

banking and housing matters to facilitate congressional oversight and public accountability;

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Women's Business Center Sustainability Act: H.R. 1497, amended, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program;

Pages H10235–40

Work Incentives Improvement Act: H.R. 1180, amended, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 513); and

Pages H10241–66, H10273–74

Punishing the Depiction of Animal Cruelty: H.R. 1887, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 372 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 514).

Pages H10267–73, H10274

Suspension Failed—Providing for Spending Offsets: The House failed to pass H.R. 3085, amended, to provide discretionary spending offsets for fiscal year 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 0 yeas to 419 nays, with 5 voting "present", Roll No. 511.

Pages H10204–31

Motion to Discharge—Financial Freedom Act: The House agreed to table the motion to discharge from the Committee on Ways and Means, H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care by a recorded vote of 215 yeas to 203 noes, Roll No. 512.

Pages H10231–32

Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Colombia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his message concerning the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–146).

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Supplemental Report: The Committee on Education and the Workforce received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2, The Students Results Act.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: The House agreed to H. Res. 333, agreeing to the conference requested by the Senate on the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and

other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Pursuant to the resolution, the House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to the conference.

Pages H10275–76

Motion to Instruct—Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations: The House completed debate on the Upton motion to instruct conferees, on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, to agree to the provisions contained in section 102 of the Senate amendment (relating to repeal of automated entry-exit control system). Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

Pages H10276–83

Conference Report Filed—Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations: Under clause 8 of rule 20 and clause 7(c) of rule 22, the filing of H. Rept. 106–398, conference report on H.R. 2670, vitiated the motions to instruct conferees offered by Representatives Coburn and Upton. The Coburn motion was debated on October 18, 1999, and further proceedings were postponed.

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Online Child Protection Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. James Schmidt of California, Mr. George Vrandenburg of Virginia, and Mr. Larry Shapiro of California to the Online Child Protection Commission.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H10276.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10340–70.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10189–90, H10198, H10231, H10232, H10273–74, and H10274. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE FUELS AND CHEMICALS ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops held a hearing on H.R. 2827, National Sustainable Fuels and Chemicals Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from

Representative Udall of Colorado; I.M. Gonzalez, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

KOSOVO—LESSONS LEARNED

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on lessons learned from the Kosovo conflict—the effect of the operation on both deployed/non-deployed forces and on future modernization plans. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Larry R. Ellis, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations and Plans), Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments), Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Marvin R. Esmond, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff (Air and Space Operations), Department of the Air Force; and Lt. Gen. John E. Rhodes, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

BLOOD SAFETY AND AVAILABILITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings on Blood Safety and Availability. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE—IMPROVING CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Improving Care at the End of Life with Complementary Medicine. Testimony was heard from Thomas V. Holohan, Chief, Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kathy Buto, Deputy Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration; and Patricia Grady, Director, National Institute for Nursing Research, NIH; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; U.S. POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted motions urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 102, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and recognizing the humanitarian safeguards these treaties provide in times of armed conflict; H. Con. Res. 188, commending Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing to

each other humanitarian assistance and rescue relief; H. Con. Res. 46, urging an end of the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia and calling on the United Nations Human Rights Commission and other human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuse in connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict; and H. Con. Res. 20, concerning economic, humanitarian, and other assistance to the northern part of Somalia.

The Subcommittee also concluded hearings on U.S. Policy Toward Russia, Part III: Administration Views. Testimony was heard from Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

SMALL BUSINESS LIABILITY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began mark up of H.R. 2366, Small Business Liability Reform Act of 1999. Will continue October 25.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1680, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest; H.R. 1969, Arizona National Forest Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 3089, to provide for a comprehensive scientific review of the current conservation status of the northern spotted owl as a result of implementation of the President's Northwest Forest Plan, which is a national strategy for the recovery of the species on public forest lands. Testimony was heard from Representative Thomas; and Paul Brouha, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, USDA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2795, Shivwits Plateau National Conservation Area Establishment Act; and H.R. 3935, Utah National Parks and Public Lands Wilderness Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shadegg, Stump, Cook and Hinchey; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Michael Leavitt, Governor, State of Utah; W. Hays Gilstrap, Commissioner, Game and Fish Department, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

STUDENTS RESULTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule on H.R. 2, Students Result Act of 1999, providing ninety minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule

makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the amendment process shall not exceed 6 hours. The rules makes in order only those amendments printed in the *Congressional Record*. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the *Congressional Record* may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule provides that amendment number 5 printed in the *Congressional Record* shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule allows 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 Chairman Goodling and Representatives Castle, Clay, Kildee, Payne, Mink of Hawaii, and Woolsey.

CONFERENCE REPORT—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers and Serrano.

PLANT GENOME SCIENCE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research concluded hearings on Plant Genome Science: From the Lab to the Field to the Market, Part III. Testimony was heard from Sally L. McCammon, Science Advisor, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; Janet L. Andersen, Director, Bio-Pesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA; James Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

POSTAL SERVICE'S REGULATIONS—COMMERCIAL MAIL RECEIVING AGENCIES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a hear-

ing on the U.S. Postal Service's regulations regarding Commercial Mail Receiving Agencies (CMRAs). Testimony was heard from Tony Crawford, Inspector, Mid-Atlantic Division, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—COLOMBIA; INTELLIGENCE ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Colombia: Intelligence Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

UZBEKISTAN DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Monday, October 18, Commission concluded hearings on the state of democratization and human rights in Uzbekistan, after receiving testimony from John Beyrle, Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large/Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Sodyq Safaev, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Cassandra Cavanaugh, Human Rights Watch, Helsinki, New York, New York; Paul Goble, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, and Abdurahim Polat, Birlik Party, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lawrence Uzzell, Keston Institute, Moscow, Russia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on the efforts of the military services in implementing joint experimentation, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the use of performance enhancing drugs in Olympic competition, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 1167, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for expanding the scope of the Independent Scientific Review Panel; S. 1694, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the reclamation and reuse of water and wastewater in the State of Hawaii; S. 1612, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation project property to certain irrigation and reclamation districts in the State of Nebraska; S. 1474, providing conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of