OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee began markup of proposed legislation to provide for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Monday, October 23.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed hearings to examine the status of religious liberty in the United States and whether there is a need for further legal protection, receiving testimony from Steven T. McFarland, Christian Legal Society's Center for Law and Religious Freedom, Annandale, Virginia; Douglas Laycock, University of Texas Law School, Austin; Oliver S. Thomas, Maryville, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; Michael W. McConnell, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; and Forest D. Montgomery, National Association of Evangelicals, Washington, D.C.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, October 25.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 2517–2518 were introduced. **Page H10520**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2371, to provide trade agreements authority to the President, amended (H. Rept. 104–285, Part 1);

Conference report on H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–286);

H.R. 1358, to require the Secretary of Commerce to convey the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory located on Emerson Avenue in Gloucester, Massachusetts, amended (H. Rept. 104–287); and

H.R. 2005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections in maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (H. Rept. 104–288). **Pages H10488–H10520**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a message from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10487**

Recess: House recessed at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened at 6:35 p.m. **Page H10487**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10487.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 23 through 28, 1995

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday,* Senate will consider S. 1322, regarding the relocation of the Embassy in Israel, and may consider S. 1328, to amend the commencement dates of certain temporary Federal judgeships, S. 1004, to authorize appropriations for the U.S. Coast Guard, and S. 325, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans.

On *Wednesday,* Senate may consider the Omnibus Reconciliation Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may also consider S. 908, State Department Authorizations/Reorganization, H.R. 2127, Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations, 1996, conference reports (when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, October 24, 1995, from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on the Budget, business meeting, to continue to mark up proposed legislation to provide for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, time to be announced, SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 25, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

October 26, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings to examine alternatives to Federal forest land management and to compare land management cost and benefits on Federal and State lands, 9 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 24, business meeting, to mark up S. 1316, to revise and authorize funds for programs of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and to consider other pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 23, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to resume hearings to examine the status and future of affirmative action, 10 a.m., SD–226.

October 24, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on S. 1101, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, 10 a.m., SD–226.

October 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD–226.

October 25, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the status of religious liberty in the United States and whether there is a need for further legal protection, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business: October 24, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Small Business to examine a report on the cost of regulation on small business, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 25, to hold hearings on S. 293, to authorize the payment to States of per diem for veterans receiving adult day health care, S. 403, to provide for the organization and administration of the Readjustment Counseling Service, to improve eligibility for readjustment counseling and related counseling, S. 425, to require the establishment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of mental illness research, education, and clinical centers, S. 548, to provide quality standards for mammograms performed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 612, to provide for a hospice care pilot program for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 644, to reauthorize the establishment of research corporations in the Veterans Health Administration, 10 a.m., SR–418.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 26, to hold hearings on S. 1341, to provide for the transfer of certain lands to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the city of Scottsdale, Arizona, 9:30 a.m., SR–485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 25, to hold hearings to examine intelligence's support to law enforcement, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

Special Committee on Aging: October 26, to hold hearings to examine the quality of care in nursing homes, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

House Chamber

Monday, House is not in session.

Tuesday, Call of the Corrections Calendar:

1. H.R. 782, Federal Employee Representative Improvement Act;

2. H.R. 117, Senior Citizens Housing Safety Act of 1995; and

3. H.R. 1114, Paper Balers Act;

Consideration of the following two Suspensions:

1. H.R. 716, Fisherman's Protection Act; and

2. H.R. 1595, Jerusalem Embassy Relocation Implementation Act of 1995; and

Motion to go to conference on H.R. 1058, Securities Litigation Reform Act.

Wednesday and Thursday, Consideration of H.R. 2492, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 subject to a rule being granted;

Conference report on H.R. 2002, Transportation Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 (subject to a rule being granted);

Motion to go to conference on H.R. 2099, VA–HUD Appropriations Act of fiscal year 1996; and

H.R. 2491, Budget Reconciliation Act for fiscal year 1996 (subject to a rule being granted).

Friday, No legislation business is scheduled.

NOTE.—Conference reports may be brought up at any time. Any further legislative program will be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 25, Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry, hearing to consider rural development reforms and the Agricultural Relief and Trade Act of 1995, 3 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, October 24, to consider a measure making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, October 25, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 718, Markets and Trading Reorganization and Reform Act, 10 a.m. 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, October 24, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, hearing on H.R. 2131, Capital Markets Deregulation and Liberalization Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on the Reform of Superfund Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1514, Propane Education and Research Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, October 25, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the Fair Labor Standards Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, October 24, hearing on White House Travel Office, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on Civil Service, to continue hearings on Civil Service Reform I: NPR and the Case for Reform, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on Taxpayer-funded Political Advocacy, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, oversight hearing on Census Bureau: Preparations for the 2000 Census, 12 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 26, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Civil Service Reform II: Performance and Accountability, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, October 25, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, October 24, hearing on the United Nations at 50: Prospects for Reform, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on United States-Japan Relations and American Interests in Asia: Striking a New Balance, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, joint hearing on Trade Issues Regarding Chile and other Latin American Countries in Light of the NAFTA Experience, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on the United Nations: Management, Finance, and Reform, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 24, to continue markup of H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995; and to consider private claims bills, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing regarding the Economic and Social Impact of Race and Gender Preference Programs, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 1946, Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act of 1995, 10 a.m., B352 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 2235, Prior Domestic Commercial Use Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding methamphetamine, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, October 24, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on H.R. 2466, Federal Land Exchange Improvement Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 24, Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, to mark up H.R. 1906, Central Valley Project Reform Act of 1995, 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 24, Salvage Timber and Forest Health Task Force, oversight hearing on Timber Salvage, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 25, full Committee, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 26, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2067, to facilitate improved management of National Park Service Lands; H.R. 2025, Park Renewal Fund Act; and H.R. 2465, National Park Service Professionalization Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, October 24, to consider the following: Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and a measure making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 4 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

October 25, to consider H.R. 2491, Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1995, 10 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, October 24, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 25, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 2196, National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995; and to consider Committee business, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 25, oversight hearing or ''IRS Initiatives to Reduce Regulatory and Paperwork Burdens upon Small Business,'' 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 26, Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up the Federal Aviation Administration Revitalization Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the sale of 501 First Street, S.E., 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, October 25, Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, oversight hearing concerning issues at the Harry S Truman VA Medical Center in Columbia, Missouri, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, October 26, hearing on H.R. 2494, Thrift Charter Conversion Tax Act of 1995, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conferees: October 24, on H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 2 p.m., H–140, Capitol.

Conferees: October 24, on H.R. 1655, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 5 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

Joint hearing: October 24, Senate Committee on Small Business, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Small Business to examine a report on the cost of regulation on small business, 10 a.m., SD–G50.