

Thursday, September 12, 1996

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Passed Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report.  
House Committees ordered reported 9 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10349–S10509*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2067–2071, and S. Res. 290. **Page S10426, S10429–30**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3755, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–368)

**Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1997:** Senate continued consideration of 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, agreeing to further excepted committee amendments, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10349–74, S10377–S10400**

Adopted:

Shelby (for Grams) Amendment No. 5261, to require the Internal Revenue Service to allocate sufficient funds and staff for providing improved IRS 1–800 help line service to taxpayers. **Pages S10355–56**

Shelby (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 5262, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using color printing for purposes other than to call attention to changes in tax law or to make tax forms easier to use. **Pages S10355–56**

Shelby (for Levin) Amendment No. 5263, to express the sense of the Senate to fully support the U.S. negotiators' position in the Framework Agreement on Autos and Auto Parts with Japan. **Pages S10355–56**

Shelby (for Thompson) Amendment No. 5264, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to

conduct a pilot program involving States participation in the FTS2000 program. **Pages S10355–56**

Shelby (for Bingaman/Jeffords) Amendment No. 5271, to provide for a reduction in the energy costs of the facilities used by an agency. **Pages S10357–61**

Shelby (for Daschle) Amendment No. 5272, to establish a national repository for arson and explosive information. **Pages S10357–61**

Shelby (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 5273, to reform the commemorative coin programs of the United States Mint in order to protect the integrity of such programs and prevent losses of Government funds. **Pages S10357–61**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified. **Pages S10373–74**

Shelby (for McCain) Amendment No. 5274, to provide for the continuation of the term of a member of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship Board after the member's term has expired until a successor is chosen. **Pages S10357–61**

Shelby (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 5275, to allow the Department of the Interior to transfer directly to Indian tribes in North and South Dakota portable housing units at the Grand Forks Air Force Base which have been declared excess by the Department of Defense. **Pages S10357–61**

Shelby (for Byrd) Amendment No. 5276, to provide funding for the establishment of a flexiplace work telecommuting center in West Virginia. **Pages S10357–61**

Shelby (for Hatfield) Amendment No. 5277, to make funds available for the renovation of the Pioneer Courthouse in Portland, Oregon. **Pages S10357–61**

Shelby (for Gramm) Amendment No. 5278, to express the sense of the Senate in support of new border station construction in Laredo, Texas. **Pages S10357–61**

Committee amendment beginning on page 129, line 20, through page 130, line 18, to strike section

638 limiting the number of White House political appointees to 2,300. (By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 288), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S10366–72

By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 289), Lautenberg Amendment No. 5241, to prohibit persons convicted of a crime involving domestic violence from owning or possessing firearms.

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Shelby Amendment No. 5313, to provide funding for the review of trade issues authorized by the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (P.L. 103–182).

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Shelby (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 5314, to transfer certain General Services Administration funds for Basic Repairs and Alterations to Policy and Operations.

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Kohl Amendment No. 5244, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish as a Federal offense the possession of a gun within 1000 yards of a school. (By 27 yeas to 72 nays (Vote No. 290), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S10383–85, S10395–96

McCain/Helms Amendment No. 5266, to increase funding for drug interdiction efforts.

Pages S10388–89

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 286), Reid/Levin/Biden Modified Amendment No. 5256, to refer the White House travel office matter to the Court of Federal Claims.

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Kerry Amendment No. 5279, to make funds available for a study of tagging explosive materials. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S10361–66

Pending:

Kassebaum Amendment No. 5235 (to committee amendment on page 16, line 16, through page 17, line 2), to express the sense of the Senate regarding communications between physicians and their patients.

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Daschle Amendment No. 5234, to establish health insurance equity for Congressional and contract employees.

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Ashcroft Amendment No. 5316 (to Amendment No. 5234), to provide for workforce flexibility for employees of certain Federal contractors.

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Biden Amendment No. 5295, to provide for the rescheduling of flunitrazepam into schedule of the Controlled Substance Act.

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Graham Amendment No. 5245, to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have emergency and urgent care provided and paid for by establishing a definition of an emergency medical condition that is based upon the prudent layperson standard.

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Hatch Amendment No. 5315 (to Amendment No. 5295), to amend the Controlled Substances Act

to provide a penalty for the use of a controlled substance with the intent to commit a crime of violence, including rape.

Pages S10393–95

Withdrawn:

Hatch Modified Amendment No. 5257 (to Amendment No. 5256), to reimburse the victims of the White House Travel Office firing and investigation.

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**Department of the Interior Appropriations, 1997—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 3662, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, on Friday, September 13, 1996.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—290)

Pages S10353, S10366, S10372, S10380, S10396

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 13, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10508–09.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported, with amendments, H.R. 3755, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

### COUNTERTERRORISM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary and Related

Agencies concluded open and closed hearings on Administration counterterrorism strategies, focusing on a proposed funding initiative to reduce the threat of terrorism both nationally and abroad, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

## IRAQ

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee held hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq, receiving testimony from James A. Baker, former Secretary of State; and Anthony Cordesman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

Committee recessed subject to call.

## DOD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings to examine the practices and procedures of the investigative services of the Department of Defense and the military departments concerning investigations into the deaths of military personnel which may have resulted from self-inflicted causes, after receiving testimony from Representatives Pallone and Brownback; Eleanor Hill, Inspector General, Brig. Gen. Daniel A. Doherty, Commanding General, United States Army Criminal Investigation Command, Roy D. Nedrow, Director, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and Brig. Gen. Francis X. Taylor, Commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, all of the Department of Defense; and certain public witnesses.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 531, to designate the Great Western Scenic Trail as a study trail under the National Trails System Act;

H.R. 1091, to improve the National Park System in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1844, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to direct a study on the opportunities for enhanced water based recreation, with an amendment;

H.R. 1786, to regulate fishing in certain waters in Alaska;

S. 1010, to amend the "unit of general local government" definition for Federal payments in lieu of taxes to include unorganized boroughs in Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1889, to authorize the exchange of certain lands conveyed to the Kenai Natives Association pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to make adjustments to the National Wilderness System, with an amendment;

S. 1804, to make technical and other changes to the laws dealing with the territories and Freely Associated States of the United States, with amendments;

H.R. 655, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1996 through 1998 for hydrogen research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy, with an amendment;

S. 1809, entitled "Aleutian World War II National Historic Sites Act of 1996";

S. 608, to establish the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in New Bedford, Massachusetts, with an amendment;

S. 695, to provide for the establishment of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Kansas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 902, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the construction of a building to be used jointly by the Secretary for park purposes and by the city of Natchez, Mississippi, as an intermodal transportation center, with an amendment;

S. 951, to commemorate the service of First Ladies Jacqueline Kennedy and Patricia Nixon to improving and maintaining the Executive Residence of the President and to authorize grants to the White House Endowment Fund in their memory to continue their work, with an amendment;

S. 1127, to establish the Vancouver National Historic Reserve in the State of Washington, with an amendment;

S. 1699, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico;

S. 1706, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation with respect to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in the State of Georgia;

H.R. 3198, to authorize funds to establish a national cooperative geologic mapping program between the United States Geological Survey and State geological surveys;

S. 1649, to extend contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation districts in Kansas and Nebraska, with an amendment;

S. 1719, to require the Secretary of the Interior to offer to sell to certain public agencies the indebtedness representing the remaining repayment balance of certain Bureau of Reclamation projects in Texas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1921, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain facilities at the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District in the State of Idaho, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1986, to provide for the completion of the Umatilla Basin Project in the State of Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2015, to convey certain real property located within the Carlsbad Project in the State of New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District;

S. 2033, to repeal requirements for unnecessary or obsolete reports from the Department of Energy, with an amendment; and

H.R. 2636, to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia.

### NATIONAL PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess up to \$2 per person visiting the Grand Canyon or other national parks to secure bonds for capital improvements to the park, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Robert Koons, Grand Canyon Fund and Grand Canyon Association, Grand Canyon, Arizona; Aubrey C. King, Travel and Tourism Government Affairs Council, and James D. Maddy, National Park Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert Everidge, National Tour Association, Inc., Alexandria, Vir-

ginia; and Barbara Basser-Bigio, Goldman, Sachs and Company, New York, New York.

### NORTH KOREA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine the status of United States-North Korea relations, after receiving testimony from Representative Tony Hall; Mark Minton, Director, Office of Korean Affairs, Department of State; RAdm. William Wright, Director, Office of Asia/Pacific Affairs, Bureau of International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; Stanley O. Roth, Director of Research and Studies, United States Institute of Peace; James R. Lilley, American Enterprise Institute, Robert L. Galucci, Georgetown University, and William J. Taylor, Jr., Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donald P. Gregg, Korea Society, and Stephen W. Bosworth, Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, both of New York, New York.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* On Wednesday, September 11, committee met in closed session to consider pending committee business, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 4062–4077; 1 private bill, H.R. 4078; and 3 resolutions, H. Con Res. 213–214, and H. Res. 251, were introduced.

**Pages H10385–86**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–782);

H.R. 3876, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, amended (H. Rept. 104–783); and

H.R. 3460, to establish the Patent and Trademark Office as a Government corporation, amended (H. Rept. 104–784).

**Pages H10237–H10329, H10385**

**Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 413, the House passed the conference report to accompany H.R. 3816, making appropri-

tions for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

**Pages H10237–H10329, H10336–44**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference.

**Pages H10343–44**

Earlier, it was made in order that at any time on Thursday, September 12 or any day thereafter, to consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 3816; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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**M-F-N Treatment to Cambodia:** House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1642, to extend non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Cambodia—clearing the measure for the President.

**Pages H10344–45**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of September 16. Agreed that when the House adjourns

today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, September 16.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourns to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, for morning hour debates.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of September 18.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H10344. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### STATE TRADING ENTERPRISES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review State Trading Enterprises. Testimony was heard from Senator Kohl; Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, USDA; and public witnesses.

The Committee also met to consider pending Committee business.

### HATCH ACT VIOLATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture met to consider Hatch Act and related law violations.

### CONSUMER DEBT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on consumer debt. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Lindsey, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Ricki Helfer, Chairman, FDIC; Eugene Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY, ANTI-THEFT, TITLE REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 1996

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 2900, National Motor Vehicle Safety, Anti-Theft, Title Reform, and Consumer Protection Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FCC MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1996

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3957, FCC Modernization Act of 1996.

### OVERSIGHT—FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held an oversight hearing on the Fair Labor Standards Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Tate; and public witnesses.

### OFF LABEL DRUG USE AND FDA REVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTAL DRUG APPLICATIONS

*Committee on Government and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on Off Label Drug Use and FDA Review of Supplemental Drug Applications. Testimony was heard from Sarah Jagger, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael Friedman, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, Operations, FDA; and Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; and public witnesses.

### CHINA'S MILITARY SALES TO IRAN

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Consequences of China's Military Sales to Iran. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION LENDING TO ASIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on International Financial Institution Lending to Asia. Testimony was heard from David Lipton, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### ROLE OF CONGRESS IN MONITORING ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the role of Congress in monitoring administrative rulemaking, including the following bills: H.R. 47, Regulatory Relief and Reform Act; H.R. 2727, Congressional Responsibility Act of 1995; and H.R. 2990, Significant Regulation Oversight Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of Michigan, Hayworth, Taylor of North Carolina and Brewster; and public witnesses.

### ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL PROSECUTORS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 3386, Ethical Standards for Federal Prosecutors Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representative

McDade; Seth P. Waxman, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### CHILDREN'S PRIVACY PROTECTION AND PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 3508, Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Franks of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—HOUSE TASK FORCE ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on Alleged Deception of Congressional Delegation to Miami District of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Bromwich, Inspector General; Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Chris Sale, Deputy Commissioner and William Slattery, Executive Associate Commissioner, all with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on National Security:* Ordered reported amended the following measures: H.R. 4000, to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore the provisions of chapter 76 of that title, relating to missing persons as in effect before the amendments made by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997; H.R. 3142, Uniformed Services Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act; H. Con. Res. 200, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; and H. Con. Res. 180, commending the Americans who served the United States during the period known as the cold war.

#### ARMY STRATEGIC MOBILITY PROGRAM

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on infrastructure requirements to support the Army strategic mobility program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Maj. Gen. Frank Miller, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management; Maj. Gen. Charles Mahan, USA, Director, Supply and Maintenance, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Logistics; and Brig. Gen. Howard von Kaenel, USA, Director, Plans and Policy, Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans.

#### B-2 BOMBER

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the B-2 Bomb-

er. Testimony was heard from Representative Dicks; and public witnesses.

#### AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION ACT OF 1996

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3752, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-43). Testimony was heard from Representative Hutchinson; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### FISHERIES ACT OF 1995

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Fisheries Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-43). Testimony was heard from R. Tucker Scully, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans, Department of State; and Rolland Schmitten, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce.

#### NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA FOREST HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Land held a hearing on H.R. 2712, Northwest California Forest Health and Economic Recovery Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Riggs; John Garamendi, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND FIRE CONTROL

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on Forest Service resource management and fire control. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on progress report on the administrative attempts to implement the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from John Garamendi, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### PREPARING FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS

*Committee on Rules:* Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House and the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process concluded joint hearings on Building on Change: Preparing for the

105th Congress. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skaggs, LaHood, Sawyer, Vucanovich, Waxman, Wolf, Roemer, Norton, Barton of Texas and Houghton.

#### LIFE ON MARS?

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Life on Mars?. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: David S. McKay, Assistant for Exploration, Earth Science and Solar System Exploration Division, Johnson Space Center; and Wesley T. Huntress, Jr., Associate Administrator, Space Science; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3923, amended, Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996; H.R. 3217, amended, National Invasive Species Act of 1996; H.R. 3348, amended, Snow Removal Policy Act; H.R. 3153, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt from regulation the transportation of certain hazardous materials by vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less; and H.R. 4040, Intermodal Safe Container Transportation Amendments Act of 1996.

The Committee also approved 6 Water Resources Survey Resolutions.

#### OVERSIGHT—DRUG INTERDICTION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on drug interdiction and other matters related to the National Drug Control Policy. Testimony was heard from Jess Ford, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Ambassador Robert Gelhard, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; RAdm. Norman, T. Saunders, USCG, Chief, Operations, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Brian Sheri-

dan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Policy and Support, Department of Defense; Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Harvey G. Pothier, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Aviation Operations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Capt. William G. Bozin, USN, Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Policy; Pedro R. Pierluisi, Attorney General, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

#### RURAL HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on rural health care issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gundersen and Poshard; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jeffrey Human, Director, Office of Rural Health; and Kathleen Buto, Associate Administrator, Policy, Health Care Financing Administration; and public witnesses.

#### SSA AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security concluded hearings on the performance of the Social Security Administration as an Independent Agency. Testimony was heard from David C. Williams, Inspector General, SSA; Diana S. Eisenstat, Associate Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1996

##### Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

##### House

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Environmental Compliance Problems Facing Dry Cleaners, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Friday, September 13

*Next Meeting of the House of Representatives*

12 noon, Monday, September 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 3662, Interior Appropriations, 1997.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House is not in session.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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