

Virginia; Timothy Brown, International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Linthicum Heights, Maryland; Michael R. McKay, American Maritime Officers, Dania, Florida; and Michael Sacco, Seafarers International Union of North America (AFL-CIO), Camp Springs, Maryland.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine ways to improve the Medicare program and make it financially sound, focusing on the modernization of Medicare and giving senior citizens more choice in the kinds of plans that are available to them, receiving testimony from Jordan J. Cohen, Association of American Medical Colleges, and Karen Ignani, Group Health Association of America, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; John C. Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis, Dallas, Texas; Dennis G. Kasselmann, Mid-America Health Partners, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations; and John P. Lee, Sisters of Providence Health System, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the Medicare Fairness Coalition.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

PUNITIVE DAMAGES REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration defense against punitive damages in product liability cases as contained in section 103(c), to permit punitive damages, to the extent permitted by applicable Federal or State law, in any civil action in a Federal or State court against a defendant if the claimant establishes by clear and convincing evidence that the

harm suffered was the result of conduct that is either specifically intended to cause harm or carried out with conscious disregard for the rights or safety of other persons, of Title I (Punitive Damages Reform) of S. 672, Civil Justice Fairness Act, receiving testimony from Janice Toran, G. D. Searle & Co., Skokie, Illinois; Lucinda M. Finley, State University of New York, Buffalo; and Richard M. Cooper, Williams & Connolly, Washington, D.C.; on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on certain events following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, receiving testimony from Henry P. O'Neill, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; Margaret A. Williams, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff for the First Lady; and Evelyn S. Lieberman, White House Deputy Press Secretary for Operations, former Assistant to Chief of Staff for the First Lady.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nine public bills, H.R. 2114–2122; and three resolutions, H.J. Res. 103–105 were introduced. Pages H7800–01

Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 1103, entitled "Amendments to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930", amended (H. Rept. 104–207). Page H7800

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Radanovich to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7703

Recess: House recessed at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m. Pages H7703, H7705

Address by President of the Republic of Korea: The Senate and House met in a joint meeting to receive His Excellency, Kim Young Sam, President of the Republic of Korea. President Kim Young Sam was escorted to and from the House Chamber by Senators Dole, Cochran, Helms, Chafee, Warner, Murkowski, Thomas, Daschle, Pell, Inouye, Nunn, Glenn, and Robb; and Representatives Arney, DeLay, Boehner, Cox, Vucanovich, Gilman, Bereuter, Solomon, Kim, Gephardt, Bonior, Fazio, Kennelly, Berman, Murtha, Foglietta, Richardson, Ackerman, Becerra, and Doggett. Pages H7704–05

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Science, Small Business, and Select Intelligence.

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Commerce—State—Justice Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 272 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 585, the House passed H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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On a demand for a separate vote, agreed to the Meyers of Kansas amendment that transfers \$4.4 million in funds from administrative expenses to the SBA's business loans program to the salaries and expense account (agreed to by a recorded vote of 368 ayes to 57 noes, Roll No. 584). This amendment was agreed to earlier in the Committee of the Whole by a voice vote.

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Agreed To:

The Rogers amendment that increases by \$50 million funding for grants to combat violence against women and offsets this increase by reducing by \$50 million local law enforcement block grants;

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The Traficant amendment that provides that if local law enforcement block grant funds are used to increase the number of law enforcement officers, a net gain in the number of officer who perform nonadministrative public safety service must be achieved;

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The Mollohan amendment, as amended by the Rogers substitute, that increases funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other coastal zone management programs by \$34 million and offsets this increase by reducing the fleet modernization program by \$12 million, contributions to international organizations by \$12 million, and patent and trademark office funding by \$10 million;

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The Klug amendment that reduces by 28 the number of commissioned officers in the NOAA fleet;

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The Farr amendment that increases by \$2 million funds to be derived from the fund entitled "Promote and Develop Fishery Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries" for NOAA operations;

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The Portman amendment that reduces by \$2 million the Court of Appeals and District Court's space alteration projects, and furniture and furnishing re-

lated to new space alteration and construction projects;

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The Smith of New Jersey amendment that increases by \$2 million funding for the National Endowment for Democracy;

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The Gilman amendment that prohibits the opening, operating, expanding, and increasing the total number of personnel assigned to United States diplomatic or consular posts in Vietnam;

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The Goodling amendment that prohibits use of funds for any United Nations undertaking when it is known that the undertaking is a peacekeeping mission, will involve United States Armed Forces under the command or operational control of a foreign national, and the President's military advisors have not submitted to the President a recommendation that such involvement is in the national security interests of the United States and the President has not submitted to Congress such recommendation;

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The Zimmer amendment that prohibits use of funds for various amenities and personal comforts in the Federal prison system;

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The Skaggs amendment, as amended by the Smith of New Jersey substitute amendment (substitute agreed to by a recorded vote of 285 ayes to 139 noes, Roll No. 582), that prohibits use of funds for the "USIA Television Marti Program" when it is known that such funds would be inconsistent with the applicable provision of the March 1995 Office of Cuba Broadcasting Reinventing Plan of the USIA; and

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The Klug amendment that prohibits use of funds for NOAA fleet modernization unless those funds are used to contract with the private sector.

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Rejected:

The Mollohan amendment that sought to increase by \$30 million funding for the Byrne program and offset this increase by reducing funding for the State criminal alien assistance program (rejected by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 572);

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The Scott amendment that sought to increase by \$300 million local law enforcement block grants and offset this increase by reducing truth in sentencing grant funding (rejected by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 321 noes, Roll No. 573);

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The Norton amendment that sought to strike language that prohibits use of funds to perform abortions in the Federal prison system unless the life of the mother would be endangered or in the case of rape (rejected by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 281 noes, Roll No. 574);

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The Fields of Louisiana amendment that sought to earmark \$200 million of the local law enforcement block grant funding for crime prevention and model grants programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 296 noes, Roll No. 275);

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The Hastings of Florida amendment that sought to increase by \$37.5 million funds for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and offset this increase by reducing funding for salaries and expenses in Federal prisons (rejected by a recorded vote of 84 ayes to 321 noes, Roll No. 577);

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The Allard amendment that sought to eliminate \$5 million in funds for the Technology Administration (rejected to by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 578);

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The Hefley amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the Economic Development Administration (rejected to by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 310 noes, Roll No. 579);

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The Mollohan amendment that sought to strike language barring any new funds from supporting the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) advanced technology program and prohibit use of funds for anything other than continuation grants (rejected by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 580);

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The Engel amendment that sought to increase public broadcasting facilities, planning and construction by \$2 million and offset that increase by decreasing by \$2 million periodic censuses and programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 581); and

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The Serrano amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds for the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting (rejected by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 277 noes, Roll No. 583).

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The following amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Hastings of Florida amendment that sought to increase by \$35 million funds for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and offset this increase by reducing funding for salaries and expenses in Federal prisons;

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The Becerra amendment that sought to increase by \$8 million research for the Immigration and Naturalization Service to promote and expedite naturalization and offset this increase by reducing \$8 million in funding available for State Department capital investment funds; and

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The Gutierrez amendment that sought to provide \$4 million to appropriate community groups to promote the opportunities and responsibilities of United States citizenship.

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Points of order were sustained against the following amendments:

The Stupak amendment that sought to earmark \$600 million of the funds available for local law enforcement block grant funding for rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less; and

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The Engel amendment that sought to provide \$2 million in funds for the endowment for children's educational television.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Packard, Young of Florida, Taylor of North Carolina, Miller of Florida, Wicker, Livingston, Fazio, Thornton, Dixon, and Obey.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7801–03.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7703.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 576), one yea-and-nay vote and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7722–23, H7723, H7723–24, H7724–25, H7728, H7728–29, H7750–51, H7751, H7782–83, H7783, H7784, H7784–85, H7790–91, and H7791. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEBT ISSUANCE AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing on Debt Issuance and Investment Practices on State and Local Governments. Testimony was heard from Representative Cox of California; Paul S. Maco, Director, Office of Municipal Finance, SEC; the following officials of the State of California: Matt Fong, Treasurer; and Kurt Sjoberg, Auditor; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment continued hearings on the Transformation of the Medicaid Program. Testimony was heard from Bruce Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of