

**TIBET**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the situation in Tibet and the impact of China's occupation policies on the people of Tibet, after receiving testimony from former Senator Pell; Jeffrey A. Bader, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Jeane M. Kirkpatrick, American Enterprise Institute; Maura Moynihan, Refugees International, and Lodi Gyari, International Campaign for Tibet, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robert A. F. Thurman, Columbia University, New York, New York.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Plan and alternative approaches to reorganize the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from G. Edward DeSeve, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; and Mayor Marion Barry, and Linda W. Cropp, Acting Chair, District of Columbia City Council, both of Washington, D.C.

**CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on proposals to implement the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stock-

piling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, known as "the Chemical Weapons Convention" and opened for signature and signed by the United States on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103-21), and a related measure S. 610, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Shiffrin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Ronald D. Rotunda, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign; D. Bruce Merrifield, Pridtronic, Arlington, Virginia; and Barry Kellman, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois.

**INDIAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Indian Employment Training and Related Services Demonstration Act (P.L. 102-477), after receiving testimony from Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Russell D. Mason, Sr., Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council, New Town, North Dakota; James E. Billie and Maureen Vass, both of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood; Leroy Bingham, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Anchorage, Alaska, on behalf of the 477 Tribal Work Group; Sharon Olsen, Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau; Gerald Heminger, Jr., Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribal Council, Agency Village, South Dakota; and Norm DeWeaver, Indian and Native American Employment and Training Coalition, Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 1578-1588; 1 private bill, H.R. 1589; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 78, and H. Res. 145 and 147, were introduced. Pages H2589, H2590

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

H.R. 5, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, amended (H. Rept. 105-95); and

H. Res. 146, providing for consideration of H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 105-96). Page H2589

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Sununu to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2491

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H2495

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

**IDEA Improvement Act of 1997:** H.R. 5, amended, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 124);

Pages H2498-H2541, H2567-68

**Higher Education Act:** H. Res. 145, providing for the concurrence of the House with the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 914, to make certain technical corrections in the Higher Education Act of 1965 relating to graduation data disclosures, with amendments; **Pages H2541–46**

**Soap Box Derby:** H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; **Page H2547**

**National Peace Officers' Memorial Service:** H. Con. Res. 66, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the sixteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; **Page H2548**

**Special Olympics Torch Relay:** H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and **Pages H2548–49**

**Honoring the Late Chaim Herzog:** H. Con. Res. 73, concerning the death of Chaim Herzog. **Pages H2549–52**

**Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Iran:** Read a message from the President wherein he submitted his report concerning the National Emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–82). **Pages H2552–53**

**Housing Authority and Responsibility Act:** The House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs. The House completed all debate on Wednesday, April 30 and considered amendments to the bill on Thursday, May 1, Tuesday, May 6, Wednesday, May 7, and Thursday, May 8. **Pages H2553–67**

**Agreed To:**

The Nadler amendment that authorizes the sale of a Federal building at 252 Seventh Avenue in New York County, New York to a qualifying nonprofit organization for use as housing for low-and-moderate-income families or individuals; and **Pages H2556–57**

The Towns amendment that requires a management assessment indicator to determine whether the housing agency has conducted an assessment to identify any pest control problems in its public housing and its effectiveness in eradicating or controlling such problems. **Pages H2558–59**

**Rejected:**

The Smith of Michigan amendment, as modified, that sought to limit pet ownership in public housing to the elderly or a person with disabilities; **Pages H2559–61**

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment, debated on May 8, that sought to specify that of all families who receive choice based housing assistance, not less than 75 percent shall be families whose incomes do not exceed 30 percent of the area median income (rejected by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 119); **Page H2563**

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment, debated on May 8, that sought to delete title IV, the Home Rule Flexible Grant Option that gives local governments and municipalities the flexibility to administer Federal housing assistance (rejected by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 270 noes, Roll No. 120); **Pages H2563–64**

The Vento amendment, debated on May 8, that sought to delete the Housing Evaluation and Accreditation Board that is to be established as an independent agency (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 121); **Pages H2564–65**

The Kennedy amendment that sought to require adult owners of housing subject to project based assistance to contribute not less than 8 hours of work per month within the community in which the housing is located (rejected by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 341 noes, Roll No. 122); and **Pages H2555–56, H2565–66**

The Davis of Illinois amendment that sought to exempt residents and others receiving choice-based housing assistance from community work, agreements establishing target dates for transition out of assisted housing, and minimum rent requirements when HUD takes possession of an agency or any developments or functions of an agency, or has possession of an agency or the operational responsibilities of it (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 123). **Pages H2561–62, H2566**

On April 30, the House agreed to H. Res. 133, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill. **Pages H2035–38**

**Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 26, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a congressional ceremony honoring Mother Teresa, was referred to the Committee on House Oversight. **Page H2585**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2590–93.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate on Friday, May 9 by the Clerk appears on page H2495.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2563, H2564, H2564–65, H2565–66, H2566, and H2567–68. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT CONSENT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action H.R. 629, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barton of Texas, Reyes, Bonilla and Green; and public witnesses.

### ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on the Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from Representatives Armev, Stearns, Doolittle, Lewis of Kentucky, Houghton, Slaughter and Nadler; Jane Alexander, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts; and public witnesses.

### TREATMENT OF INSIDE SALES PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SECTOR VOLUNTEERS UNDER FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the treatment of inside sales personnel and public sector volunteers under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Myrick; and public witnesses.

### EXPORT TRADE ADMINISTRATION—FUTURE

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on the Future of the Export Trade Administration. Testimony was heard from William Reinsch, Under Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce; Thomas E. McNamara, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, Department of State; Michael Wallerstein, Deputy Acting Secretary, Counter Proliferation Policy, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT; PRIVATE IMMIGRATION BILL

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 911, Volunteer Protection Act of 1997.

The Committee also considered a private immigration bill.

### OVERSIGHT—FBI

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael R. Bromwich, Inspector General; Frederic Whitehurst, Supervisory Special Agent, Donald Thompson, Acting Assistant Director and James Maddock, Deputy General Counsel, all with the FBI; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 231, to improve the integrity of the Social Security card and to provide for criminal penalties for fraud and related activity involving work authorization documents for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act; H.R. 429, NATO Special Immigration Amendments of 1997; H.R. 471, Illegal Alien Employment Disincentive Act of 1997; and H.R. 1493, to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pickett, Gallegly and McCollum; Paul Virtue, Acting Executive Associate Commissioner, Programs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Sandy Crank, Associate Commissioner, Policy and Planning, SSA; and public witnesses.

### EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL ACT FOR FY 1997

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1469, 1997 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from Natural Disasters, and for Overseas Peacekeeping Efforts, Including Those in Bosnia, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the rule and the amendment printed in Part 1 of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in