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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 1650–1659; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 83, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H.R. 1276, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the research, development, and demonstration activities of the Environmental Protection Agency, amended (H. Rept. 105–99 Part I).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Ronald Christian of Washington, D.C.

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Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 343 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 138, the House passed H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended.

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Agreed To:

The McKeon amendment that requires that state collaborative processes represent diverse regions of the State, including urban, rural, and suburban areas; clarifies the development of accountability standards by the States and expedites their ability to enforce standards and provide comments to Congress; provides discretion to States to allocate funds not distributed under the formula; provides local discretion for summer youth and year-round disadvantaged youth programs; and streamlines the adult education provisions;

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The Graham amendment that clarifies that parents engaged in home schooling are not compelled to participate in the programs; emphasizes the importance of phonics in literacy; and specifies that local workforce development boards do not have the authority to mandate the curriculum for schools;

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The Traficant en bloc amendment that requires compliance with the provisions of the Buy America Act; expresses the Sense of Congress that entities receiving financial assistance should purchase only American-made equipment and products; and pro-

hibits contracts with persons falsely labeling products as made in America; and

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The McKeon amendment that streamlines the individualized rehabilitation plan for employment; provides for informed choice throughout the vocational rehabilitation process; allows services to individuals whose vocational goal is self-employment or business ownership; and requires that federal agencies provide certification of compliance with electronic and information technology accessibility guidelines.

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Rejected:

The Owens amendment that sought to separate the summer youth employment program from the disadvantaged youth block grant program (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 yeas to 238 nays, Roll No. 137).

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Withdrawn:

The Millender-McDonald amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to revise the qualifications for membership on the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board; and

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish support for a workforce development coordinator on site at a secondary or post-secondary educational institution.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1385 to make technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 150, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to 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 and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Livingston, McDade, Young of Florida, Regula, Lewis of California, Porter, Rogers, Skeen, Wolf, Kolbe, Packard, Callahan, Walsh, Taylor of North Carolina, Obey, Yates, Stokes, Murtha, Sabo, Fazio, Hoyer, Mollohan, Kaptur, and Pelosi.

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Agreed to the Kaptur motion to instruct conferees that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on H.R. 1469 be instructed to insist on the House position with respect to funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), providing a funding level of \$76,000,000 to ensure no reduction in the number of participants being served by this program. **Pages H2860-62**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19; and agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20 for Morning-Hour debate. **Pages H2871-72**

Receiving Former Members of Congress: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, May 20, it adjourn to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21. Agreed that it may be in order for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the Call of the Chair, on Wednesday, May 21 for the purpose of receiving in the Chamber former Members of Congress. **Page H2872**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, May 21. **Page H2872**

Late Report: The Committee on the Budget received permission to have until midnight on Sunday, May 18 to file a report on a Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 1998. **Page H2872**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H2851-52.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2850-51 and H2860. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported the Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1057, to designate the building in Indianapolis, IN, which houses the operations of the Circle City Station Post Office as the "Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building"; H.R. 1058, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service under construction at 150 West Margaret

Drive in Terre Haute, IN, as the "John T. Myers Post Office Building"; and H.R. 956, amended, Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997.

TROUBLED MEDICARE TRANSACTION SYSTEM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a joint hearing on the Health Care Financing Administration's Management of the Troubled Medicare Transaction System. Testimony was heard from Joel Willemsen, Director, Information Resources, GAO; Bruce Vladeck, M.D., Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 19 through 24, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate may begin consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution.

On *Tuesday*, Senate may resume consideration of H.R. 1122, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, and may continue consideration of the First Concurrent Budget Resolution.

During the balance of the week, Senate may resume consideration of S. 4, Family Friendly Workplace Act.

Senate could also consider any cleared executive and legislative business, and available conference reports.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, May 20, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: May 20, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Interior, 9 a.m., SD-124.

May 20, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Capitol Police Board and the Congressional Budget Office, 10:30 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

May 20 and 22, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Tuesday, for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international financial institutions, 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international affairs, 10:30 a.m.; SD-138.

May 21, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the