

The Torres amendment, numbered 17 and printed in the Congressional Record, that decreases funding for the Economic Support Fund by \$14 million and decreases International Military Education and Training by \$1.4 million. **Pages H8005–13**

Points of Order sustained against:

The Pelosi amendment, numbered 28 and printed in the Congressional Record, that increases the U.S. quota in the International Monetary Fund, the dollar equivalent of 10,622,500,000 Special Drawing Rights, to remain available until expended; and

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The Torres amendment, numbered 19 and printed in the Congressional Record, that prohibits any funding to be used for programs at the United States Army School of the Americas located at Fort Benning, Georgia. **Page H8001**

H. Res. 542, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 229 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 446.

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**Dollars to the Classroom Act:** The House agreed to H. Res. 543, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 3248, to provide dollars to the classroom by a voice vote. **Pages H8013–17**

**Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Iran:** Read a message from the President wherein he submitted his report to Congress on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–312). **Pages H8017–19**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8035.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7936–37, H7945, H8000, H8012, and H8013. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### YEAR 2000 PREPARATIONS

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on Preparing for the Year 2000: Financial Institutions, Customers, Telecommunications, and Power. Testimony was heard from Edward W. Kelley, Jr., member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie Williams, Acting Comptroller; and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; Nor-

man D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills; H.R. 3610, amended, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1998; and H.R. 4081, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas.

### PORTALS INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payments of fees to those representatives. Testimony was heard from current or former employees of the following law firms: Wunder, Diefenderfer, Cannon and Thelen or Wunder, Knight, Levine, Thelen and Forscey.

### CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3783, Child Online Protection Act.

### YEAR 2000 PROBLEM—LABOR AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Review of the Management of the Year 2000 Problem by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Marshal Smith, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education; the following officials of the Department of Labor: James E. McMullen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management; and Patricia A. Dalton, Deputy Inspector General; Joel Willemsen, Director, Information Resources Management, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### 2000 CENSUS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Census held a hearing on "Oversight of the 2000 Census: Serious Problems with Statistical Adjustment Remain". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NATIONAL ID CARD

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural

Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "A National ID Card: Big Government at its Worst or Technological Efficiency?" Testimony was heard from Brian Flaherty, member, House of Representatives, State of Connecticut; Richard D. Holcomb, Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

#### U.S. AND RUSSIA; RUSSIA IN CRISIS

*Committee on International Relations:* Concluded hearings on the United States and Russia, Part II: Russia in Crisis. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary, Department of State; George P. Shultz, former Secretary of State; and public witnesses.

#### INDEPENDENT COUNSEL COMMUNICATION—RELEASE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, AND MATERIALS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Met in executive session to begin consideration of the release of certain documents, records, and materials received by the Committee from the Independent Counsel on September 9, 1998.

Will continue tomorrow.

#### NO SECOND CHANCES FOR MURDERERS, RAPISTS, OR CHILD MOLESTERS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 4258, No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Salmon; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action H.R. 4337, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Maryland for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 4248, Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Promotion Act; and H.R. 4517, Neotropical Migratory Bird Habitat Enhancement Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Cunningham; Daniel M. Ashe, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service—Backcountry Airstrip Management. Testimony was heard from David Alexander, Supervisor, Payette National Forest, Forest Service, USDA; Bart Welsh, Administrator, Division of Aeronautics, State of Idaho; and public witnesses.

#### STANDING RULES OF THE HOUSE— AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

*Committee on Rules:* Held a hearing on proposals to amend the standing rules of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Solomon; Representatives Shaw, Morella, Paul, Davis of Virginia, Hostettler, Tiahrt, Danner, Norton, Menendez and Weygand.

#### SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order on Wednesday, September 23, 1998. Any matter to be considered under suspension will be announced from the House floor at least two hours prior to consideration. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on any suspension considered under this resolution.

#### OVERSIGHT—INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held an oversight hearing on Industrial Biotechnology: A Solution for the Future? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### RAILROAD RETIREMENT TIER II BENEFITS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 52, urging that the railroad industry, including rail labor, management and retiree organizations, open discussions for adequately funding an amendment to the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to modify the guaranteed minimum benefit for widows and widowers whose annuities are converted from a spouse to a widow or widower annuity. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Railroad Retirement Board: Jerome F. Keever, Management Member; David Lucci, Counsel to the Labor Member; and Cherryl T. Thomas, Chair; and public witnesses.

#### ESTABLISH PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT; TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 4578, to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Protect Social Security Account into which the Secretary of the

Treasury shall deposit budget surpluses until a reform measure is enacted to ensure the long-term solvency of the OASDI trust funds; and H.R. 4579, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1998.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1998**

**Senate**

No meetings are scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on The State Children's Health Insurance Program: A Progress Report, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Spectrum Management Oversight, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, executive, to continue consideration of the release of certain documents, records, and materials received by the Committee from the Independent Counsel on September 9, 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4558, Welfare, Noncitizen, and Unemployment Insurance Technical Amendments Act of 1998; H.R. 4377, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the membership of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to 17; H.R. 3511, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide additional exceptions to the imposition of civil money penalties in cases of payments to beneficiaries; and H.R. 4567, Medicare Home Health Care Interim Payment System Refinement Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China*, executive, to consider pending business, 8 a.m., H-122 Capitol.