

Humanities Act and the Art and Artifacts Indemnity Act, with amendments;

S. 1046, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation; and

The nominations of John T. Broderick Jr., of New Hampshire, and Ernestine P. Watlington, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, Louis Caldera, of California, to be a Managing Director of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Paul

Simon, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, and Gina McDonald, of Kansas, and Bonnie O'Day, of Minnesota, each to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

Also, committee began consideration of the proposed Workforce Improvement Partnership Act, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 2222–2234; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 119 and H. Res. 195–196, were introduced. Page H5664

**Reports Filed:** One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 194, providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–198). Page H5664

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5579

**Budget Enforcement Act of 1997:** By a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 347 noes, Roll No. 301, the House failed to pass H.R. 2003, to reform the budget process and enforce the bipartisan balanced budget agreement of 1997. Pages H5595–H5622

By a ye and nay vote of 148 yeas to 279 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 300, rejected the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that use budget surpluses to take the Social Security trust fund off-budget; limit Medicare premium increases; establish Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee jurisdiction to consider legislation responding to revenue shortfalls; provide flexibility in response to excess spending; clarify spending sequestration triggering procedures; limit size of spending sequestration; and provide for a partial suspension of the phase-in of tax cuts. Pages H5613–21

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 192, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pages H5584–95

**Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations:** By a ye and nay vote of 424 yeas to 5 nays,

Roll No. 302, the House passed H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Pages H5624–49

Agreed To:

The Wolf amendment that provides that funding of \$1.8 billion for Federal Aviation Administration operations shall be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund; Page H5639

Point of Order Sustained:

A point of order was sustained against language that rescinded contract authorization for Small Community Air Service; Page H5638

A point of order was sustained against language that provided that notwithstanding 49 U.S.C. 48104(c), \$3.4 billion for Federal Aviation Administration operations shall be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund; Page H5639

A point of order was sustained against Section 331 that restricted air service to communities that are located fewer than seventy miles from the nearest hub airport or that require a subsidy per passenger in excess of \$200; and Page H5646

A point of order was sustained against Title IV that established the Amtrak Route Closure and Realignment Act of 1997 and created a Total Realignment of Amtrak Commission. Page H5646

Withdrawn:

The Filner amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide loan guarantees of less than \$490,000 for railroad rehabilitation programs. Pages H5646–49

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 189, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the specified amendments were considered as adopted. Pages H5622–24

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the DeLauro motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 122 yeas to 279 nays, Roll No. 303. Pages H5649–50

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Jackson-Lee motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 304. **Pages H5650-51**

**Agriculture Appropriations:** By a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 306, the House agreed to H. Res. 193, as amended, the rule to provide for consideration of H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed debate and considered amendments to the bill on July 16, July 17, and July 22. **Pages H5650-62**

Earlier, agreed to the Hastings amendment to the rule that makes in order an amendment by Representative Cox of California regarding assistance to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and agreed by unanimous consent, that the amendment be modified by making in order the amendment numbered 35 as printed in the Congressional Record. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the amendment by a yea and nay vote of 269 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 305. **Pages H5660-62**

**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 196 electing Representative Redmond to the following Committees: Banking and Financial Services, National Security, and Veterans' Affairs; and electing Representative Pitts to the Committee on Small Business. **Page H5663**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5579.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5665.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5621, H5621-22, H5649, H5649-50, H5650-51, H5661-62, and H5662. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURAL TRADE OPTIONS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's proposal to lift the prohibition on agricultural trade options. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

### CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Reserve System: Alice M. Rivlin, Vice Chairman and Laurence H. Meyer, both members, Board of Governors; and William J. McDonough, President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and public witnesses.

### SEC AUTHORIZATION ACT; NATIONAL SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1262, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997; and H.R. 1839, amended, National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection Act of 1997.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### OSHA'S REINVENTION PROJECT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing to examine the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's reinvention project. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IRAN LIBYA SANCTIONS ACT—ONE YEAR LATER

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Iran Libya Sanctions Act—One Year Later. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Alan Larsen, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; and David Welch, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near East Affairs; and public witnesses.

### MICROCREDIT AND MICROENTERPRISE: THE ROAD TO SELF-RELIANCE

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Microcredit and Microenterprise: The Road to Self-Reliance. Testimony was heard from Representatives Houghton and Hall of Ohio; Mark L. Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Latin America, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1109, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States; H.R. 1348, Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997; H.R. 2027, to