

430-433, H. Con. Res. 222 and 223, and H. Res. 301-303, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1616, to require employers to notify and consult with employees before ordering a plant closing or permanent layoff, amended (H. Rept. 99-336);

H.R. 1538, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a 4.1 percent increase in the rates of compensation and of dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) paid by the Veterans' Administration, amended (H. Rept. 99-337);

H. Res. 301, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3128, to make changes in spending and revenue provisions for purposes of deficit reduction and program improvement, consistent with the budget process (H. Rept. 99-338);

H. Res. 302, waiving certain points of order against consideration of H.R. 3629, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986 (H. Rept. 99-339);

H.J. Res. 142, to authorize the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia at an appropriate site in Constitution Gardens, amended (H. Rept. 99-340);

H.R. 2205, to erect a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Korean war, amended (H. Rept. 99-341); and

H.J. Res. 36, authorizing establishment of a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs, amended (H. Rept. 99-342).

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Crime victim restitution: H.R. 2713, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify certain provisions pertaining to restitution;

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Bank bribery amendments: H.R. 3511, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to certain bribery and related offenses;

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Defense cost and price management: H.R. 3606, to clarify the application of section 2406 of title 10, United States Code, relating to cost and price management, and to delay the effective date of such provision (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 373). This bill was debated on Monday, October 28; and

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Education for handicapped children: H. Con. Res. 201, amended, to commemorate the accomplishments of Public Law 94-142, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, on the 10th anniversary

of its enactment (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 374). This resolution was debated on Monday, October 28. Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. Con. Res. 71, a similar Senate-agreed to resolution, was agreed to in lieu of the House resolution—clearing the measure.

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Defense Department Authorizations: House agreed to the conference report on S. 1160, to authorize appropriations for the military functions of the Department of Defense and to prescribe personnel levels for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1986, to authorize certain construction at military installations for such fiscal year, and to authorize appropriations for the Department of Energy for national security programs for such year—clearing the measure for the President.

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H. Res. 299, the rule waiving certain points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 320 yeas to 91 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 375.

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Late Report: Committee on Armed Services received permission to have until 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, to file a report on H.R. 3622, Joint Chiefs of Staff Reorganization Act.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 376, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2942, making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986.

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House receded from its disagreement and concurred in Senate amendments numbered 1, 11, 13, 14, and 22.

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House receded from its disagreement and concurred, with amendment, in Senate amendments numbered 12 and 26—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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Commendation of Switzerland: House passed and cleared for the President S.J. Res. 227, to commend the people and the sovereign confederation of the neutral nation of Switzerland for their contributions to freedom, international peace, and understanding on the occasion of the meeting between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union on November 19-20, 1985, in Geneva, Switzerland.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages 29326, 29327, 29333, 29353. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EFFECTS OF GRAMM-RUDMAN ON USDA PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the effects of H.J. Res. 372, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, on the Department of Agriculture programs. Testimony was heard from Robert L. Thompson, Assistant Secretary for Economics, USDA.

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF REORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3622, to amend title 10, United States Code, to strengthen the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to provide for more efficient and effective operation of the Armed Forces.

CREDIT CARD INTEREST RATES

Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1197, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to limit the rate of interest which may be charged on credit card accounts; and H.R. 3408, Credit Card Interest Rate Limitation Act of 1985. Testimony was heard from Representatives Biaggi, and Schumer; Martha R. Seger, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Franz S. Leichter, member, Senate, State of New York; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on the Older American Volunteer Programs (Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, RSVP). Testimony was heard from Donna M. Alvarado, Director, ACTION; and public witnesses.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education approved for full Committee action the introduction of a clean bill reauthorizing appropriations for the Higher Education Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3492, Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1985; H.R. 1083, Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985; H.R. 862, to grant consent of the Congress to the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management; H.R. 1046, to grant the consent of Congress

to the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact; H.R. 1267, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Compact; H.R. 2062, to grant the consent of Congress to the Central Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact; H.R. 2635, to grant the consent of Congress to the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Compact; H.R. 2702, to grant the consent of Congress to the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact; and H.R. 3372, to grant the consent of Congress to the Northeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Compact.

VICTIMS OF TERRORISM COMPENSATION ACT; SENSE OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION CONCERNING IGOR OGURTSOV

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2851, amended victims of Terrorism Compensation Act; and H. Res. 76, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Soviet Union should allow Igor Ogurtsov to be released from internal exile and allowed to emigrate to the West without renouncing his views.

NAMBIA: EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND U.S. POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on NAMBIA: The Exploitation of Natural Resources and U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Representative Schroeder; Chester Crocker, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SOVIET POLICY IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Operations and the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations held a joint hearing on Soviet Policy in the United Nations. Testimony was heard from Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; and Arkady N. Shevchenko, former Under Secretary General of the United Nations for Political and Security Council Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DRAFT REPORTS

Committee on Government Operations: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2889, amended, Computer Security Act of 1985; H.R. 3168, amended, Consolidated Federal Funds Report Amendments of 1985; and H.R. 3614, to restrict the use of Government vehicles for transportation of officers and employees of the Federal Government between their residences and places of employment.

and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, for the Intelligence Community Staff, and for the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 99-373);

Report of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs entitled "Allocation of Budget Totals to Subcommittees" (H. Rept. 99-374);

H.R. 3622, to amend title 10, United States Code, to strengthen the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and to provide for more efficient and effective operation of the Armed Forces, amended (H. Rept. 99-375); and

H.R. 3608, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (H. Rept. 99-376).

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Temporary Debt Increase: House cleared for the President H.R. 3721, to temporarily increase the limit on the public debt and to restore the investments of the Social Security Trust Funds and other trust funds; by agreeing to the Senate amendment thereto.

Page 31831

Sequoia Park Lands: House passed H.J. Res. 382, to authorize the continued use of certain lands within the Sequoia National Park by portions of an existing hydroelectric project.

Page 31831

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Page 31833

Veterans' Health Care: House cleared for the President H.R. 505, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the delivery of health care services by the Veterans' Administration; by agreeing to the Senate amendments to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the text.

Page 31833

D.C. Business: It was made in order to consider legislation pertaining to the District of Columbia on Tuesday, November 19.

Page 31835

Capitol Police: House agreed to H. Res. 320, providing for one additional position on the Capitol Police for duty under the House of Representatives.

Page 31835

Philippine Elections: By a yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas, Roll No. 407, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 232, expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the restoration of democracy in the Philippines.

Page 31844

Congressional Awards: House cleared for the President H.R. 3447, to amend and extend the Congressional Award Act; by agreeing to the Senate amendments thereto.

Page 31847

Housing Programs Extension: House passed H.J. Res. 449, to provide for the temporary extension of certain programs relating to housing and community development.

Page 31847

Plant Closing Notification and Consultation: House continued consideration of H.R. 1616, to require employers to notify and consult with employees before ordering a plant closing or permanent layoff; but came to no resolution thereon. Proceedings under the 5-minute rule will continue at a later date.

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Pending when the Committee of the Whole rose was the Ford of Michigan amendment in the nature of a substitute that seeks to modify the definition of employer, eliminate injunction provisions, provide that the requirement to consult does not compel the employer to agree to an alternative or modification to a closing or layoff, and make Department of Labor protective orders enforceable against unions and individuals.

Page 31849

Agreed to the Bartlett amendment to the Ford of Michigan substitute that deletes the consultation and disclosure requirements (agreed to by a recorded vote of 215 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 409, after having been rejected earlier by a division vote of 14 yeas to 15 nays).

Pages 31862, 31870

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of November 20.

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Consent Calendar: It was made in order to call the Consent Calendar on Tuesday, November 19.

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Dairy Price Support Extension: House passed and cleared for the President S. 1851, to extend temporarily the dairy price support program and certain food stamp program provisions.

Page 31881

Recess: It was made in order for the Speaker to declare a recess at any time on Thursday, November 21, subject to the call of the Chair.

Page 31882

Eugene Ormandy Appreciation Day: House passed and cleared for the President S.J. Res. 174, to designate November 18, 1985, as "Eugene Ormandy Appreciation Day."

Page 31883

Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness: House passed H.J. Res. 450, to authorize and request the President to issue a proclamation designating April 20 through April 26, 1986, as "National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week."

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An original bill to require that all Federal agencies restrict to limited areas any smoking in Federal buildings, in lieu of S. 1440;

S. 1047, to reform the laws relating to programs benefiting former Presidents, with amendments. (As approved by the committee, the bill provides for office, staff allowances, and Presidential protection); and

H.R. 3384, to expand the class of individuals eligible for refunds of amounts in the contingency reserves of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Fund, and to clarify changes with respect to the applicability of survivor benefits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

GRAND JURY DISCLOSURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1676, and Section 5 of S. 1562, proposals to clarify the conditions for grand jury disclosures, after receiving testimony from Jay B. Stevens, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; James R. Richards, Inspector General, Department of Energy; and James Hamilton, Ginsburg, Feldman and Bress, Peter F. Vaira, American Bar Association, and David W. Russell, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, all of Washington, D.C.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1818, to prevent the sexual exploitation of children on Indian reservations, after receiving testimony from Lois Haight Herrington, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice; and Suzan Show Harjo, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.

IRS ACTIVITIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure held oversight hearings on the activities of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on the problem of the IRS' failure to get tax refunds to taxpayers, receiving testimony from Senator Heinz; Roscoe L. Egger, Jr., Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Robert M. Tobias, National Treasury Employees Union, and Marilyn Oberle, both of Washington, D.C.; Donald R. Hummel, Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, Farm Management Services, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; and Rosemary Lamela, Mechanicsville, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CHILD VICTIM WITNESS PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice concluded hearings on S. 1156, to encourage

States to implement protective reforms for the investigation and adjudication of child abuse cases, after receiving testimony from Lois Haight Herrington, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice; Ellen F. Greenberg, American Psychological Association, David S. Liederma, Child Welfare League of America, Inc., and Curtis L. Decker, National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Suellen R. Galbraith, The Alabama Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Program, Montgomery.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1855, to provide for a block grant to States for health planning activities, in lieu of S. 1560 and S. 1104;

An original resolution waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of S. 1855, listed above;

S. 1848, to establish conditions for the export of drugs, with amendments;

S. 1762, to revise and extend the program of assistance for health maintenance organizations (HMO's);

H.R. 2417, to revise and extend the program of assistance for health maintenance organizations (HMO's);

S. 1574, to develop educational programs and materials and public service announcements respecting dangers to human health from the use of smokeless tobacco, and to require warning labels on all smokeless tobacco products and advertisements; and

S. 1181, to authorize a State block grant program for home and community based services for the elderly, with amendments.

Also, the committee failed to approve for reporting the nomination of Edward A. Curran, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3777-3789; 2 private bills, H.R. 3790 and 3791; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 458-461, and H. Res. 321 and 322, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 322, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3622, to amend title 10, United States Code, to strengthen the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and to provide for more efficient and effective operation of the Armed Forces (H. Rept. 99-378);

Conference report on H.R. 1714, to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for research and development, space flight, control and data communications, construction of facilities, and research and program management (H. Rept. 99-379); and

Conference report on H.R. 3327, making appropriations for military construction for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986 (H. Rept. 99-380).

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Adam Benjamin Clinic: On the call of the Consent Calendar, the House passed and sent to the Senate H.R. 1361, amended, to designate the Veterans' Administration Outpatient Clinic to be located in Crown Point, Indiana, as the "Adam Benjamin, Jr., Veterans' Administration Outpatient Clinic."

Page 32401

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed over without prejudice H.R. 1598 and H.R. 2316.

Page 32403

Treasury-Postal Service Appropriations: House agreed to refer the bill and veto message of the President on H.R. 3036, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations.

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D.C. Business—Revenue Bonds: Legislation pertaining to the District of Columbia was in order, and the following bill was called up, considered, and passed: H.R. 3718, to waive the period of Congressional review for certain District of Columbia acts authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds.

Page 32407

Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following:

Small Business Act amendments: H.R. 3608, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958; and

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Terrorism: H. Con. Res. 228, condemning all acts of terrorism (including the hijacking of the *Achille Lauro* and the murder of Leon Klinghoffer) and calling for the creation of an international coordinating committee on terrorism and for proposals to protect

Americans abroad (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 411).

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Suspensions Failed: House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following bills:

Cooper-Hewitt Museum: S. 583, to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan and construct facilities for the Cooper-Hewitt Museum (failed by a yea-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 410); and

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Consumer product safety amendments: H.R. 3456, amended, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to extend it for three fiscal years (failed by a recorded vote of 264 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 412, two-thirds of those present not voting in favor).

Page 32419

Colombia Volcanic Eruption: House passed H.J. Res. 459, reaffirming the friendship of the people of the United States with the people of Colombia following the devastating volcanic eruption of November 13, 1985.

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Federal Retirement/New Jersey Mail Center: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2672, to redesignate the New York International and Bulk Mail Center in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "New Jersey International and Bulk Mail Center," and to honor the memory of a former postal employee by dedicating a portion of a street at the New York International and Bulk Mail Center in Jersey City, New Jersey, as "Michael McDermott Place"; and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, for consideration of all matters: Representatives Ford of Michigan, Clay, Oakar, Taylor, and Myers of Indiana; appointed as additional conferees, for consideration of Senate amendment No. 3: from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, solely for consideration of title IV, and modifications thereof committed to conference: Representatives Hamilton, Stokes, Beilenson, Stump, and Ireland; from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, solely for consideration of title V, and modifications thereof committed to conference: Representatives Mica, Kostmayer, and Snowe; and from the Committee on Ways and Means, solely for consideration of section 101 establishing a new subchapter III of chapter 84, Thrift Savings Plan; establishing a new section 8475 in subchapter VII, transition provisions; title II; and section 305, and modifications thereof committed to conference: Representatives Rostenkowski, Russo, Stark, Archer, and Thomas of California.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference

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

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Transportation Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 414, the House agreed to the Young of Florida motion that instructs House conferees to insist on the House position with respect to funding levels for Coast Guard operating expenses in the conference on H.R. 3244, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986.

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Military Construction Appropriations: House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3327, making appropriations for military construction for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986.

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House receded from its disagreement and concurred, with amendment, in Senate amendments numbered 3, 10, 11, 21, 23, 29, 32, 33, 35, 36, and 37.

Page 32569

House insisted on its disagreement to Senate amendment numbered 27—clearing the measure for Senate action.

Page 32571

Joint Chiefs of Staff Reorganization: By a yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 27 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 416, the House passed H.R. 3622, to amend title 10, United States Code, to strengthen the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to provide for more efficient and effective operation of the Armed Forces.

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Agreed to the committee amendment, as amended by the Nichols technical amendment.

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Agreed To:

The Bennett amendment, as amended by the Aspin substitute amendment, that requires the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to submit to the Secretary of Defense any opinion in disagreement with the military advice of the Chairman;

Page 32606

The Bennett amendment that strikes provisions that eliminated the limitation on the number of officers on the Joint Staff. The Skelton amendment to the Bennett amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require the Secretary of Defense to prescribe the maximum number of officers that may serve on the Joint Staff and provide for offsetting reductions if the number of officers exceeds 400;

Page 32608

The Dellums amendment that strikes the provision that required the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff to attend all meetings of the National Security Council, and provides that the Chairman may attend the meetings as directed by the President; and

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The McCurdy amendment that establishes within the Joint Staff a directorate of net assessment to provide direct expertise to the Chairman.

Page 32617

Rejected the Bennett amendment that sought to establish a chain of command for military operations with a minimum number of levels of command (rejected by a recorded vote of 47 yeas to 366 noes, Roll No. 415).

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The Clerk was authorized to make clerical and technical corrections in the engrossment of the bill.

Page 32621

H. Res. 322, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Gold Coins: Objection was heard to a unanimous-consent request for the consideration of S. 1639, to authorize the minting of gold bullion coins.

Page 32622

Joint Session: House agreed to H. Con. Res. 234, providing for a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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District Work Period: House agreed to H. Con. Res. 235, providing for an adjournment of the House from November 21 to December 2, 1985, and an adjournment of the Senate from November 21, 22, or November 23 to December 2, 1985.

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Referrals: Four Senate-passed measures were referred to the appropriate House committees.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages 32518, 32619, 32621. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ARMS CONTROL ISSUES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Procurement and Military Systems, Arms Control and Disarmament Panel concluded oversight hearings on treaties and proposals dealing with nuclear weapons testing, verification and production. Testimony was heard from William E. Colby, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.