

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Dianne P. Wood, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Tena Campbell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, George H. King, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Robert H. Whaley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Wood was introduced by Senators Simon and Moseley-Braun, Ms. Campbell was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, Mr. King was introduced by Senator Boxer, and Mr. Whaley was introduced by Senators Gorton and Murray.

BRAIN RESEARCH AND HEALTH CARE COST REDUCTION

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine how investment in research into the causes and courses of certain diseases can reduce

health care costs, focusing on brain research and the long-term-care costs of brain-related disorders, and a task force report on how to prioritize and fund aging-related research, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatfield; Richard W. Besdine, University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut, representing the Alliance for Aging Research; Guy M. McKhann, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, representing the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives; Jerry Avorn and Dennis J. Selkoe, both of the Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Ole Isacson, McLean Hospital, all of the Harvard University Medical School, Arthur D. Ullian, National Campaign to End Neurological Disorders, and Benjamin Reeve, all of Boston, Massachusetts; Robert M. Goldberg, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts; Allen D. Roses, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina; Dennis W. Choi, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri; Millicent R. Kondracke, Washington, D.C.; and Frances Powers, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

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Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fifteen public bills, H.R. 1926–1940; and three resolutions, H.J. Res. 98, H. Con. Res. 79, and H. Res. 174 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 541, to reauthorize the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975, amended (H. Rept. 104–109, Part 2);

H.R. 1642, to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Cambodia (H. Rept. 104–160);

H.R. 1887, to authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for the International Trade Commission, the Customs Service, and the Office of the United States Trade Representatives, amended, (H. Rept. 104–161);

H.R. 1643, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria (H. Rept. 104–162);

H.R. 1176, to nullify an executive order that prohibits Federal contracts with companies that hire permanent replacements for striking employees (H. Rept. 104–163);

H. Res. 173, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (H. Rept. 104–164).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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Catafalque Transfer: House agreed to S. Con. Res. 18, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque to the Supreme Court for a funeral service—clearing the measure.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Resources, Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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Air Force Academy: The Speaker appointed Representatives Young of Florida, Hefley, Dicks, and

Tanner, as members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy on the part of the House.

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Veterans Health Care: House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1565, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend through December 31, 1997, the period during which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to provide priority health care to certain veterans exposed to Agent Orange, ionizing radiations, or environmental hazards. Agreed to amend the title.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations: House continued consideration of H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will continue on Wednesday, June 28.

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Agreed to:

The Gilman amendment that strikes language protecting the new child survival account from other laws; maintains a prohibition transferring funds from development assistance to other accounts; restates funding for Russia and the states of the former Soviet Union be used for limited purposes; and lowers the ratio of private to public funds to 1 to 1, that the former states must raise to qualify for certain funding;

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The Klug amendment, as amended by the Calahan substitute, that reduces to \$69,000, allocations for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and strikes language that requires OPIC's subsidy come from its non-credit account;

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The Burton of Indiana amendment that eliminates the \$30 million Agency for International Development (AID) reform and downsizing account (agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 423);

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The Hall of Ohio amendment, as modified, that increases the allocation to the Child Survival and Disease Fund by \$108 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 263 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 424);

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The Miller of Florida amendment, as amended by the Wilson substitute amendment, that reduces funding to the new independent states of the former Soviet Union by \$15 million;

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The Jackson-Lee amendment that increases funding for the African Development Foundation by \$1.5 million; and

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The DeLay amendment, as amended by the Porter amendment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 426) that reduces by \$20 million funding for the World Bank's Global Envi-

ronment Facility (agreed to by a recorded vote of 273 ayes to 146 noes, Roll No. 427).

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Rejected:

The Gilman amendment that sought to reduce the Development Assistance Fund by \$25 million to conform with the foreign aid authorization (rejected by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 420);

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The Sanders amendment that sought to abolish the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) by October 1, 1995, and transfer the remaining functions to the State Department (rejected by a recorded vote of 90 ayes and 329 noes, Roll No. 421);

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The Brownback amendment that sought to restore \$24 million in assistance to the states of the former Soviet Union (rejected by a recorded vote of 78 ayes to 340 noes, Roll No. 422); and

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The Hefley amendment to the Wilson substitute to the Miller of Florida amendment that sought to reduce funding to the new independent states of the former Soviet Union by \$327 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 320 noes, Roll No. 425).

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The following amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Richardson amendment that sought to increase funding for migration and refugee assistance by \$1 million to assist the Thai-Burma border crisis;

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The Lowey amendment that sought to prohibit funding for international military education and training in Indonesia; and

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The Wilson amendment that sought to reduce by \$10 million funding for the World Bank's Global Environment Facility.

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Soap Box Derby: House agreed to H. Con. Res. 38, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6315–16.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6397–98.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6329–30, H6336–37, H6343–44, H6349, H6353–54, H6360, H6370, and H6370–71.

There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE AND INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1996: Agriculture and Interior.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Continued markup of H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families continued hearings on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky and Traficant; and public witnesses.

D.C. SCHOOL REFORM

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on D.C. School Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT COMPLIANCE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Government Performance and Results Act Compliance. Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Johnny C. Finch, Assistant Comptroller General, General Government Programs, GAO; Anthony A. Williams, Chief Financial Officer, USDA; Vice Adm. Arthur Henn, USCG, Vice Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Joseph Thompson, Director, New York Regional Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; Col. F. Edward Ward, Jr., Director, Field Offices, Defense Finance Accounting Service, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

ILLICIT DRUG AVAILABILITY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Illicit Drug Availability: Are Interdiction Efforts Hampered by a Lack of Agency Resources? Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Joseph Kelly, Director-In-Charge, International Affairs Issues, GAO; Ambassador Jane E. Becker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State; and Brian Sheridan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Drug Enforcement Policy and Support, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

VALUE OF MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Value of Microenterprise Development. Testimony was heard from Roxann A. VanDusen, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Global Programs, Field Support and Research, AID, U.S. International Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

ASIA-U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Security Interests in Asia. Testimony was heard from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Joseph S. Nye, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and Adm. Richard C. Macke, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the issue of Federal oversight of States acting under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to effectively regulate active coal mining operations and protect the environment consistent with the State primacy provision of the Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Uram, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Charles R. Matthews, Commissioner of Railroads, State of Texas; Ted Stewart, Director, Natural Resources, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: S. 268, to authorize the collection of fees for expenses for triploid grass carp