

INDIAN GAMING ACTIVITIES

Select Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the activities of the National Indian Gaming Commission which monitors and regulates certain forms of gaming conducted by Indian tribes on Indian lands, after receiving testimony from Montie R. Deer, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Richard G. Hill, National Indian Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; Delores Pigsley, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Siletz, Oregon; and Tracy Burris, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association, Durant.

AUTHORIZATION—INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT

Select Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on S. 2526, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act, receiving testimony from John J. Callahan, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Management and Budget; Melissa McNiel, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Barbara Namias, North American Indian Center of Boston, Inc., Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Council of Urban Indian Health; and Virginia Hill, Southern Indian Health Council, Inc., Alpine, California, on behalf of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, Inc.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R.4961–4985; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 381–382, were introduced. **Pages H7127–28**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 4678, to provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States on behalf of children, to improve the collection of child support, to promote marriage, amended (H. Rept. 106–793, Pt. 1);

H.J. Res. 99, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam, amended (H. Rept. 106–794);

H. Res. 564, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4865) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits (H. Rept. 106–795); and

Conference report on H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–796).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ose to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7005**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures debated on July 25:

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grants: H.R. 4033, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Con-

trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests (passed by a ye and nay vote of 413 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 439); and **Pages H7008–09**

Postponed Illegal Pornography Prosecution: H.R. 4710, to authorize appropriations for the prosecution of obscenity cases (passed by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 440). **Page H7009**

Trade Waiver for Vietnam: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 99, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam by a ye and nay vote of 91 yeas to 332 nays, Roll No. 441.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 4942, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Pages H7026–58**

Agreed To:

Istook amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 106–790 that makes available \$100,000 for Metro-rail construction; **Pages H7036–37**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Moran amendment No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike Section 164 dealing with the District of Columbia Health and Hospitals Public Benefit Corporation; **Pages H7040–41**

Norton amendment No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike all of the General Provisions in the bill; **Pages H7041–44**

Moran amendment No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike sections 128 and 129 dealing with the granting of preferences in the use of surplus school properties to public charter schools and modifications of contracting requirements; **Pages H7046–48**

Section 153 that sought to specify funding from the National Highway System; **Page H7054**

Amendments Offered:

Souder amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106–790 that seeks to prohibit the use of any funding for needle exchange programs; and

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Norton amendment No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to strike Section 168 that specifies that the Health Insurance Coverage for Contraceptives Act of 2000 shall not take effect.

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H. Res. 563, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 217 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 442.

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Order of Business—District of Columbia Appropriations: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 4942, no amendment shall be in order except pro forma amendments offered by the Chairman or ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate, the amendments printed in H. Rept. 106–790, and amendments No. 23 and 13 printed in the Congressional Record. **Page H7044**

DOD Authorizations—Send to Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4205, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001 and agreed to a conference. **Pages H7058–61**

Representative Taylor of Mississippi offered a motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 725, relating to the Medicare subvention project for military retirees and dependents of the House bill. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. **Pages H7058–61**

Presidential Message—Federal Labor Relations Authority: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted the 21st Annual Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1999—referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H7061**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 11:28 p.m. **Page H7090**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7 a.m. on Thursday, July 27.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:01 a.m. and reconvened at 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, July 27. **Page H7126**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7005 and H7127.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7008–09, H7009, H7020, and H7026. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:11 a.m. on Thursday, July 27.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Concluded hearings to review federal farm policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on National Energy Strategy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Mark J. Mazur, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; Robert Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; William Keese, Chairman, Energy Commission, State of California; and F. William Valentino, President, Energy Research and Development Authority, State of New York.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000; and H.R. 3250, Health Care Fairness Act of 1999.

SCIENTIFICALLY BASED EDUCATION RESEARCH, STATISTICS, EVALUATION, AND INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4875, Scientifically Based Education Research, Statistics, Evaluation, and Information Act of 2000.

OVERSIGHT—COMPUTER SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held an oversight hearing on Computer Security: Cyber Attacks—War Without Borders. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Vatis, Director, National Infrastructure Protection Center, FBI; and Edgar A. Adamson, Chief, U.S. National Central Bureau-Interpol; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Richard C. Schaeffer, Jr., Director, Infrastructure and Information Assurance, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Command, Control, Communication, and Intelligence); and Mario Balakgie,