

school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts.

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Rejected:

The Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to increase the volume cap on bonds for public school construction and rehabilitation to \$4 billion (rejected by a ye-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 523). Pages H9067–75

The House agreed to H. Res. 274, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye and nay vote of 287 yeas to 135 nays, Roll No. 522. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in Part 1 of H. Rept. 105–336, the report accompanying the rule was considered as adopted.

Pages H9047–56

Question of Privilege of the House: The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 276, relating to a question of the privileges of the House did constitute a question of privilege and was in order. By a ye and nay vote of 204 yeas to 222 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 525, the House failed to agree to the resolution.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9047, H9055–56, H9075, H9075–76, and H9473. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW—USDA ACCOUNTABILITY AND EQUITY ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review H.R. 2185, USDA Accountability and Equity Act of 1997, and other civil rights measures. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

SECURING AMERICA’S FUTURE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Securing America’s Future: Preparing the Nation for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich and Representatives Shuster, Boehner, Archer, Stark, Neumann, Kolbe, Sabo, Brown of California, and Minge; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY’S IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACT REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy’s Implementation of Contract Reform: Mismanagement of Performance-Based Contracting.

Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: John C. Layton, Inspector General; and Elizabeth Anne Moler, Deputy Secretary; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and GAO report CPSC: Better Data Needed to Help Identify and Analyze Potential Hazards. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Carlotta Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues; and Sarah Glavine, Senior Economist; and the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Ann Brown, Chairman; Mary Sheila Gall and Thomas Hill Moore, both Commissioners.

PATIENT ACCESS TO RESPONSIBLE CARE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 1415, Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Norwood and Miller of California; and public witnesses.

JOB CORPS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on “Job Corps Oversight: Recruitment and Placement Standards”. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Patricia A. Dalton, Deputy Inspector General; and Mary H. Silva, National Director, Job Corps; Cornelia Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

CONDEMNING INTERVENTION BY ANGOLA INTO CONGO

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action H. Res. 273, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.J. Res. 91, amended, granting the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 92, amended, granting the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact; H.J. Res. 95, granting the

consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact; and H.J. Res. 96, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr of Georgia, Boyd, Bryant, Wicker, and Davis of Virginia; Peter D. Coppelman, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Jack Evans, Chairman, Board of Directors, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; G. Robert Kerr, Director, Pollution Prevention Assistance Division, Department of Natural Resources, State of Georgia; Walter B. Stevenson, Director, Office of Water Resources, State of Alabama; Douglas E. Barr, Executive Director, Northwest Florida Water Management District, State of Florida; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2652, Collections of Information Protection Act; and H.R. 2696, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FBI, Department of Justice: Edward L. Allen, Chief, Electronic Surveillance Technology Section and H. Michael Warren, Chief, CALEA Implementation Section, both with the Information Resources Division; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2376, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2401, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 2556, Wetlands and Wildlife Enhancement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representa-

tive Tanner; Don Barry, Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS—RECREATIONAL RESIDENCE USE FEES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the Recreational Residence Use Fees on National Forest System Lands. Testimony was heard from Representative Nethercutt; Janice McDougale, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula and Sam Johnson of Texas.

CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representative Dellums.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2626, to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996; and H.R. 2476, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers.

FAA—ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Allegations of Sexual Harassment at the FAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FAA, Department of Transportation: Jane F. Garvey, Administrator; Joan M. Henson, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Atlanta; Carl W. Reed, Operational Supervisor, Houston Air Route Traffic Control Center,

Houston, TX; Julia Avery, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Houston Air Route Traffic Center; and Jan Vera Gonzales, Class Agent, John Wayne Tower; and public witnesses.

BAN ON SMOKING IN FEDERAL BUILDING ACT

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on H.R. 2118, Ban on Smoking in Federal Buildings Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; David Bibb, Deputy Associate Administrator, GSA; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and a public witness.

VA INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS— ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT AT CERTAIN MEDICAL CENTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA Inspector General Reports on Alleged Mismanagement at the Charleston, South Carolina and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania VA Medical Centers, and on related matters. Testimony was heard from Representative Sanford; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General; Kenneth Clark, Chief Network Officer, Dean S. Billik, Director, Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System, Veterans Integrated Services Network 17, Thomas A. Cappello, Director, Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System, Veterans Integrated Services Network 4, all with the Veterans Health Administration; Fletcher P. Truesdell, Employee, Charleston VA Medical Center; and Kate Irene Smith, Employee, Charleston VA Medical Center.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, with emphasis on the Current State of Public Opinion on Social Security Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT; UNILATERAL TRADE SANCTIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full committee action amended H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the use and effect of unilateral trade sanctions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hamilton, Kolbe and Ros-Lehtinen; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1102)

S. 1000, to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse". Signed October 22, 1997. (P.L. 105-63)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1997 Senate

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the National export strategy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Carolyn Curiel, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to Belize, Victor Marrero, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Christopher C. Ashby, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and Timothy Michael Carney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees, 10 a.m., SD-342.

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Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 10, the Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Solar Power: A Fresh Look, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.