52. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FAMILY FINANCIAL CRISIS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Concluded hearings to review the farm financial crisis. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

### AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development held a hearing on H.R. 1776, American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from William Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### BALANCED BUDGET ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the Balanced Budget Act of 1997: Impact on Cost Savings and Patient Care. Testimony was heard from Mike Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health, GAO; Daniel L. Crippen, Director,

CBO; Murry Ross, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Council; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—BROADCAST OWNERSHIP REGULATIONS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on Broadcast Ownership Regulations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OLDER AMERICANS ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 782, Older Americans Act Amendments of 1999.

### Y2K COMPUTER PROBLEM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on The Y2K Computer Problem: Implications for International Travel. Testimony was heard from John O'Keefe, Special Representative for the Year 2000, Department of State; David Jhirad, Senior Adviser, Multilateral and Bilateral Affairs, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

### BALKANS OVERSIGHT

**Committee on International Relations:** Held a hearing on Balkans Oversight I: Corruption in Bosnia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Larry C. Napper, Coordinator, Support for Eastern European Assistance; and David Dlouhy, Special Advisor, Bosnia Implementation; and Craig Buck, Mission Director, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and Montenegro, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

### EAST TIMOR RESOLUTION; TAIWAN, THE PRC, AND THE TAIWAN SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Res. 292, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the referendum in East Timor, calling on the Government of Indonesia to assist in the termination of the current civil unrest and violence in East Timor; and supporting a United Nations Security Council-endorsed multinational force for East Timor.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Taiwan, the PRC, and the Taiwan Security Enhancement Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Thomas; Susan Shirk, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Asia and Pa-

cific Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### SPECIAL COUNSEL ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 2083, Special Counsel Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Joseph Barbieri, Deputy Attorney General, State of California; and public witnesses.

### INDIAN FEDERAL RECOGNITION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 361, Indian Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act. Testimony was heard from Representative McIntyre; Loretta Tuell, Acting Director, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1402, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1-A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders. The rule waives clause 3 of rule XIII (requiring the inclusion in the report of a CBO cost estimate and a statement on certain budget matters if the measure includes new budget or entitlement authority) and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act (requiring a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate in the committee report on any legislation containing new budget authority) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Agriculture amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, modified by the amendments printed in part A in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute is considered as read.

The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that amendments made in

order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.

The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pombo, Boehner, Manzullo, Blunt, Green of Wisconsin, Ryan of Wisconsin, Sweeney, Stenholm, Peterson of Minnesota, Dooley of California, Minge, Obey, Sanders, Kind, Baldwin and Crowley.

#### PILOT FATIGUE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on Pilot Fatigue, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### AIRCRAFT ELECTRICAL SYSTEM SAFETY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Aircraft Electrical System Safety. Testimony was heard from Bernard Loeb, Director, Office of Aviation Safety, National Transportation Safety Board; Thomas McSweeney, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation 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, 2000, 3 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on the Administration's Northwest Forest Plan, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings on foreign missile developments and the ballistic missile threat to the United States through 2015, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings on the practices and operations of the securities day trading industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on the annual report of the Postmaster General, 2 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to children's health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to mark up S. J. Res.3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims; the nomination of Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and S. Res. 178, designating the week beginning September 19, 1999, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week", and other pending committee business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Office of Justice Program and to examine a proposed reorganization plan, 2 p.m., SD-226.

#### House

*Committee on Resources,* oversight hearing on the enforcement of Federal laws and the use of Federal funds in the Northern Mariana Islands, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.