

Government, to strengthen the partnership and the intergovernmental relationship between State and Federal governments, to restrain Federal agencies from exceeding their authority, and to enforce the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, receiving testimony from Alabama State Representative Michael Box, Montgomery, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Roger J. Marzulla, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld, Washington, D.C.; Mary Brigid McManamon, Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, Delaware; and Edward L. Rubin, University of California School of Law, Berkeley.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CYBERSPACE SECURITY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine the vulnerabilities of national computer information systems and networks, and Federal efforts to promote security within the information infrastructure, receiving testimony from Senators Leahy and Kyl; Jamie S. Gorelick, Deputy Attorney General of the United States; and John P. White, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. 1734, to prohibit false statements to Congress and to clarify congressional authority to obtain truthful testimony.

RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Aging resumed hearings on reform proposals to ensure retirement security for the American workforce, focusing on whether Americans are adequately preparing for retirement and what may impede their ability to do so, receiving testimony from former Representative Timothy J. Penny, Himle-Horner, Waseca, Minnesota; Peter G. Peterson, Blackstone Group/Concord Coalition, New York, New York, former Secretary of Commerce; Sylvester J. Schieber, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Washington, D.C.; and Paul Hewitt, National Taxpayers Union Foundation, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings to examine the role of the Federal Depository Library Program of the Government Printing Office in ensuring public access to Government information, receiving testimony from Benjamin Y. Cooper, Printing Industries of America, Alexandria, Virginia; William A. Gindlesperger, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of ABC Advisors, Inc.; Robert G. Claitor, Claitor's Law Books and Publishing Division, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Eric Massant, LEXIS-NEXIS and Congressional Information Service, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of Information Industry Association.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, July 24.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3814–3828; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 184, H. Res. 478, and H. Res. 480 were introduced. **Pages H7657–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3814, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–676);

H.R. 3760, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of Federal election campaigns, amended (H. Rept. 104–677);

H. Res. 479, Providing for consideration of H.R. 3814 making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and re-

lated agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–678);

H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–679); and

H.R. 3166, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter, amended (H. Rept. 104–680).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hastings of Washington to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon.

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Private Calendar: Agreed by unanimous consent that the call of the Private Calendar be in order later today. **Page H7537**

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

Veterans' Cost-of-Living Adjustment: 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 dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; **Pages H7545–46**

Veterans' Agent Orange, Persian Gulf War, and Radiation Benefits: H.R. 3643, amended, 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 certain 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 veterans exposed to ionizing radiation; **Pages H7546–52**

Veterans' Compensation and Benefits: H.R. 3673, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve certain veterans programs and benefits, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to enter into arrangements for the repair and long-term maintenance of war memorials for which the Commission assumes responsibility; **Pages H7552–57**

Veterans' Education Benefits: H.R. 3674, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the causal relationship required between 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; **Pages H7557–63**

Export Administration: H.R. 361, amended, to provide authority to control exports; and **Pages H7563–89**

Federal Oil and Gas Royalties Simplification: H.R. 1975, amended, to improve the management of royalties from Federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases. **Pages H7597–H7607**

Suspensions—Votes Postponed: House completed all debate on motions to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Votes were postponed until Wednesday, July 17.

Government Accountability: H.R. 3166, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter; and **Pages H7540–44**

M-F-N Status to Romania: H.R. 3161, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Romania. **Pages H7589–97**

Seabed Mining Institute: The House passed H.R. 3249, to authorize appropriations for a mining institute to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the nation's seabed. **Pages H7607–09**

Agreed to the Committee amendment.

Pages H7608–09

Agreed to amend the title.

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Mollie Beattie Alaska Wilderness Area: The House passed S. 1899, entitled the "Mollie Beattie Alaska Wilderness Area Act"—Clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7609–10**

Treasury, Postal Service, General Government Appropriations: The House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 3756, 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, 1997. Consideration of amendments will resume on Wednesday, July 17. **Pages H7615–40**

Agreed To:

The Lightfoot amendment that removes the requirement that the Office of National Drug Control Policy Salaries and Expenses funding of \$1.268 million be used for public service announcements and withholds funding of \$2.5 million until the Director reaches an agreement with the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on an organization plan; **Pages H7623–24**

The Metcalf amendment that denies FY 1997 cost of living allowances to Members of Congress, senior executive branch officials, and Federal judges (agreed to by a recorded vote of 352 ayes to 67 noes, Roll No. 317); and **Pages H7624–29, H7638–39**

The Gutknecht amendment that limits, to 2,300, the number of political appointees in any fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1997 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 267 ayes to 150 noes, Roll No. 318). **Pages H7629–32, H7639–40**

The Johnson of Connecticut amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for IRS processing, assistance, and management by \$106.606 million and delete funding accordingly for an internal audit function. **Pages H7633–38**

H. Res. 475, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H7610–14**

Order of Business: It was made in order that during the further consideration of H.R. 3756, the bill

be considered as read and no amendment shall be in order except for the following amendments, which shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment or to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, and shall be debatable for the time specified, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and a Member opposed: Representative Kennedy of Massachusetts, regarding the Customs Service, for 10 minutes; Representative Durbin, regarding firearms disabilities, for 30 minutes; Representative Johnson of Connecticut, regarding IRS funding, for 10 minutes; Representative Traficant for 10 minutes; Representative Hoyer or Lowey, to strike sections 518 or 519, for 30 minutes; Representative Hoyer, regarding buyouts, for 10 minutes; Representative Wolf, regarding buyouts, for 10 minutes; Representative Kingston, regarding customs ports of entry, for 9 minutes; Representative Gutknecht, regarding an across the board cut, for 20 minutes; Representative Sanders, regarding health maintenance organizations, for 20 minutes; Representative Kaptur, regarding China tariffs, for 10 minutes, Representative Solomon, regarding a limitation on the Comptroller of the Currency, for 10 minutes; Representative Salmon, regarding the White House Travel office, for 10 minutes; Representative Hoyer for 10 minutes; and Representative Gekas for 10 minutes. **Page H7637**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed the following bills:

Sent to the Senate without amendment: H.R. 2001.

Cleared for the President: S. 966. **Page H7640**

Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. **Page H7655**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7658–60.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on page H7536.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7638–39 and H7639–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Energy and Water Development appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

FUTURE OF THE PENNY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing regarding the future of the Penny. Testimony was heard from J. William Gadsby, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO.

OMNIBUS CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on the Omnibus Civil Service Reform measure. Testimony was heard from Timothy Bowling, Associate Director, Federal Workforce Management Issues, GAO: the following officials of OPM: Allan Heuerman, Associate Director, Human Resources Systems Service; and Carol Okin, Associate Director, Office of Merit Systems Oversight and Effectiveness; Roger W. Mehle, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3452, amended, Presidential and Executive Office Accountability Act; H.R. 1281, amended, War Crimes Disclosure Act; H.R. 3637, amended, Travel Reform and Savings Act of 1996; and H.R. 3802, Electronic Freedom of Information Amendments of 1996.

The Subcommittee began markup of H.R. 1907, Federal-aid Facility Privatization Act of 1995.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

OVERSIGHT—ATTENTION DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Resources held and oversight hearing on current federal approaches to Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity disorder. Testimony was heard from Peter Jensen, Chief, Child and Adolescent Disorders Research Branch, National Institute of Mental Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Louis Danielson, Division Director, Innovation and Development Division, Office of Special Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

CHILD LABOR

Committee on International Relations: On July 15, the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights concluded hearings on Child Labor, Part II. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor; Kathie Lee Gifford, Television Host; and other public witnesses.