

Veterans and Dependents Millennium Education Act: S. 1402, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans (passed by a yeas and nay vote of 417 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 220). Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H3548–58, H3593–94**

Recognition of World War II Minority Veterans: H.J. Res. 98, supporting the Day of Honor 2000 to honor and recognize the service of minority veterans in the United States Armed Forces during World War II. Subsequently the House passed S.J. Res. 44, a similar Senate-passed bill—clearing the measure for the President. H.J. Res. 98 was then laid on the table; **Pages H3558–63**

International Child Abduction: H. Con. Res. 293, amended, urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (agreed to by a recorded vote of 416 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 221); **Pages H3564–68, H3594–95**

INS Data Management Improvement: H.R. 4489, to amend section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; **Pages H3568–76**

Private Mortgage Insurance Technical Corrections and Clarification: H.R. 3637, to amend the Homeowners Protection Act of 1998 to make certain technical corrections; **Pages H3578–81**

Cardiac Arrest Survival Act: H.R. 2498, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices (passed by a yeas and nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 222; and **Pages H3584–88, H3595**

Harry S Truman Federal Building: H.R. 3639, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 2201 C Street, Northwest, in the District of Columbia, currently headquarters for the Department of State, as the “Harry S Truman Federal Building” (passed by a yeas and nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 223). **Pages H3588–93, H3595–96**

Hmong Veterans’ Naturalization Act of 2000: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 371, to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H3576–78**

First Sponsor of Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act: Agreed that Representative Franks of New Jersey be hereafter considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1202, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interstate-connected conduct relating to exotic animals, a bill originally introduced by the late Representative George Brown of California, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting printings under clause 7 of rule 12. **Page H3563**

Normal Trade Relations Treatment to China: The House completed two hours of debate on H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People’s Republic of China pursuant to a unanimous consent request. Consideration will resume on Wednesday, May 24. **Pages H3596–H3615**

Earlier, agreed that it be in order to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill; that the first reading be dispensed with; that all points of order against its consideration be waived; that general debate proceed without intervening motion, be confined to the bill, and be limited to two hours equally divided among and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, Representative Stark or his designee, and Representative Rohrabacher or his designee; that after debate the Committee of the Whole rise without motion; and that no further consideration of the bill be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. **Page H3593**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3650.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas and nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3535–36, H3536, H3537, H3581–82, H3582–83, H3583, H3593–94, H3594–95, H3595, and H3595–96. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies approved for full Committee action the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

U.S.—TERRORIST THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism held a hearing on terrorist threats to

the United States. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA—PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled: "PNTR: Opening the World's Biggest Potential Market to American Financial Services Competition." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY—WHISTLEBLOWERS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled: "Whistleblowers at Department of Energy Facilities: Is There Really 'Zero Tolerance' for Contractor Retaliation?" Testimony was heard from Mary Anne Sullivan, General Counsel, Department of Energy; Joe Gutierrez, Assessor, Audits and Assessment Division, Los Alamos National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

INTERNET—OBSCENE MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Obscene Material Available via the Internet. Testimony was heard from Alan Gershel, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

WEALTH THROUGH THE WORKPLACE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action H.R. 3462, Wealth Through The Workplace Act of 2000.

SECRET EVIDENCE REPEAL ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 2121, Secret Evidence Repeal Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Campbell and Bonior; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Larry R. Parkinson, General Counsel, FBI; and Bo Cooper, General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS POLICIES

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Funding of Environmental Initiatives and their Influence on Federal Public Lands Policies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3033, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of Biscayne

National Park in the State of Florida. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ros-Lehtinen, Meek of Florida, Hastings of Florida and Shaw; Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NORTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT—WATER CONVEYANCE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 4389, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Testimony was heard from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CHINA—NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS TREATMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing three hours of debate on H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China, equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means, Representative Stark of California, and Representative Rohrabacher of California. The rule provides that, in lieu of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the rule shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Crane, English, Bereuter, Hunter, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Levin, Cardin, Markey, Berman, Pelosi and Sherman.

REPEAL EXCISE TAX ON TELEPHONE AND OTHER COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted upon adoption of the resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Towns and Wynn.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Technology Transfer Challenges and Partnerships: A Review of the Department of Commerce's Biennial Report on Technology Transfer. Testimony was heard from Kelly H. Carnes, Assistant Secretary, Technology Policy, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**RUSSIA HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings to examine human rights abuses in Russia, focusing on an attack on the Media-Most headquarters in Moscow by armed government security agents, alleged illegally acquired tapes and transcripts, and the war in Chechnya, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. William Odom (Ret.), Hudson University, Washington, D.C., former head of the National Security Agency; Igor Malashenko, Media-Most, Moscow, Russia; Sarah Mendelson, Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Boston, Massachusetts; Georgi Derlugian, Northwestern University Department of Sociology, Chicago, Illinois; and Rachel Denber, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2000**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of General John A. Gordon, United States Air Force, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to mark up S. 2107, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission; S. 2266, to provide for the minting of commemorative coins to support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games and the programs of the United States Olympic Committee; S. 2453, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Pope John Paul II in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to humanity; the nomination of Richard Court Houseworth, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 25, 2001; and the nomination of Nuria I. Fernandez, of Illinois, to be Federal Transit Administrator, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366. Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 2163, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington; S. 2396, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; S. 2248, to assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide for the control of drainage water, storm water, flood water, and other water as part of water-related integrated resource management, environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed, California; S. 2410, to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; and S. 2425, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 2123, to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; and S. 2181, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to provide full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide dedicated funding for other conservation programs, including coastal stewardship, wildlife habitat protection, State and local park and open space preservation, historic preservation, forestry conservation programs, and youth conservation corps; and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of Marc Grossman, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings to examine the 1996 campaign finance investigations, 9 a.m., SD-226.