

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 2446–2452; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 149–151, and H. Res. 226, were introduced. Page H7199

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Collins to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7121

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain the Rev. George Dillard of Peachtree City, Georgia. Page H7121

**Journal:** By a recorded vote of 352 ayes to 58 noes, Roll No. 381, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, September 9. Pages H7127–28

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 37 yeas to 370 nays, Roll No. 380. Pages H7126–27

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the McDermott motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 36 yeas to 368 nays, Roll No. 382. Page H7128

**Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act:** The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on September 4, 5, 8, and 9. Pages H7129–82

Agreed to:

The Peterson amendment that increases funding for vocational and adult education by \$20 million and decreases Goals 2000 funding accordingly; Pages H7129–30

The Roemer amendment that increases funding for charter schools by \$25 million and reduces the technology literacy challenge grant program accordingly; Pages H7134–41

The Graham amendment that increases funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Act by \$55 million and decreases Goal 2000 funding accordingly; Pages H7143–45

The Riggs en bloc amendment that strikes “whole school reform” and inserts in lieu thereof “comprehensive school reform” and further defines comprehensive reform to include challenging content standards, student performance standards, and an emphasis on basic academics and parental involvement; Pages H7146–68

The Rodriguez amendment that increases funding for comprehensive regional assistance services by \$1.5 million and reduces research, statistics, and improvement accordingly; and Pages H7178–79

The Engel amendment that increases funding for the Department of Education web-site by \$100,000. Pages H7179–80

Rejected:

The Hayworth amendment that sought to increase impact aid funding by \$18 million and reduce National Labor Relations Board salaries and expenses funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 385); and Pages H7168–77

The Bob Schaffer of Colorado amendment that sought to increase funding for education programs for high-risk youth by \$40 million and reduce Goals 2000 funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 386). Pages H7130–34, H7177–78

Rejected the Miller of California motion to rise by a recorded vote of 40 ayes to 369 noes, Roll No. 384. Pages H7141–43

The bill is being considered pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 31. Pages H6667–69

**Presidential Message—Payments to Cuba:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his semiannual report concerning payments made to Cuba for telecommunications services—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–127). Page H7182

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H7121.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7200.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call (Roll No. 383), two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7127, H7127–28, H7128, H7141–42, H7142–43, H7176–77, and H7177–78.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### 50 STATES COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action amended

H.R. 2414, 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act.

### FEDERAL WORKPLACE—EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Employment Discrimination in the Federal Workplace, Part I. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wynn, Martinez and Hoyer; and public witnesses.

### FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION ACT

*Committee on International Relations:* Concluded hearings on the Freedom from Religious Persecution Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TRANSATLANTIC INITIATIVE: OPPORTUNITIES AND PROSPECTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on the Transatlantic Initiative: Opportunities and Prospects. Testimony was heard from Franklin J. Vargo, Acting Assistant Secretary, Market Access and Compliance, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### TUCKER ACT SHUFFLE RELIEF ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 992, Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Loren A. Smith, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; Eleanor D. Acheson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; KING COVE HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center; H.R. 708, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, WY, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges; H.R. 1787, Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; and H.R. 1948, Hood Bay Land Exchange Act of 1997.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 2259, King Cove Health and Safety Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from John Rogers, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### NEXT GENERATION INTERNET INITIATIVE

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on the Next Generation Internet Initiative. Testimony was heard from John H. Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; David J. Farber, member, Presidential Advisory Committee for High Performance Computing, Communications, Information Technology and Next Generation Internet; and public witnesses.

### BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997.

### CHILD SUPPORT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Support System Improvements. Testimony was heard from David Gray Ross, Deputy Director, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services; Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Information Resources Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* to hold hearings to examine the implications for farmers of the recently proposed Global Tobacco settlement, 9 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold hearings on S. 660, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and S. 1092, to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings to review the implementation of the Commemorative Works Act (P.L. 99-652, as amended) and the administrative and public process involved in the site selection of the World War II Memorial and the recently announced Air Force Memorial, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance,* business meeting, to mark up implementing legislation for the OECD Shipbuilding