

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the continuation of the national emergency with Iraq; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-69) **Page S10874**

Transmitting the report under the Generalized System of Preferences program; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-70) **Page S10874**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 61 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-342) **Pages S10846, S10848, S10855, S10858**

Recess: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 2:39 p.m., until 12:30 p.m., on Monday, July 31, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S10908.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR/DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments; and

An original bill (S. 1087) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Herbert F. Collins, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, Resolution Trust Corporation, and Maria Luisa Mabilangan Haley, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SAVINGS ASSOCIATION INSURANCE FUND

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the condition of the Savings Association Insurance Fund, focusing on recommendations to remedy its insolvency, after receiving testimony from John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, and Jonathan L. Fiechter, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Ricki Helfer, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; David E.A. Carson, People's Bank, Bridgeport, Connecticut, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers; Richard L. Mount, Saratoga National Bank, Saratoga, California, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; and Howard L. McMillan, Jr., Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

DEBT LIMIT

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on issues with regard to raising the public debt limit, focusing on its relation to the deficit and its impact on financial markets, receiving testimony from Representative Nick Smith; John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; James L. Blum, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Susan Hering, Salomon Brothers Inc., and Richard M. Kelly, Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., Inc., on behalf of the Public Securities Association, both of New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HEALTH INSURANCE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to prohibit insurers from denying health insurance coverage, benefits, or varying premiums based on the status of an individual as a victim of domestic violence, including related provisions of S. 524, S. 1028, and H.R. 1201, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Representatives Morella, Molinari, English, and Ramstad; Nancy Durborow, Pennsylvania Coalition

Against Domestic Violence, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Women's Law Project; Peg Echols, State Farm Insurance Companies, Washington, D.C.; Timothy T. Flaherty, Neenah, Wisconsin, on behalf of the

American Medical Association; Sheila Wellstone, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Deborah Senn, Olympia, Washington.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 2138–2141 were introduced. **Page H7990**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1601, to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to develop, assemble, and operate the International Space Station, amended (H. Rept. 104–210);

H.R. 629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the operation of certain visitor facilities associated with, but outside the boundaries of, Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado (H. Rept. 104–211);

Conference report on H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–212);

H. Res. 204, providing for consideration of S. 21, to terminate the United States arms embargo applicable to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina (H. Rept. 104–213);

H. Res. 205, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2126, Department of Defense Appropriations for fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104–214); and

H.R. 714, to establish the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in the State of Illinois, amended (H. Rept. 104–191, Part 2).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Weller to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7919**

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 Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, and National Security. **Page H7921**

VA–HUD Appropriations: House completed all general debate and continued consideration of H.R. 2099, 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, 1996; but came to no

resolution thereon. Reading for amendment will resume on Monday, July 31. **Pages H7921–63**

Pending when the Committee of the Whole rose was the Durbin amendment that seeks to provide that any limitation on use of funds shall not apply to the agency's environmental programs and compliance provisions when it is made known that they would restrict the agency's ability to protect humans against exposure to arsenic, benzene, dioxin, lead, or any known carcinogen. **Pages H7956–63**

Agreed To:

The Stokes amendment that strikes language that prohibits or limits the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to promulgate, enforce, implement, or take certain actions authorized under environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and food safety laws (agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 599); and **Pages H7933–55**

The Arney motion that the Committee of the Whole rise (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 600). **Page H7963**

Rejected:

The Roemer amendment that sought to strike the \$390 million appropriation for funding the space station (rejected by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 598); **Pages H7922–29, H7932–33**

The Kaptur amendment that sought to transfer \$234 million from the FEMA disaster relief account to the account for modernization of existing public housing projects (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 596). This amendment was debated on July 27; **Page H7931**

The DeFazio amendment that sought to increase the Veterans Health Administration medical care appropriation by \$12 million and reduce the appropriation for the Selective Service System by \$16.9 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 597). This amendment was debated on July 27; and **Page H7932**

The Fields of Louisiana amendment that sought to transfer \$819.5 million from NASA's science, aeronautics, and technology appropriation to the Corporation for National Community Service. **Page H7956**