

Recess: The House recessed at 1:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H108

Resignation from the House of Representatives: Read a letter from Representative Ronald V. Delums wherein he resigns from the House of Representatives effective February 6, 1998. Page H109

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Budget of the U.S. Government: Message wherein he transmitted his 1999 Budget of the United States Government—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-177); Pages H111-14

Deferrals of Budgetary Resources: Message wherein he transmits his report concerning eight deferrals totaling \$4.8 billion—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-205); Page H195

United States and Latvia Fisheries Agreement: Message wherein he transmits the agreement between the United States and the Republic of Latvia concerning fisheries off the coasts of the United States—referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-206); and Page H222

Railroad Retirement Board: Message wherein he transmits the Annual Report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1996—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means. Page H222

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations: H.R. 1085, amended, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations"; and Pages H114-90

FAA Research, Engineering and Development: Agreed to the Senate Amendments to H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000—clearing the measure for the President. Pages H191-94

Coastwise Trade Certificate of Documentation: The House passed S. 1349, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *PRINCE NOVA*—clearing the measure for the President. Page H194

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H241-42.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT—IMPACT ON PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Speciality Crops held a hearing on proposed tobacco settlement's impact on producers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Services and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on Financial Managers Council and the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from Richard Brown, Deputy Assistant Comptroller General, Operations, GAO; and the following officials of the Library of Congress: John Webster, Director, Financial Services; James H. Billington, Librarian; Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian; Winston Tabb, Associate Librarian, Library Services; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights; Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director, Congressional Research Service; and Frank Kurt Cylke, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation began appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

EAST ASIA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Concluded hearings on East Asia Economic Conditions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky, Stearns, Crapo, Paul and Sanders; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET SUBMISSION

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 Budget Submission. Testimony was heard from Franklin D. Raines, Director, OMB.

HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1997. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; Wei Jingsheng, Democracy Advocate and former political prisoner; and public witnesses.

RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2625, Ronald Reagan National Airport. The rule provides for a 2 hour time limit on the amendment process. The rule also makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rules provide for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster; and Representatives Davis of Virginia, Morella, Oberstar, Norton and Moran of Virginia.

COSTS PAYABLE—TASK FORCE ON NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.J. Res. 107, expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of \$285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds. The rule provides that the joint resolution will be considered as read. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Hayworth.

CHILD SUPPORT PERFORMANCE AND INCENTIVE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee ac-

tion H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998.

IRS TAXPAYER ADVOCATE—ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Annual Report to Congress of the Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Advocate. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner; Lee Monks, Taxpayer Advocate; and the following District Taxpayer Advocates: Fran Romano, Connecticut-Rhode Island District; Louis Romito, Associate District Taxpayer Advocate, Pennsylvania District; Janey Tabor, Ohio District; Sandra Ling, Pacific-Northwest District; and Elayne M. Goldstein, Midwest District.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nomination of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, for reappointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget, to continue hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the nominations of Donald J. Barry, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and Margaret Hornbeck Greene, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine trade and economic implications of the Asian financial crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on pending judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, on proposed legislation to revise the Rehabilitation Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on classified disclosures to Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the Asian financial crisis: and to its relationship to U.S. agriculture, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Inspector General, 1 p.m., 2362A, Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on National Parks Service, Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service and