

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 10, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14435.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported certain military nominations in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gregory A. Baer, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions, and Susan M. Wachter, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Policy Development and Research.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Monday, November 8, Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Carol Moseley-Braun, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa.

PRIVATE BANKING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine the vulnerabilities of United States private banks to money laundering, focusing on how they accept clientele, use shell corporations and secrecy jurisdictions to open accounts and move funds, monitor clients and transactions, and identify and respond to suspicious activity, receiving testimony from Elise J. Bean, Deputy Chief Counsel to the Minority, and Robert L. Roach, Counsel to the Minority, both of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; Amy G. Elliott, Albert Misan, Alain Ober, and G. Edward Montero, all of the Citibank Private Bank, and John S. Reed, Citigroup, all of New York, New York.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 3261–3288; 1 private bill, H.R. 3289; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 77–78, H. Con. Res. 221–224, and H. Res. 368–372, were introduced. Pages H11852–53

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Conference report on H.R. 1554, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the Communications Act of 1934, relating to copyright licensing and carriage of broadcast signals by satellite (H. Rept. 106–464). Pages H11769–H11818, H11852

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Joel Kessler of Potomac, Maryland. Page H11712

Recess: The House recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H11712

Waiving Enrollment Requirements: The House passed H.J. Res. 76, waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general appropria-

tions or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000. Subsequently, H. Res. 365, a rule to provide consideration of the joint resolution was laid on the table. Pages H11716–17

Honoring the National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 205, recognizing and honoring the heroic efforts of the Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing and its rescue of Dr. Jerri Nielsen from the South Pole. Pages H11717–18

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

Restoring Certain Lands to Elim Native Corporation: H.R. 3090, amended, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to restore certain lands to the Elim Native Corporation; Pages H11718–20

Aquatic Restoration Projects: H.R. 1444, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the

States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, and California. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H11720–22

Plaque Commemorating Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech at the Lincoln Memorial: H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech;

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Trafficking of Baby Body Parts: H. Res. 350, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to private companies involved in the trafficking of baby body parts for profit;

Pages H11723–28

Veterans Benefits Improvement Act: H. Res. 368, providing for the concurrence by the House with amendments in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2280, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims;

Pages H11728–29

Printing of Brochures on the United States Government: H. Con. Res. 221, authorizing printing of the brochures entitled "How Our Laws Are Made" and "Our American Government", the pocket version of the United States Constitution, and the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution;

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Honesty in Sweepstakes: S. 335, amended, to amend Chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to sweepstakes, skill contests, facsimile checks, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter;

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Celebrating the Fall of the Berlin Wall: H. Con. Res. 223, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Freedom Day (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 580); and

Pages H11763–69, H11825–26

Satellite Home Viewer Act: Agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 1554, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the Communications Act of 1934, relating to copyright licensing and carriage of broadcast signals by satellite (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 411 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 581).

Pages H11769–H11818, H11826–27

Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce: The House passed H.R. 1714, to facili-

tate the use of electronic records and signatures in interstate or foreign commerce (passed by a recorded vote of 356 yeas to 66 noes, Roll No. 579).

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record of November 8 and numbered 1, as amended, pursuant to the rule.

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Agreed to the Inslee amendment that requires affirmative consent to receive electronic records; allows the consumer to retain the records and withdraw consent as desired; and clarifies that provisions do not affect any disclosures required under regulation or law by a recorded vote of 418 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 577.

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Rejected the Dingell amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to recognize the validity of electronic signatures and records in commercial transactions by a recorded vote of 126 yeas to 278 noes, Roll No. 578.

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H. Res. 336, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1555, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

Pages H11755–62

The conference report was considered pursuant to a unanimous consent request made earlier by Representative Dreier; and H. Res. 364, a rule to waive points of order against the conference report was laid on the table.

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Making Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000.

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The joint resolution was considered pursuant to a unanimous consent request made earlier by Chairman Young of Florida.

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Consideration of Suspensions: Pursuant to H. Res. 353, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, Mr. Lazio announced that the following measures would be considered under suspension of the rules on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1999: H. Res. 41, H.R. 1869, H.R. 2336, H.R. 2442, H. Con. Res. 122, H.R. 3234, and H.R. 2454.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency Re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted his report on the national emergency

with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed H. Doc. 106–156; and

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National Emergency Re Sudan: Message wherein he transmitted his report on the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed H. Doc. 106–157.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H11712 and H11763.

Referrals: S. 923, S. Con. Res. 30, and S. Con. Res. 68 were referred to the Committee on International Relations; S. 1398 was referred to the Committee on Resources; and S. 1809 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11749, H11754–55, H11762, H11826, and H11826–27. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Began markup of H.R. 21, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1999.

MEDICAID FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Medicaid Fraud and Abuse: Assessing State and Federal Responses. Testimony was heard from Leslie Aronovitz, Director, Chicago Field Office, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John E. Hartwig, Deputy Inspector General, Inspections; and Penny Thompson, Medicare Program Integrity Group, Health Care Financing Administration; John Krayniak, Director, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Division of Criminal Justice, State of New Jersey; Mark Fecteau, Assistant Director, Bureau of Medical Services, Department of Human Services, State of Maine; and public witnesses.

FORCE PROTECTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Force Protection: Improving Safeguards for Administration of Investigational New Drugs to Members of the Armed Forces. Testimony was heard from John Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

OMB; Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; William Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Science Policy, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; U.S. POLICY TOWARD HAITI

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3244, to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking.

The Committee also favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 165, expressing United States policy toward the Slovak Republic; H. Con. Res. 169, amended, expressing United States policy toward Romania; H. Con. Res. 206, amended, expressing grave concern regarding armed conflict in the North Caucasus region of the Russian Federation which has resulted in civilian casualties and internally displaced persons, and urging all sides to pursue dialog for peaceful resolution of the conflict; H. Con. Res. 222, Condemning the assassination of Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian and other officials of the Armenian Government and expressing the sense of the Congress in mourning this tragic loss of the duly elected leadership of Armenia; H. Con. Res. 211, expressing the strong support of the Congress for the recently concluded elections in the Republic of India and urging the President to travel to India; and H. Con. Res. 200, amended, expressing the strong opposition of Congress to the military coup in Pakistan and calling for a civilian, democratically-elected government to be returned to power in Pakistan.

The Committee also held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Haiti. Testimony was heard from Senators DeWine and Graham; Representatives Goss and Conyers; and Ambassador Peter Romero, Acting Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation approved for full Committee action the following: GSA's Fiscal Year 2000 leasing program; 17 resolutions, including 2 11(b) resolutions; and H.R. 809, amended, Federal Protective Service Reform Act of 1999.