

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1831-32, H1832, and H1832-33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: On March 26, the Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs and Thomas M. Thompson, Acting Special Trustee for American Indians.

IRAQI OIL FOR FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: On March 26, the Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on The Iraqi Oil for Food Program and Its Impact. Testimony was heard from Representative Watkins; Bill Wood, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of International Organizations, Department of State; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Carl Michael Smith, Secretary of Energy, State of Oklahoma; Michael Williams, Commissioner, Railroad Commission, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

REVIEW—FEDERAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: On March 31, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Can the Federal Government Balance Its Books? A Review of the Federal Consolidated Financial Statements". Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; G. Edward DeSeve, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

OVERSIGHT—HCFA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform: On March 26, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Oversight of Financial Management Practices at the Health Care Financing Administration". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General; and Michael M. Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

MICROENTERPRISE FOR SELF-RELIANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1143, Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 1999. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment by section. 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 votes 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 Chairman Gilman and Representative Gejdenson.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D359)

H.R. 540, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid Program. Signed March 25, 1999. (P.L. 106-4)

H.R. 808, to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted. Signed March 30, 1999. (P.L. 106-5)

S. 643, to authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months. Signed March 31, 1999. (P.L. 106-6)

H.R. 1212, to protect producers of agricultural commodities who applied for a Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS supplemental endorsement for the 1999 crop year. Signed April 1, 1999. (P.L. 106-7)

S. 314, to provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns. Signed April 2, 1999. (P.L. 106-8)

H.R. 68, to amend section 20 of the Small Business Act and make technical corrections in Title III of the Small Business Investment Act. Signed April 5, 1999. (P.L. 106-9)

H.R. 92, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed April 5, 1999. (P.L. 106-10)