

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 2644–2673; 1 private bill, H.R. 2674; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 96, H. Con. Res. 170, and H. Res. 266–268, were introduced. **Pages H8832–33**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 265, providing for consideration of H.R. 2204, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 105–317);

H.R. 2513, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives, amended (H. Rept. 105–318 Part 1);

S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses, amended (H. Rept. 105–319); and

H.R. 2367, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1997, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (H. Rept. 105–320). **Pages H8831–32**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8729**

**Journal:** By a recorded vote of 352 ayes to 58 noes, Roll No. 509, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, October 8. **Pages H8729, H8741**

**Transportation Appropriations Conference Report:** By a ye and nay vote of 401 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 510, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Pages H8741–52**

By a ye and nay vote of 413 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 507, the House agreed to H. Res. 263, the rule that waived points of order against consideration of the conference report. **Pages H8737–40**

**District of Columbia Appropriations:** By a ye and nay vote of 203 yeas to 202 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 513, the House passed H.R. 2607, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. By a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 135 noes, Roll No. 514, agreed to the Hansen motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote. **Pages H8752–H8806**

Rejected the Moran motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by voice vote. **Page H8804**

### Agreed To:

The Sabo amendment that strikes the waiver of Davis-Bacon for school construction and repair (agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 511). **Pages H8780–83**

### Rejected:

The Moran amendment in the nature of a substitute that retains increased funding for police officer and firefighter pay raises and inserts the text of the Senate's version, S. 1156 (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 212 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 512). **Pages H8783–H8803**

By a ye and nay vote of 370 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 508, the House agreed to H. Res. 264, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Pursuant to the rule the amendment printed in part 1 of the Committee on Rules report, H. Rept. 105–315, was considered as adopted. **Pages H8729–37, H8740–41**

**Future Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Flake to the Honorable Alexander Treadwell, Secretary of State, State of New York, regarding his future resignation from the House of Representatives. **Page H8807**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** The Speaker designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 21. **Page H8807**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, October 22, 1997. **Pages H8807–08**

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until

Tuesday, October 21, 1997, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H8808**

**Extension of Remarks:** Agreed that for today, all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the record entitled "Extension of Remarks". **Page H8808**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8806.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8739-40, H8740-41, H8741, H8782-83, H8802-03, H8804-05, and H8805-06. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:30 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 169, adjourned at 9:15 p.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21 for Morning Hour debate.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing on the review of the Agricultural economic outlook. Testimony was heard from Keith J. Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL LABORATORY SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Assessing the Department of Energy's Management of the National Laboratory System. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: John C. Layton, Inspector General; and Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research; and a public witness.

### INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

### CHARTER SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997.

### TRUTH IN EMPLOYMENT ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 758, Truth in Employment Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### "CONDUIT PAYMENTS TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE"

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Held a hearing on "Conduit Payments to the Democratic National Committee". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1129, amended, Microcredit for Self Reliance Act of 1997; H. Res. 245, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of a free and fair referendum on self-determination for the people of Western Sahara; H. Con. Res. 130, amended, concerning the situation in Kenya; and H. Con. Res. 121 expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran.

### NORTHERN IRELAND—HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE PROCESS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights and the Peace Process in Northern Ireland. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 2592, Private Trustee Reform Act and the Executive Office of U.S. Trustee's assessment of post-confirmation fees in Chapter 11 cases. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Joseph Patchan, Director and Kevyn D. Orr, Deputy Director, both with the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees; W.