

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 1745–1762; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 165, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 166, providing for consideration of H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–134).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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

Fastener Quality Act: H.R. 1183, amended, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements;

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Technology Transfer Commercialization Act: H.R. 209, amended, to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally owned inventions;

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Fire Administration Authorization Act: H.R. 1550, amended, to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 417 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 121); and

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Tribute to Slain Peace Officers: H. Res. 165, acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 122).

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Read a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions adopted on April 15, 1999 by the Committee, copies of which are being transmitted to the Department of the Army—referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Presidential Message—Satellite Technology Exports to China: Read a message from the President, received on May 10 by the Clerk, wherein he transmits his certification that the export to the People's Republic of China of satellite fuels and separation systems for the U.S. origin Iridium commercial communications satellite program is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry and the material and equipment will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China—referred to the Committees on Armed Services and International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–60).

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

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Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Deutsch notified the House of his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees to insist on the funding level of \$621 million contained under the heading “Central America and the Caribbean Emergency, Disaster Recovery Fund” of the House bill for necessary expenses to address the effects of hurricanes in Central America and the Caribbean and the earthquake in Colombia.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2999.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2960 and H2961. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SOCIAL SECURITY RETURNS—USING LONG-TERM MARKET STRATEGIES

Committee on the Budget: Social Security Task Force held a hearing on Using Long-term Market Investment Strategies to Enhance Social Security Returns. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NTIA REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the NTIA Reauthorization Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information; and George Ross, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; Col. Richard W. Skinner, USAF, Assistant

Deputy Secretary, Space and ISR Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

ESEA—EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Education Technology under ESEA. Testimony was heard from Eugene Hickok, Secretary, Department of Education, State of Pennsylvania; Henry Marockie, Superintendent of Schools, Department of Education, State of West Virginia; and public witnesses.

JOHNNY CHUNG: FOREIGN CONNECTIONS, FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Johnny Chung: Foreign Connections, Foreign Contributions. Testimony was heard from Johnny Chung.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action as amended the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 75, condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) government for its genocidal war in southern Sudan, support for terrorism, and continued human rights violations; and H. Res. 62, expressing concern over the escalating violence, the gross violations of human rights, and the ongoing attempts to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone.

OVERSIGHT—MARSHALL ISLANDS—NUCLEAR CLAIMS, RELOCATION AND RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the status of Nuclear Claims, Relocation and Resettlement Efforts in the Marshall Islands. Testimony was heard from Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Allan Stayman, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Kurt M. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Asian and Pacific Affairs, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; Paul Seligman, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Studies, Department of Energy; the following officials of the Republic of the Marshall Islands: Philip Muller, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Trade; Marie L. Maddison, Secretary, Foreign Affairs and Trade; and H.E. Tony deBrum, Minister of Finance; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 592, to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills"; and H.R. 1031, White Bluffs Protection Act. Testimony

was heard from Representatives Fossella and Hastings of Washington; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service; and Steve Richardson, Chief of Staff, Bureau of Reclamation; Dan Berkovitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Planning, and Budget-Environmental Management, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

YEAR 2000 READINESS AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 775, Year 2000 Readiness and Responsibility Act. The rule makes in order as an original bill for purpose of amendment the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

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 rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Goodlatte, Ehlers, Davis of Virginia, Nadler, Scott and Lofgren.

GSA'S FISCAL YEAR 2000 CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation held a hearing on GSA's Fiscal Year 2000 Capital Investment Program. Testimony was heard from Paul Chistolini, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

Joint Meetings

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed

versions of H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

FORMER YUGOSLAVIA INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, after receiving testimony from Nina Bang-Jensen, Coalition for International Justice, and Paul Williams, American University, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jennifer Green, Center for Constitutional Law, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up S. 974, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and related measures, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up S. 974, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and related measures, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the low-income housing tax credit, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on S. 800, to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine incentives and barriers created by the federal government in bringing new technologies to the marketplace, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to resume hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories. (Hearings may go into a closed session), 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on Medicare reform, focusing on the key differences between Medicare and other group health insurance programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings on the state of democracy and the rule of law in the Americas, 3 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title I provisions, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on HUB zones implementation, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, business meeting to consider S. 692, to prohibit Internet gambling, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine workforce needs of American agriculture, farm workers, and the United States Economy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative, to mark up fiscal year 2000 appropriations, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Special Oversight Panel on Merchant Marine, to consider recommendations on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 2 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, to consider recommendations on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to mark up H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight's proposed Risk-Based Capital Rule, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Regulatory Burden Relief, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on Even Start and Family Literacy Programs Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Review of the Management of the Year 2000 Computer Problem by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Russia's Foreign Policy Objectives: What are They? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Democracy in Indonesia: Preparations for the National Election, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.