

Alvillar-Speake, of California, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Stuart A. Bernstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Sue McCourt Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Russell F. Freeman, of North Dakota, to be Ambassador to Belize, Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Romania, Charles A. Heimbold, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden, Thomas C. Hubbard, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of

Korea, Marie T. Huhtala, of California, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Mercer Reynolds, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and John Thomas Schieffer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Australia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4, 2666–2671; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59, H. Con. Res. 202–203, and H. Res. 212, were introduced. **Pages H4779–80**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2505, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning, amended (H. Rept. 107–170). **Page H4779**

Further Consideration of VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 2620, VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002, that no amendment may be offered except pro forma amendments offered by the Chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate; amendment printed in H. Rept. 107–164; amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 5, 7, 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 30, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 46; two amendments by Representative Frank and one amendment by Representative Traficant placed at the desk; one en bloc amendment by Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas consisting of amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 31, 33, 34, and 35. Except as specified, the amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes each. Amendments numbered 6, 12, 24, 39, and 42 each debatable for 20 minutes; amendments numbered 5 and 37 and one amendment by Representative Frank each debatable for 30 minutes; amendment numbered 46 debatable for 40 minutes. All points of order are waived against the amendment numbered 25, and the amendment printed in H. Rept. 107–164 may amend portions of the bill not yet read. **Pages H4751–52**

VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 2620, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Consideration will resume on Monday, July 30. **Pages H4727–60**

Agreed To:

Bonior amendment No. 45 printed in the Congressional Record of July 26 that prohibits funding to delay the national primary drinking water regulation for Arsenic published on January 22, 2001 in the Federal Register or to propose or finalize a rule to increase the levels of arsenic in drinking water permitted under that regulation (agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 288). **Pages H4743–51, H4758–59**

Rejected:

Frank amendment that sought to strike the \$200 million targeted for the Downpayment Assistance Initiative from the HOME investment partnerships program (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 286); **Pages H4727–30, H4757**

Kaptur amendment No. 44 printed in the Congressional Record of July 26 that sought to restore funding of \$175 million for the Public Housing Drug Elimination program with offsets from the funding targeted for the Downpayment Assistance Initiative from the HOME investment partnerships program (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 287); and **Pages H4730–42, H4757–58**

Menendez amendment No. 46 printed in the Congressional Record of July 26 that sought to increase EPA funding by \$25 million for 270 enforcement

positions with offsets from salaries and expenses funding available to various departments, agencies, boards and commissions under the Act, excluding only those accounts for Department of Veterans Affairs and EPA (rejected by recorded vote of 182 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 289). **Pages H4752–57, H4759**

The House agreed to H. Res. 210, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill on July 26.

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of July 30. **Page H4761**

Meeting Hour—Monday, July 30: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 30 for morning-hour debate. **Pages H4761–62**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, August 1. **Page H4762**

Late Report: The Committee on the Judiciary received permission to have until 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 to file a report on H.R. 2505, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning. **Page H4762**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4763.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4780.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4757, H4758, H4758–59, and H4759. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported as amended, H.R. 2646, Agricultural Act of 2001.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

NATIONAL ELECTRICITY POLICY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “National Electricity Policy: Barriers to Competitive Generation.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SPRING VALLEY—TOXIC WASTE CONTAMINATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on “Spring Valley—Toxic Waste Contamination in the Nation’s

Capital.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Evan C. A. Walks, M.D., Chief Health Officer; and Bailus Walker, Jr., Chairman, Mayor’s Spring Valley Scientific Advisory Panel; Thomas C. Voltaggio, Acting Regional, Administrator, EPA; Rear Admiral Robert Williams, USN, Director, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, Agency for Toxic Substances/Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the Department of the Army: Francis E. Reardon, Auditor General; Raymond J. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Occupational Health; and Col. Charles J. Fiala, USA, Commander, Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of July 25, 2001, p. D775)

S. 360, to honor Paul D. Coverdell. Signed on July 26, 2001. (Public Law 107–21)

S. 1190, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to rename the education individual retirement accounts as the Coverdell education savings accounts. Signed on July 26, 2001. (Public Law 107–22)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 30 through August 4, 2001

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, At 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1246, to respond to the continuing economic crisis adversely affecting American agricultural producers, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the bill to occur at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to resume consideration of H.R. 2299, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 31, to resume hearings to examine the proposed federal farm bill, focusing on conservation on working lands issues, 9 a.m., SR–328A.

August 1, Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the status of export market shares, 9 a.m., SR–328A.

August 2, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the proposed federal farm bill, focusing on rural economic issues, 9 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: July 31, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2002 for MILCON