

on behalf of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1902, to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons and

records of the Japanese Imperial Army in a manner that does not impair any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, with amendments; and

S. 2089, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to modify procedures relating to orders for surveillance and searches for foreign intelligence purposes, with amendments.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4868–4870, 4872–4883, and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 105–106 and H. Con. Res. 373–376, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

Supplemental report on H.R. 3485, to modify the enforcement of certain anti-terrorism judgments (H. Rept. 106–733, Pt. 2);

H.J. Res. 103, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China, amended (H. Rept. 106–755);

H.R. 4871, 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, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–756);

H. Res. 554, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4576, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–757);

H. Res. 555, providing for consideration of H.R. 4118, to prohibit the rescheduling or forgiveness of any outstanding bilateral debt owed to the United States by the Government of the Russian Federation until the President certifies to the Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation has ceased all its operations at, removed all personnel from, and permanently closed the intelligence facility at Lourdes, Cuba (H. Rept. 106–758);

H. Res. 556, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 106–759); and;

H. Res. 557, providing for consideration of H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform (H. Rept. 106–760).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Glenn Warner of Ashtabula, Ohio.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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

Unsolicited Commercial Electronics Mail: H.R. 3113, amended, to protect individuals, families, and Internet service providers from unsolicited and unwanted electronic mail (passed by a ye and nay vote of 427 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 406);

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International Patient Act: H.R. 2961, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize a 3-year pilot program under which the Attorney General may extend the period for voluntary departure in the case of certain nonimmigrant aliens who require medical treatment in the United States and were admitted under the Visa Waiver Pilot Program;

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Right-To-Know National Payroll Act: H.R. 1264, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that each employer show on the W–2 form of each employee the employer's share of taxes for old-age, survivors, and disability insurance and for hospital insurance for the employee as well as the total amount of such taxes for such employee;

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Alfred Rascon Post Office Building in Fulton, Maryland: H.R. 4430, amended, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11831 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland, as the "Alfred Rascon Post Office Building." Agreed to amend the title;

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Matthew 'Mack' Robinson Post Office Building in Pasadena, California: H.R. 4157, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, California, as the "Matthew 'Mack' Robinson Post Office Building";

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Alan B. Shepard, Jr. Post Office Building in Derry, New Hampshire: H.R. 4517, to designate

the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24 Tsienneto Road in Derry, New Hampshire, as the “Alan B. Shepard, Jr. Post Office Building” (passed by a ye and nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 407);

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Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: H.R. 4554, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1602 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building”;

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Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000: H.R. 2909, amended, to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption; and

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Debt Relief Reconciliation Act: H.R. 4866, amended, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(b)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt (passed by a ye and nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 409).

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Suspension Proceedings Postponed—Drug Addiction Treatment: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2634, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to registration requirements for practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs in schedule IV or V for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment. The Chair postponed further proceedings until Wednesday, July 19.

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Extension of Trade Waiver Authority to China: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 103, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People’s Republic of China by a ye and nay vote of 147 yeas to 281 nays, Roll No. 405.

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Marriage Tax Penalty Elimination Reconciliation: The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 4810, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Archer and Representatives Arney and Rangel.

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Rejected the Cardin motion to instruct conferees to the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference to maximize the amount of marriage penalty relief provided to middle and low income taxpayers, to minimize the additional marriage bonuses provided to taxpayers already receiving marriage bonuses under current law, and to resolve the differences in effective dates and phase-in amounts in a way which takes into account fiscal responsibility by a ye and nay vote of 203 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 408.

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Agreed to H. Res. 553, the rule that provided for consideration of the motion to go to conference on

the Senate amendments to the bill. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 550 was laid on the table.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Taliban: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Taliban (Afghanistan)—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–268).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on page H6471.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6423, H6424, H6424–25, H6436–37, and H6437–38. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:07 p.m..

Committee Meetings

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported a measure (H.R. 4871) 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, 2001.

MEDICAID PROVIDER ENROLLMENT: ASSESSING STATE EFFORTS TO PREVENT FRAUD

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on “Medicaid Provider Enrollment: Assessing State Efforts to Prevent Fraud.” Testimony was heard from Thomas T. Kubic, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigations Division, FBI, Department of Justice; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health, GAO; the following officials of the State of California: Kathleen Connell, Controller; and Alan Cates, Chief, Medicaid Fraud Bureau; Ruben King-Shaw, Executive Director, Agency for Health Care Administration, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

MERCURY IN MEDICINE—ARE WE TAKING UNNECESSARY RISKS?

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Mercury in Medicine—Are We Taking Unnecessary Risks?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Ramona Provato, Director, and Michael Firestone, Science Director, both with the Office of Children’s Health Protection; and William Egan, Acting Office Director, Office of Vaccine Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Roger H.