

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Defense Appropriations, 1997.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8065–S8327

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1970–1974, and S. Res. 280 and 281.

Pages S8156–57

Measures Passed:

DOD Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and by 72 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 200), the bill was passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1894, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on amendments pending thereto:

Pages S8065–70

Rejected:

Harkin/Simon Amendment No. 4492, relating to payments by the Department of Defense of restructuring costs associated with business combinations. (By 71 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 199), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S8065–66

Levin Amendment No. 4893, to strike funding for new production of F-16 aircraft in excess of six, and transfer the funding to increase funding for anti-terrorism support. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 198), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Mack, Shelby, Gregg, Hatfield, Inouye, Hollings, Johnston, Byrd, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, and Harkin.

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Subsequently, S. 1894 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Regarding Crash of TWA Flight 800: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 202), Senate agreed to S. Res. 280, expressing the sense of the

Senate regarding the tragic crash of TWA Flight 800.

Pages S8104–05

Authorizing Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 281, to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel.

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Child Abuse Prevention: Senate passed S. 919, to modify and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8303–11

Roth (for Coats) Amendment No. 4926, to establish eligibility requirements, and provide funding through fiscal year 2001.

Pages S8309–11

Budget Reconciliation: Senate began consideration of S. 1956, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S8070–S8150

Adopted:

Lott Amendment No. 4894, to strike provisions providing for the restructuring of Medicaid.

Pages S8081–84

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 204) Dodd Amendment No. 4902, to restore health and safety protections with respect to child care.

Pages S8109–13

Roth (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 4906, to protect recipients of federal energy assistance.

Pages S8119–20

Roth (for Craig) Amendment No. 4907, to modify the requirement for expedited procedures to establish paternity and to establish, modify, and enforce support obligations.

Pages S8119–21

Roth (for McCain) Amendment No. 4908, to provide for child support enforcement agreements between the States and Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

Pages S8119, S8121–23

Roth (for Coats/Wyden) Amendment No. 4909, to require a State plan for foster care and adoption assistance to provide for the protection of the rights

of families, using adult relatives as the preferred placement for children separated from their parents where such relatives meet the relevant State child protection standards. **Pages S8119, S8123**

Kerry Modified Amendment No. 4913, to require the implementation of a corrective action plan in States in which child poverty has increased. **Pages S8134–35**

Harkin/Coats Amendment No. 4915, to require each family receiving assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to enter into a personal responsibility agreement. **Pages S8136, S8138**

Wellstone/Murray Amendment No. 4919, to ensure that States which receive block grants under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act establish standards and procedures regarding individuals receiving assistance under such part who have a history of domestic abuse, who have been victimized by domestic abuse, and who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty. **Pages S8141–42**

Dodd/Snowe Amendment No. 4922, to correct provisions relating to quality standards for child care. **Page S8148**

Roth (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 4923, to encourage individuals to provide child care services. **Page S8149**

Roth (for Coats) Amendment No. 4924, to provide for the establishment of individual development accounts. **Page S8149**

Roth (for Abraham) Amendment No. 4925, to establish an illegitimacy reduction bonus fund. **Pages S8149–50**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 201), Daschle Amendment No. 4897, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8088–S8104**

Pending:

Murray Amendment No. 4903, to restore funds for the summer food service program for children. **Pages S8114–18**

Faircloth Amendment No. 4905, to prohibit recruitment activities in SSI outreach programs, demonstration projects, and other administrative activities. **Pages S8118–19**

Breaux Amendment No. 4910, to ensure needy children receive non-cash assistance to provide for basic needs until the Federal 5-year time limit applies. **Pages S8123–26**

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 4910, listed above. **Page S8126**

Faircloth Amendment No. 4911, to address multi-generational welfare dependency. **Pages S8126–27, S8143**

Biden/Specter Amendment No. 4912, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8127–31**

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 4912, listed above. **Page S8131**

Frist Modified Amendment No. 4914, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should ensure approval of State waiver requests. **Pages S8131–34**

Harkin Amendment No. 4916, to strike section 1253, relating to child nutrition requirements. **Pages S8136–38**

Santorum (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 4917, to ensure that recipients or caretakers of minor recipients of means-tested benefits programs are held responsible for ensuring that their minor children are up to date on immunizations as a condition for receiving welfare benefits. **Pages S8138–39**

Wellstone/Simon Amendment No. 4918, to require a report to Congress on the impact of increased numbers of impoverished children and recommendations for legislation to correct the increase. **Pages S8139–41**

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 4918, listed above. **Page S8141**

Graham Amendment No. 4921, to strike the provisions restricting welfare and public benefits for aliens. **Pages S8145–48**

Withdrawn:

DeWine Amendment No. 4920, to amend the Social Security Act to clarify that the reasonable efforts requirement includes consideration of the health and safety of the child. **Pages S8142–43**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

Senate sustained a point of order that Section 1511 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 2923 of the bill was in violation of Section 313(b)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the provisions were stricken from the bill. **Page S8081**

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 203), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Ashcroft Amendment No. 4901, to ensure that welfare recipients are drug-free as a condition for receiving welfare assistance. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S8105–09**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. **Page S8113**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Friday, July 19, 1996.

Safe Drinking Water Act—Conferees: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1316, to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act"), agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Chafee, Kempthorne, Thomas, Warner, Baucus, Reid, and Lautenberg. **Pages S8311–27**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following Nominations:

James P. Jones, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

Donald W. Molloy, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S8154–55**

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Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S8157–62**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8298–S8303**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—204) **Pages S8066, S8069, S8103–05, S8108–09, S8112–13**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:30 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, July 19, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8327.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION/LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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

H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments; and

H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the government of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr., David Clarke, Chairman, District of Columbia Council, and Andrew Brimmer, Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, all of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the performance of the United States economy and the conduct of monetary policy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NATURAL DISASTER PROTECTION AND INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1043, to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Mary Griffin, Consumers Union, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America, and Jordan Clark, United Homeowners Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Leonard Schulte, on behalf of the Florida State House of Representatives, Tallahassee; and Anthony R. O'Neill, National Fire Protection Association, Arlington, Virginia.

OREGON INLET PROTECTION/VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 988, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain land to the Secretary of the Army to facilitate construction of a jetty and sand transfer system, and S. 1805, to provide for the management of Voyageurs National Park, after receiving testimony from Senator Helms; Representative Jones; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Fish and Wildlife and Parks, and Denis P. Galvin, Associate Director, National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior; H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Wilma B. Liebman, Deputy Director, and Maureen Labenski, Regional Director, both of the

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.; North Carolina State Senator Marc Basnight, and Col. Daniel E. McDonald, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Ret.), all of Raleigh; Minnesota State Senators Steve Morse, Gene Merriam, and Bob Lessard, Minnesota State Representative Dee Long, and Martin N. Kellogg, UFE Incorporated, all of St. Paul; Mike Forsman, St. Louis County Board of Commissioners, Ely, Minnesota; Wade Pavleck, Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Northern Counties Land-Use Coordinating Board, and Don Parmeter, both of International Falls, Minnesota; John J. Vogel, St. Louis County Land Department, John Pastor, University of Minnesota, and David F. Zentner, all of Duluth, Minnesota; John F. Thornton, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; Katharine Dixon, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; Clarence P. Skinner, Dare County Board of Commissioners, John P. Newbold, North Carolina Beach Buggy Association, and Harry B. Schiffman, all of Manteo, North Carolina; and Carol Selsaas, Cohasset, Minnesota.

HONG KONG

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs resumed hearings to examine United States' interests in the future economic and political stability of Hong Kong after it reverts to the jurisdiction of the People's Republic of China on July 1, 1997, receiving testimony from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Merle Goldman, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research/Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts; Andrew Y. Au, Alliance of Hong Kong Chinese in the United States, Gaithersburg, Maryland; Sidney Jones, Human Rights Watch Asia, New York, New York; and Douglas Henck, American Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WHITE HOUSE INFORMATION ACCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed hearings in open and closed session to examine the dissemination of Federal Bureau of Investigation background investigation reports and other information to the White House. Present but not testifying was Anthony B. Marceca, former White House Office of Personnel Security Staff.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

YOUTH VIOLENCE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine the role of the Federal Government and nongovernment organizations in establishing solutions for combatting juvenile crime, after receiving

testimony from Gerald P. Regier, Oklahoma Department of Juvenile Justice, Oklahoma City, and former Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice; James Fox, Northeastern University, and Eugene Rivers, Azusa Christian Community, on behalf of the Ten Point Coalition, both of Boston, Massachusetts; John Dilulio, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, on behalf of the Brookings Institution; Jimmy Gurule, University of Notre Dame School of Law, South Bend, Indiana; Edward Humes, Seal Beach, California; and Dale and Doreen Robie, Sovona, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1264, to provide for certain benefits of the Missouri River basin Pick-Sloan project to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1834, to authorize funds for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992; and

S. 1869, to make certain technical corrections to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and to authorize funds through fiscal year 2000 for the California Contract Health Services Demonstration Program, Medicare and Medicaid Demonstration Program, Gallop Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center, Substance Abuse Counselor Education Demonstration Program, and Home and Community-Based Care Demonstration Program.

INDIAN LANDS

Select Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 2464, to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation, and S. 1893, to provide for the settlement of issues and claims related to the trust lands of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians of California, after receiving testimony in behalf of H.R. 2464 from Maitland Sharpe, Assistant Director for Resources, Planning and Assessment, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; John Paul Kennedy, on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Ibapah, Utah; and John A. Harja, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, Salt Lake City, Utah; and after receiving testimony in behalf of S. 1893 from Representative Bono; Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Mary Belardo, Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Tribe of Indians, Thermal, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3845–3860; 1 private bill, H.R. 3861; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 185, and H. Res. 484 were introduced.

Pages H8029–30

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1786, to regulate fishing in certain waters of Alaska (H. Rept. 104–687);

H. Res. 483, providing for consideration of H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–688);

H.R. 3845, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–689);

H.R. 3118, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform eligibility for health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 104–690);

H.R. 1784, to validate certain conveyances made by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company within the cities of Reno, Nevada, and Tulare, California (H. Rept. 104–691);

H.R. 2940, to amend the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, amended (H. Rept. 104–692 Part I); and

H.R. 2145, to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 104–693 Part I).

Pages H8028–29

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

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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Personal Responsibility Act: By a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 331, the House passed H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

Pages H7784–H7990

By a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 330, rejected the Tanner motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with the following amendment: in section 408(a)(8)(A) of the Social Security Act, as proposed to be added by section 4103(a)(1), insert "cash" before "assistance to a family".

Pages H7988–89

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

Pages H7820–H7903

Agreed to the Ney amendment that requires able-bodied food stamp recipients between the ages of 18 and 50 with no dependents to work at least 20 hours a week or lose eligibility (agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 328);

Pages H7903–07

Rejected the Tanner amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to reform the nation's welfare system, provide vouchers to assist children whose parents are denied benefits, and include provisions for children of non-citizens to receive food stamps (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 329).

Pages H7907–87

H. Res. 482, the rule which provided for further consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 358 yeas to 54 nays, Roll No. 327.

Pages H7784–96

The Chair overruled a point of order under section 425 of the Budget Act against consideration of H.R. 3734 on the basis that all points of order against consideration of the bill were waived by a previous order by unanimous consent on July 17, and held that a point of order under section 426 of the Budget Act against H. Res. 482 would not be timely after the adoption of that resolution. The point of order asserted that, under section 425, the bill constituted an unfunded intergovernmental mandate, and further, under section 426, the House is prohibited from considering a rule providing for it.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: It was made in order at any time for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of H.R. 3845, 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, 1997; that all points of order against the bill be dispensed with; that all points of order against the bill and against its consideration be waived; that general debate be confined to the bill and be limited

to one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; that after general debate the bill be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule; that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole be authorized to postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole be authorized to reduce to five minutes the minimum time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than 15 minutes; that after the reading of the final lines of the bill, a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee, have precedence over a motion to amend; that at the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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Labor Management Cooperative Efforts: House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 743, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive—clearing the measure for the President.

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Legislative Program: Representative Walker announced the legislative program for the week of July 22. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

Pages H7990–91

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 22 for morning hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of July 24.

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Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals from private life on the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial assistance: Mr. Thomas E. Dillon of California and Mr. William A. Irwin of Pennsylvania.

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Defense Authorization Conferees: The Chair announced the following modifications to the Conference appointment to H.R. 3230: Delete section 724 of the Senate amendment from the panel appointed from the Committee on Commerce; the panel from the Committee on Commerce, consisting of Representatives Bliley, Oxley, and Dingell, is also appointed for the consideration of section 3174 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to Conference; and the Panel from the Committee on Science is also appointed for the consideration of section 1044 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to Conference.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8030–31.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7783.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7795–96, H7906–07, H7987, H7988–89, and H7989–90. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3553, Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization Act of 1996; H.R. 447, amended, to establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; and H.R. 1186, amended, Professional Boxing Safety Act.

OVERSIGHT—TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held an oversight hearing on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Reed E. Hundt, Chairman; James Quello, Susan Ness and Rachelle B. Chong, all Commissioners.

RISING COST OF COLLEGE

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-long Learning held a hearing on the rising cost of college. Testimony was heard from Neal H. Rosenhthyal, Chief, Division of Occupational Outlook, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OMNIBUS CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3841, Omnibus Civil Service Reform Act of 1996.

POSTAL REFORM ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Postal Service continued hearings on H.R. 3717, Postal Reform Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the rights and benefits of state and local law enforcement officers, with emphasis on the following bills: H.R. 878, Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights; H.R. 218, 1995 Community Protection Initiative; H.R. 1805, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current or former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms; H.R. 2912, All-O'Hara Public Safety Officers Health Benefits Act; and H.R. 3263, Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers Employment Registration Act 1996. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND RECLAMATION AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources approved for full Committee action H.R. 2372, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Amendments Act of 1995.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Lands held an oversight hearing on National Park Service Concessions Management. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Roger Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations) against provisions in the bill. The rule provides for priority in recognition to those amendments that have been preprinted in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall have precedence over a motion to amend, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee after the reading of the final lines of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Myers of Indiana and Beville.

NASA'S UNCOSTED CARRY-OVER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Uncosted Carry-Over. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Schulz, Associate Director, National Security, International Affairs Division, GAO; and Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

UNFAIR GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Continued hearings on Unfair Government-Supported Competition with Small Business. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3719, Small Business Programs Improvement Act of 1996.

OVERSIGHT—GSA LEASING PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development continued oversight hearings on GSA Leasing Program. Testimony was heard from David Barram, Acting Administrator, GSA; J. William Gadsby, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and a public witness.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization Transportation Finance in an Era of Scarce Resources: Innovating Financing. Testimony was heard from Representative DeLauro; Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; John R. Platt, Chief of Staff, Department of Transportation, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 25.

**REPLACING FEDERAL INCOME TAX—
IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITIVENESS**

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the impact of international competitiveness of replacing the Federal Income Tax. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENCRYPTION POLICY BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: The Committee on International Relations and the Committee on the Judiciary met in executive session to receive a joint briefing on Encryption Policy. The Committees were briefed by departmental officials.

Joint Meetings**POST-COMMUNIST TRANSITION**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to

examine property restitution, compensation, and preservation in post-Communist Europe, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; and Delissa A. Ridgway, Chair, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 19, 1996**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3756, 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, 1997, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jeffrey S. Davidow, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, 11 a.m., SD-419.

House

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, oversight hearing on the District of Columbia cash status, operating deficit, and private financial market access, 9 a.m. 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, July 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1956, Budget Reconciliation.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 22

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of 5 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 497, National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission Act;
2. H.R. 3267, Child Pilot Safety Act;
3. H.R. 3536, Airline Pilot Hiring Safety Act;
4. H.R. 3159, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments; and
5. H.R. 3665, census of Agriculture Act; and

Consideration of H.R. 3845, District of Columbia Appropriations Act for FY 1997 (1 hour of general debate).
No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

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