

CHURCH BURNINGS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the Federal response to recent incidents of church burnings in predominantly black churches across the South, after receiving testimony from Senators Faircloth and Kennedy; Deval L. Patrick, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Depart-

ment of Justice, and James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, Department of the Treasury, both on behalf of the National Church Arson Task Force; Mac Charles Jones, National Council of Churches, New York, New York; Ralph E. Reed, Jr., Christian Coalition, Chesapeake, Virginia; and Jonathan Monzan, Manning, South Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3730–3753; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 192–195, and H. Res. 468–470 were introduced. **Pages H7106–07**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 361, to provide authority to control exports (H. Rept. 104–605, Part II);

Report of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight entitled "Fraud and Abuse in Medicare and Medicaid: Stronger Enforcement and Better Management Could Save Billions (H. Rept. 104–641);

H.R. 3308, to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the placement of United States forces under United Nations operational or tactical control (H. Rept. 104–642, Part I);

H.R. 2560, to provide for conveyances of certain lands in Alaska to Chickaloon-Moose Creek Native Association, Inc., Ninilchik Native Association, Inc., Seldovia Native Association, Inc., Tyonek Native Corporation, and Knikatu, Inc. under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, amended (H. Rept. 104–643);

H.R. 2670, to provide for the release of the rever- sionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the Country of Iosco, Michigan, amended (H. Rept. 104–644);

H.R. 3387, to designate the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Exper- imental Station Road in Watkinsville, Georgia, as the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Con- servation Center" (H. Rept. 104–645);

H.R. 2925, to modify the application of the anti- trust laws to health care provider networks that pro- vide health care services (H. Rept. 104–646);

H.R. 3458, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of de- pendency and indemnity compensation for the survi- vors of certain disabled veterans (H. Rept. 104–647);

H.R. 3643, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend through December 31, 1998, the period during which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to provide priority health care to cer- tain veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange or who served in the Persian Gulf War and to make such authority permanent in the case of certain vet- erans exposed to ionizing radiation (H. Rept. 104–648);

H.R. 3673, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve certain veterans pro- grams and benefits, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to enter into arrangements for the repair and long-term maintenance of war me- morials for which the Commission assumes respon- sibility (H. Rept. 104–649);

H.R. 3674, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the causal relationship required be- tween a veteran's service-connected disability and employment handicap for purposes of determining eligibility for training and rehabilitation assistance, to transfer certain educational assistance entitlements from the Post-Vietnam Era Educational Assistance Program to the Montgomery GI Bill (H. Rept. 104–650);

H.R. 3734, Welfare and Medicaid Reform Act (H. Rept. 104–651);

H.R. 248, Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996 (H. Rept. 104–652); and

H.R. 3665, Census of Agriculture Act of 1996 (H. Rept. 104–653). **Pages H7105–06**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein the appointed Representative White to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6975**

Church Arson: By unanimous consent agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3525, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdic- tion over offenses relating to damage to religious property—clearing the measure for the President.

District of Columbia Revenue Bonds: House passed H.R. 3663, to amend the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act to permit the Council of the District of Columbia to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds with respect to water and sewer facilities. Agreed to the Davis technical amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages H6982–85**

M–F–N Status—People’s Republic of China: By a recorded vote of 141 yeas to 286 noes, Roll No. 284, the House failed to pass H.J. Res. 182, disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People’s Republic of China. **Pages H6985–H7026**

By a yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with 1 voting “present”, agreed to display an exhibit during debate on H.J. Res. 182. **Page H7014**

U.S. Concerns—People’s Republic of China: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 7 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 285, the House agreed to H. Res. 461 regarding U.S. concerns with human rights abuse, nuclear and chemical weapons proliferation, illegal weapons trading, military intimidation of Taiwan, and trade violations by the People’s Republic of China and the People’s Liberation Army, and directing the committees of jurisdiction to commerce hearings and report appropriate legislation. **Pages H7027–40**

Independence Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 192, providing for the adjournment of the two Houses. **Page H7050**

H. Res. 465, the rule which provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution was agreed to earlier by a yeas-and-nays vote of 248 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 286. **Pages H7040–50**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 468, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. **Pages H7050–51**

Subsequently, agreed to the Army motion to table the resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 170 noes with 7 voting “present”, Roll No. 287). **Pages H7050–51**

Personal Privilege: Representative Dornan rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized for one hour. **Pages H7051–67**

Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 292, the House passed H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. **Pages H7067–H7100**

Agreed To:

The Wolf technical amendment that adjusts funding for Federal Transit Administration formula grant expenses; **Page H7079**

The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that entities expending funds comply with the Buy America Act, purchase American made equipment and products to the greatest extent practicable, and further prohibits contracts with persons falsely labeling products as made in America; **Page H7085**

The Hunter amendment that limits loan guarantees for international railroad projects until studies relating to criminal activities have been completed and made available to the public; and **Pages H7089–91**

The Collins of Georgia amendment that prohibits the use of funding by the National Transportation Safety Board to determine the feasibility of allowing individuals who are more than 60 years of age to pilot commercial aircraft (agreed to by a recorded vote of 247 yeas to 159 noes, Roll No. 291). **Pages H7091–93, H7095–96**

Rejected:

The Oberstar amendment that sought to increase funding for the Federal Aviation Administration by \$1 million and decrease funding for the Department of Transportation Inspector General by \$1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 193 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 288); **Pages H7074–77, H7093–94**

The Filner amendment that sought to provide authority for \$490,000 in loan guarantees for the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (rejected by a recorded vote of 162 yeas to 238 noes, Roll No. 289); **Pages H7079–82, H7094–95**

The Andrews amendment that sought to require that States conduct a cost-benefit analysis when contracting for surface transportation projects usually performed by employees of the State (rejected by a recorded vote of 123 yeas to 280 noes, Roll No. 290). **Pages H7086–89, H7095**

A point of order was sustained against language that sought to authorize \$5 million to the Coast Guard to establish a discretionary boating safety grant program; **Page H7072**

The Gutknecht amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn that sought to apply a 1.9 percent reduction to all discretionary funding. **Pages H7085–86**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Monday July 8. **Page H7102**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, July 8, it adjourn to meet at

12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9 for morning hour debates. Agreed that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, it adjourn to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10. **Page H7102**

Prime Minister of Israel: Agreed that it be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 10 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel. **Page H7102**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of July 10. **Page H7102**

Extension of Remarks: Agreed that for today all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the record entitled "Extension of Remarks". **Page H7102**

Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, July 8 the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H7102**

Recess Filing of Committee Report: It was made in order that the Committee on Small Business be permitted to file its report on H.R. 3158, the "Pilot Small Business Technology Transfer Program Extension Act of 1996", before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3. **Page H7102**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H6975 and H7100.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7014, H7025–26, H7039–40, H7049–50, H7050–51, H7093–94, H7094–95, H7095, H7095–96, and H7099–H7100. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:00 p.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 192, adjourned at 1:16 a.m. on Friday, June 28 until 12:00 noon on Monday, July 8.

Committee Meetings

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the One-Call Notification Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Franks of New Jersey; Richard Felder,

Associate Administrator, Pipeline Safety Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert Chipkevich, Chief, Pipeline/Hazardous Materials Division, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

PATIENT RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2976, Patient Right to Know Act of 1996.

CORPORATE AMERICA—WAR ON DRUGS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Corporate America and the War on Drugs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CASTRO'S CUBA—HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a joint hearing on Human Rights Violations In Castro's Cuba: The Repression Continues. Testimony was heard from Representative Diaz-Balart; Michael Rannenberger, Coordinator for Cuban Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN BUILDING OPERATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Relations and Human Rights held a hearing on Foreign Building Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Patrick Kennedy, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Administration; and Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General; and Benjamin Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H.J. Res. 113, granting the consent of Congress to the compact to provide for joint natural resource management and enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to natural resources and boating at the Jennings Randolph Lake Project lying in Garrett County, MD, and Mineral County, WV, entered into between the States of West Virginia and Maryland; and H.J. Res. 166, granting the consent of Congress to the mutual aid agreement between the city of Bristol, VA, and the city of Bristol, TN.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on these resolutions. Testimony was heard