

to include in-kind contributions to ease the ability of disadvantaged communities to apply for 21st Century Learning Center grants; **Page H2620**

Kirk amendment No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that expresses the sense of Congress that the Impact Aid Program should be fully funded to meet the needs of school districts affected by Federal presence and ensure that federally connected children, including military dependents, will continue to receive a quality education (agreed to by a recorded vote of 425 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 142); and

Pages H2620–22, H2628–29

Hoeffel amendment No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that allows funding for leave time and other associated costs for teachers to attend technology classes related to the state and local technology for success grants. **Pages H2622–23**

Rejected:

Hoekstra amendment No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to increase the authority of local educational agencies to transfer funds between programs from 50 percent to 75 percent upon state approval (rejected by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 137); **Pages H2577–80, H2608–09**

Army amendment No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to authorize private school choice for students who have attended low performing schools for 3 years, permit the use of innovative education grants funding for school choice, and allow choice for students who are victims of crime or who are attending unsafe schools (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 135); **Pages H2588–96, H2607–08**

Army amendment No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to authorize five research projects to determine the effectiveness of school choice in improving the academic achievement of disadvantaged students and the overall quality of public schools and local educational agencies (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 136); and **Pages H2596–H2603, H2608**

Cox amendment No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that limits the aggregate increase in authorization of appropriations for fiscal year 2002 to 11.5 percent over the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2001 (rejected by a recorded vote of 101 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 143). **Pages H2623–27, H2629–30**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H2645**

H. Res. 143, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 10.

Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002 and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Army, Thomas, and Rangel. **Pages H2646–54**

Rejected the Stark motion to instruct conferees to produce a conference report in which the revenue losses and debt service costs do not grow as a percentage of gross domestic product on either a long or short term basis; shall not include phase-ins longer than 5 years, delayed effective dates, or sunsets; include provisions on marriage penalty relief; increasing per-child tax credit; estate tax relief; pension reform legislation; and permanent extension of the research credit; adjust the current law alternative minimum tax so that it does not disallow the benefits of the tax reductions in the bill; shall be designed so that its revenue loss and associated debt service costs for each fiscal year do not exceed the projected non-Social Security/non-Medicare surplus for such fiscal year; and provides benefits to every family with children that has income or payroll tax liability with inflation adjustments so that the benefits do not erode over time by a ye-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 146. **Pages H2646–54**

Presidential Message—Prohibiting the Importation of Diamonds From Liberia: Read a message from the President wherein he announced that he has issued an Executive Order that prohibits the importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–75). **Page H2656**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H2573 and H2645.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 41 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H2673**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye-and-nay vote and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2607–08, H2608, H2608–09, H2609–10, H2610, H2610–11, H2628, H2628–29, H2629, H2634, H2644–45, and H2654. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FREE TRADE PROPOSALS—IMPACT ON U.S. AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Administration's proposals for the Free Trade Area of the Americas and their impact on United States Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture; Donald L. Evans, Secretary of Commerce; Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research held

a hearing to review conservation programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Thomas Weber, Deputy Chief, Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Robert Stephenson, Director, Conservation and Environmental Programs, Farm Service Agency; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 6.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the SBA. Testimony was heard from John Whitmore, Acting Administrator, SBA.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2002 D.C. Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Mayor; Linda W. Cropp, Chairwoman, Council; and Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer; and Alice M. Rivlin, Chair, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education held a hearing on Worker Protection, and on Employment Training, and Veterans Employment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: R. Davis Layne, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA; David Lauriski, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health; Joe N. Kennedy, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration; Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; Raymond J. Uhalde, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration; and Stanley A. Seidel, First Assistant, Veterans Employment and Training Services.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on HUD. Testimony was heard from Mel R. Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

“ON-LINE FRAUD AND CRIME: ARE CONSUMERS SAFE?”

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on “On-line Fraud and Crime: Are Consumers Safe?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Thomas T. Kubic, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Division, FBI; Eileen Harrington,

Associate Director, Marketing Practices, Bureau of Competition, FTC; Bruce Townsend, Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

HCFA—COMPUTER SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on “How Secure Is Private Medical Information? A Review of Computer Security at the Health Care Financing Administration and Its Medicare Contractors.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jared Adair, Acting Chief Information Officer, Health Care Financing Administration; and Joseph E. Vengrin, Assistant Inspector General, Audit, Operations and Financial Statement Activities; and a public witness.

HOUSING GSE’S—FEDERAL SUBSIDIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on Federal subsidies for the housing GSE’s. Testimony was heard from Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO.

EFFECTIVE FAITH-BASED DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on Effective Faith-Based Drug Treatment Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT—CASE FOR RENEWAL

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Relations held a hearing on the Export Administration Act: The Case for Its Renewal. Testimony was heard from Kenneth I. Juster, Under Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 169, Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2001; and H.R. 718, Unsolicited Commercial Electronic Mail Act of 2001.

OVERSIGHT—RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Recreational Access to Public Lands. Testimony was heard from Courtland Nelson, Director, Parks and Recreation, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a

two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of May 24, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of any measure to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY—NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP REPORT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on National Energy Policy—Report of the National Energy Policy Development Group. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS' SBA PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing with respect to SBA Programs for Veterans and the National Veterans Business Development Corporation. Testimony was heard from William Elmore, Associate Administrator, Veterans Affairs, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PORT AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint oversight hearing on Port and Maritime Transportation Congestion. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Bruce J. Carlton, Acting Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Jeffrey P. High, Director, Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard; Charles M. Hess, Chief of Operations Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

HIGHWAY CONGESTION SOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Solutions to Highway Congestion. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Wayne, Executive Director, Department of Transportation, State of Utah; Elwin Tinklenberg, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

COMMUNITY SKILLS MIX

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Community Skills Mix. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

U.S. ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to the economic outlook of the nation, including a national energy policy, the tax code, and the impact of the slowing economy, after receiving testimony from R. Glenn Hubbard, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Secretary of the Senate and the Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine transportation safety issues and Coast Guard modernization proposals, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of Susan Morrissey Livingstone, of Montana, to be Under Secretary of the Navy; and the nomination of Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold a closed briefing on the Department of Energy/Russian nonproliferation programs, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings on the implementation and future of decimalized markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 368, to develop voluntary consensus standards to ensure accuracy and validation of the voting process, to direct the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to study voter participation and emerging voting technology, to provide grants to States to improve voting methods; S. 633, to provide for the review and management of airport congestion; the nomination of Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, Kathleen Q. Abernathy, of Maryland, Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, and Timothy J. Muris, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Trade Commission; the nomination of Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer, and Sean B. O'Hollaren, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, both of the Department of Transportation; and the nomination of Kathleen Marie Cooper, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and Bruce P. Mehlman, to be Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, all of the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on the Administration's national energy policy, and