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sociation of Evangelicals, Carol Stream, Illinois; and John Orme, Wheaton, Illinois.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 3829–3843; and 1 private bill, H.R. 3844 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3215, to amend title 18, United States Code, to repeal the provision relating to Federal employees contracting or trading with Indians (H. Rept. 104–681);

H.R. 3159, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board (H. Rept. 104–682);

H.R. 3267, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit individuals who do not hold a valid private pilots certificate from manipulating the controls of aircraft in an attempt to set a record or engage in an aeronautical competition or aeronautical feat (H. Rept. 104–683);

H.R. 3536, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require an air carrier to request and receive records before allowing an individual to begin service as a pilot, amended (H. Rept. 104–684);

H. Res. 481, providing for consideration of H.R. 3820, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of Federal election campaigns (H. Rept. 104–685); and

H. Res. 482, providing for further consideration of H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 (a)(1) of the Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997 (H. Rept. 104–686).

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**Committees To Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Agriculture, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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**Treasury, Postal Service, General Government Appropriations:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 323, the House passed 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.

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Rejected the Hoyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

Agreed To:

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that allocates \$500,000 of Customs Service funding for inspection of goods in foreign countries to enforce child labor statutes;

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The Traficant amendment that directs the IRS to contract with an independent accounting firm to determine the revenue losses, if any, which would result from implementing H.R. 2450, as introduced in the 104th Congress;

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The Johnson of Connecticut amendment that transfers \$106.606 million funding for the IRS Internal Audit Function from the Inspector General of the Treasury to the Internal Revenue Service;

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The Wolf amendment that provides voluntary separation incentives for, no more than, 100 employees of the Agency for International Development;

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The Hoyer amendment that extends authority to provide voluntary separation incentive payments from February 1, 1997 to March 31, 1997;

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The Sanders amendment that limits any funding to health plans under the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program that operate a provider incentive plan that restricts medically necessary care; and

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The Kingston amendment, as modified, that reduces funding for the Customs Service by \$2 million.

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Rejected:

The Hoyer amendment that sought to remove the restrictions on abortions under the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (rejected by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 320);

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The Solomon amendment that sought to limit any funding by the Comptroller of the Currency to implement rulemaking permitting national banks, or operating subsidiaries of national banks, to engage in activities in which national banks are not permitted to engage, as of July 16, 1996 (rejected by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 312 noes with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 321);

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The Gutknecht amendment, as modified, that sought to apply a 1.9 percent reduction to all discretionary appropriations (rejected by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 322).

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Points of Order Sustained Against:

Section 406 language in the bill which authorizes the establishment of telecommuting centers;

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Section 410 language in the bill which authorizes the administrator of GSA to sell or exchange real property whether or not it is excess to the needs of the United States;

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The Durbin amendment that sought to remove language which prohibits judicial review of ATF inability to process firearms applications for felons convicted of a violent crime, firearms violations, or drug-related crimes;

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The Gekas amendment that sought to provide an automatic continuing resolution when Congress and the President fail to enact a regular appropriations bill for a fiscal year;

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The Salmon amendment that sought to reduce White House Office of Administration funding by \$500,000; and

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The Kaptur amendment that sought to limit any funding by the Customs Service relating to trade between the United States and the People's Republic of China for imports mined, produced, or manufactured with the use of prison, slave, or child labor.

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Rejected the Wise motion that the Committee rise and strike the enacting clause (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 319).

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**Suspensions:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 16:

*Government Accountability:* H.R. 3166, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Govern-

ment matter (passed by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 324); and

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*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 (passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 334 yeas to 86 nays, Roll No. 325).

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**Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations:** The House agreed to H. Res. 479, the rule providing for consideration of 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.

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It was made in order that immediately after disposition of the first amendment made in order by the rule, and without intervention of any point of order, to consider the amendment relating to the Advanced Technology Program, if offered by Representative Rogers; and if that amendment is adopted, then points of order under clauses 2 and 6 of rule XXI shall be waived for all provisions of the bill, as amended,

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

*Republic of Bulgaria Emigration:* Message wherein he transmits the report concerning emigration laws and policies of the Republic of Bulgaria—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–246); and

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*Arms Proliferation Policy:* Message wherein he transmits the of the President's Advisory Board on Arms Proliferation Policy—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**Safe Drinking Water Act:** Agreed by unanimous consent to consider S. 1316, to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act, commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act". Agreed to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu the provisions of H.R. 3604, a similar House-passed measure. Subsequently, the House passed S. 1316, agreed to amend the title, and H.R. 3604 was laid on the table.

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Agreed to the Bliley motion that the House insist on its amendment to S. 1316, and ask for a conference.

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Appointed as conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of the Senate bill, except for sections 29(a) and 28(e), and the House amendment, except for title V, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, Crapo, Bilbray, Dingell, Waxman, and Stupak. From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of sections 28(a) and 28(e) of the Senate

bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, and Dingell. As additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of that portion of section 3 that adds a new section 1478 and sections 23, 25(f), and 28(f) of the Senate bill, and that portion of section 308 that adds a new section 1452(n) and section 402 and title VI of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walker, Rohrabacher, and Roemer. As additional conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for the consideration of that portion of section 3 that adds a new section 1471(c) and sections 9, 17, 22(d), 25(a), 25(g), 28(a), 28(e), 28(h), and 28(i) of the Senate bill, and title V of the House amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Boehlert, Wamp, Borski, and Menendez, provided Representative Blute is appointed in lieu of Representative Wamp for consideration of title V of the House amendment.

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Agreed to the Stupak motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 506 of the House amendment.

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**Defense Authorization:** The House agreed to the Weldon of Pennsylvania motion to disagree with the Senate amendment to H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997, and agree to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees from the Committee on National Security, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Spence, Stump, Hunter, Kasich, Bateman, Hansen, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Hefley, Saxton, Cunningham, Buyer, Torkildsen, Fowler, McHugh, Talent, Watts of Oklahoma, Hostettler, Chambliss, Hilleary, Hastings of Washington, Dellums, Montgomery, Schroeder, Skelton, Sisisky, Spratt, Ortiz, Pickett, Evans, Tanner, Browder, Taylor of Mississippi, Tejada, McHale, Kennedy of Rhode Island, and DeLauro. As additional conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 2 of rule XLVIII: Representatives Combest, Lewis of California, and Dicks. As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of sections 1085 and 1089 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Castle, Bachus, and Gonzalez. As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of sections

601, 741, 742, 2863, 3154, and 3402 of the House bill, and sections 345–347, 561, 562, 601, 724, 1080, 2827, 3175, and 3181–91 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, and Dingell. Provided that Representative Richardson is appointed in lieu of Representative Dingell and Representative Schaefer is appointed in lieu of Representative Bilirakis for consideration of sections 3181–91 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Oxley is appointed in lieu of Representative Bilirakis for the consideration of section 3154 of the House bill, and sections 345–347 and 3175 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Schaefer is appointed in lieu of Representative Bilirakis for the consideration of sections 2863 and 3402 of the House bill and section 2827 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, for consideration of sections 572, 1086, and 1122 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodling, McKeon, and Clay. As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for consideration of sections 332–336, 362, 366, 807, 821–25, 1047, 3523–39, 3542, and 3548 of the House bill, and sections 636, 809(b), 921, 924–25, 1101, 1102, 1104, 1105, 1109–1134, 1081, 1082, 1401–34, and 2826 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Clinger, Mica, and Collins of Illinois. Provided that Representative Horn is appointed in lieu of Representative Mica for consideration of sections 362, 366, 807, and 821–25 of the House bill, and sections 809(b), 1081, 1401–34, and 2826 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Zeliff is appointed in lieu of Representative Mica for consideration of section 1082 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of sections 233–234, 237, 1041, 1043, 1052, 1101–05, 1301, 1307, 1501–53 of the House bill, and sections 234, 1005, 1021, 1031, 1041–43, 1045, 1323, 1332–35, 1337, 1341–44, and 1352–54 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gilman, Bereuter, and Hamilton. As additional conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 537, 543, 1066, 1080, 1088, 1201–16, and 1313 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, McCollum, and Conyers. Provided that Representative Moorhead is appointed in lieu of

Representative McCollum for consideration of sections 537 and 1080 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Smith of Texas is appointed in lieu of Representative McCollum for consideration of sections 1066 and 1201–16 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 247, 601, 2821, 1401–14, 2901–13, and 2921–31 of the House bill, and sections 251–52, 351, 601, 1074, 2821, 2836, and 2837 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hansen, Saxton, and Miller of California. As additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 203, 211, 245, and 247 of the House bill, and sections 211 and 251–52 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walker, Sensenbrenner, and Harman. As additional conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 324, 327, 501, and 601 of the House bill, and sections 345–348, 536, 601, 641, 1004, 1009–1010, 1311, 1314, and 3162 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Coble, and Barcia. As additional conferees from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for consideration of sections 556, 638, and 2821 of the House bill, and sections 538 and 2828 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Stump, Smith of New Jersey, and Montgomery. As additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 905, 1041(c)(2), 1550(a)(2), and 3313 of the House bill, and sections 1045(c)(2), 1214 and 1323 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Crane, Thomas, and Gibbons.

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Agreed to the Dellums motion to instruct conferees to insist upon a total level of funding for operations and maintenance not less than the total of the amounts provided in section 301 of the House bill; a level of funding for military personnel not less than the amount provided in section 421 of the House bill; and a total level of funding for military construction and military family housing not less than the total of the amounts provided in division B of the House bill.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 326, agreed to the Weldon of Pennsylvania motion that conference committee meetings be closed to the public when classified information is under consideration.

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**Order of Business:** It was made in order that for consideration of H.R. 3734 that the first reading of the bill be dispensed with, that all points of order against consideration of the bill be waived, that gen-

eral debate be confined to the bill and be limited to two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, that after general debate the Committee of the Whole rise without motion, and that no further consideration of the bill be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

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**Budget Reconciliation:** The House completed two hours of general debate on H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997. Debate will continue on Thursday, July 18.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 18.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7780–81.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on page H7661.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7690, H7711, H7711–12, H7712–13, H7713–14, H7714–15, H7715, and H7744. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing to review agricultural extension programs administered by the USDA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Catherine Woteki, Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education and Extension; and the Bob Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; and public witnesses.

### EVOLUTION OF THE BUDGET PROCESS

*Committee on the Budget:* Continued hearings on "How Did We Get Here From There?" A Discussion of the Evolution of the Budget Process from 1974 to the Present. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1627, Food Quality Protection Act. Testimony was heard from witnesses.