

**GOVERNMENT LAWSUITS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings to examine the spate of certain government lawsuits filed against different industries, receiving testimony from Senators Durbin, Reed, and McConnell; Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School, Don Ryan, Alliance to End Childhood Lead

Poisoning, Matthew L. Myers, National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, Victor E. Schwartz, Crowell and Moring, on behalf of the American Tort Reform Association, and R. Bruce Josten, United States Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.; and Lt. Gen. William M. Keys, USMC(Ret.), New Colt's Holding Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 3193–3204; 1 private bill, H.R. 3205; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74, H. Con. Res. 218–219, and H. Res. 350–351 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2904, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize funding for the Office of Government Ethics, amended (H. Rept. 106–433, Pt. 1);

Conference report on S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 106–434);

H.R. 3077, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project, amended (H. Rept. 106–435);

H.R. 3075, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make corrections and refinements in the Medicare Program as revised by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, amended (H. Rept. 106–436, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of H.R. 2389, to restore stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for use by the counties for the benefit of public schools, roads (H. Rept. 106–437);

H. Res. 353, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 106–438);

H. Res. 354, providing for consideration of H.R. 3194, 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 (H. Rept. 106–439); and

H. Res. 355, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 106–440).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed over without prejudice S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor and H.R. 1023, for the relief of Richard W. Schaffert.

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

**Acquisition of a Building in Terre Haute, Indiana:** H.R. 2513, to direct the Administrator of General Services to acquire a building located in Terre Haute, Indiana;

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**Training for a President-elect's Nominees:** H.R. 3137, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide for training of individuals a President-elect intends to nominate as department heads or appoint to key positions in the Executive Office of the President;

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**Federal Financial Assistance Improvements:** S. 468, amended, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public;

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**Honesty in Sweepstakes:** H.R. 170, amended, to require certain notices in any mailing using a game of chance for the promotion of a product or service;

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**National Civility Week:** H. Res. 324, supporting National Civility Week, Inc. in its efforts to restore

civility, honesty, integrity, and respectful consideration in the United States; **Pages H11248–49**

**Participation in the Census:** H. Con. Res. 193, expressing the support of Congress for activities to increase public participation in the decennial census; **Pages H11250–55**

**Veteran Status for Zachary Fisher:** H. J. Res. 46, conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher; **Pages H11304–16**

**Antitrust Technical Corrections:** H.R. 1801, amended, to make technical corrections to various antitrust laws and to references to such laws; **Pages H11318–21**

**Nursing Care in Disadvantaged Areas:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11321–24**

**Prayers and Invocations at Public School Sporting Events:** H. Con. Res. 199, expressing the sense of the Congress that prayers and invocations at public school sporting events contribute to the moral foundation of our Nation and urging the Supreme Court to uphold their constitutionality; **Pages H11325–30**

**Financial Literacy Training:** H. Con. Res. 213, encouraging the Secretary of Education to promote, and State and local educational agencies to incorporate in their education programs, financial literacy training (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 411 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 553); **Pages H11208–12, H11338–39**

**United States Commitment to NATO:** H. Res. 59, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 278 yeas to 133 nays, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 554); **Pages H11212–18, H11339–40**

**Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation:** H.R. 3164, to provide for the treatment of the actions of certain foreign narcotics traffickers as an unusual and extraordinary threat to the United States for purposes of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (passed by a yea and nay vote of 385 yeas to 26 nays, Roll No. 555); and **Pages H11218–31, H11340**

**Hurricane Floyd Disaster:** H. Res. 349, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should immediately transmit to Congress the President’s recommendations for emergency

response actions, including appropriate offsets, to provide relief and assistance to the victims of Hurricane Floyd (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 556). **Pages H11330–38, H11340–41**

**Affirming the Loyalty of Asian-Americans:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 124, expressing the sense of the Congress relating to recent allegations of espionage and illegal campaign financing that have brought into question the loyalty and probity of Americans of Asian ancestry. **Pages H11316–18**

**Questions of Privilege:** Pursuant to Rule IX, Representatives Visclosky, Wise, Kucinich, Traficant, and Kaptur announced their intentions to present questions of the privileges of the House in the form of resolutions that call on the President to abstain from renegotiating international agreements governing antidumping and countervailing measures. The forms of these resolutions appear on pages H11249–50, H11303–04, H11321, and H11324–25

**Committee Resignation and Election:** Read a letter from Representative Lee wherein she resigned from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Subsequently, the House agreed to H. Res. 351 whereby Mr. Ackerman was elected to the Committee. **Page H11341**

**Quality Care for the Uninsured:** The House agreed to H. Res. 348, providing for the House to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2990, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals greater access to health insurance through a health care tax deduction, a long-term care deduction, and other health-related tax incentives, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to and choice in health care through association health plans, to amend the Public Health Service Act to create new pooling opportunities for small employers to obtain greater access to health coverage through HealthMarts; to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage. **Pages H11341–44**

**Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, of Ms. Judith Flink of Illinois to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. **Page H11344**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H11330.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H11372–73.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11338–39, H11339–40, H11340, and H11340–41. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1954, Rental Fairness Act of 1999; H.R. 887, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to require improved disclosure of corporate charitable contributions; and H.R. 1089, amended, Mutual Fund Tax Awareness Act of 1999.

### STALKING PREVENTION AND VICTIM PROTECTION ACT; SMALL BUSINESS LIABILITY REFORM ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1869, Stalking Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1999.

The Committee also continued mark up of H.R. 2366, Small Business Liability Reform Act of 1999.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health approved for full Committee action 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. 1749, amended, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 1969, amended, Arizona National Forest Improvement Act of 1990; 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.

### CONFERENCE REPORT—FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 900, Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999, and against its consideration.

The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Leach and Representatives Oxley, LaFalce and Vento.

### COUNTY SCHOOLS FUNDING REVITALIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2389, County Schools Funding Revitalization Act of 1999, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, modified by the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. 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 Representative Goodlatte.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 3194, District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2000, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on or before the legislative day of Wednesday, November 10, 1999. The rule provides that the object of any motion to suspend the rule shall be announced from the floor at least two hours prior to its consideration. The rule further provides that the