

*Federal Courts Improvement:* H.R. 3968, amended, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts;

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*Federal Court Cases:* S. 533, to clarify the rules governing removal of cases to Federal court;

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*Repeal of Redundant Venue Provision:* S. 677, to repeal a redundant venue provision;

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*Economic Espionage:* H.R. 3723, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect proprietary economic information (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 416);

Pages H10460–62, H10494–95

*Parole Commission Phaseout:* S. 1507, amended, to provide for the extension of the Parole Commission to oversee cases of prisoners sentenced under prior law, to reduce the size of the Parole Commission;

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*Federal Carjacking Prohibition:* H.R. 3676, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition;

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*George Bush School of Government and Public Service:* H.R. 3803, amended, to authorize funds for the George Bush School of Government and Public Service (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 116 nays, Roll No. 417);

Pages H10465–70, H10495–96

*Space Commercialization Promotion:* H.R. 3936, amended, to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States;

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*Social Security Amendments:* H.R. 4039, amended, to make technical and clarifying amendments to recently enacted provisions relating to titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act and to provide for a temporary extension of demonstration project authority in the Social Security Administration;

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*Dolley Madison Commemorative Coin:* H.R. 1684, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison; agreed to amend the title;

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*George Washington Commemorative Coin:* H.R. 2026, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the death of George Washington; and

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*Black Revolutionary War Patriots Commemorative Coin:* H.R. 1776, amended, to require the Sec-

retary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of black revolutionary war patriots; agreed to amend the title.

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**Order of Business:** It was made in order that, notwithstanding clause 1 of rule 27, the Speaker may entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass the following bills on Wednesday, September 18, 1996: H.R. 2594, H.R. 2940, H.R. 3923, H.R. 3348, H.R. 4040, S. 1995, and S. 1636.

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**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 523, electing Representatives Becerra, Clyburn, Norton, and Waters to the Committee on Small Business and Representative Peterson of Minnesota to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**Referral:** One Senate-passed resolution, S. Con. Res. 67, to authorize printing of the report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy was referred to the Committee on House Oversight.

**Amendments:** Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H10525.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10438 and H10513.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10493–94, H10494, H10494–95, and H10495–96. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 and adjourned at 11 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FIRE FIGHTER PAY AND BENEFITS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Fire Fighter Pay and Benefits. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hunter and Hoyer; Diane M. Disney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Civilian Personnel, Department of Defense; Allan Heuerman, Associate Director, Human Resources Systems Service, OPM; and public witnesses.

### 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.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on

the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 132, amended, relating to the extradition of Martin Pang from Brazil to the United States; H. Con. Res. 145, concerning the removal of Russian Armed Forces from Moldova; H. Con. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of U.S. membership in regional South Pacific organizations; H. Res. 515, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the persecution of Christians worldwide; H. Con. Res. 212, amended, endorsing the adoption by the European Parliament of a resolution supporting the Republic of China on Taiwan's efforts at joining the community of nations; H. Con. Res. 51, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress relating to the removal of Russian troops from Kaliningrad; and H.R. 4036, amended, Human Rights Restoration Act of 1996.

#### POW/MIA ISSUES

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on POW/MIA issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office, Department of Defense: J. Alan Liotta, Deputy Director; Norm Kass, Director, Joint Commission Support Directorate; Robert J. Destatte, Senior Analyst, Research and Analysis Directorate; and Cdr. William G. Beck, USNR, Special Research, Joint Commission Support Directorate; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT; CITIZEN'S FAIR HOUSING ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on Equal access to the courts under the Endangered Species Act as well as a hearing on H.R. 3826, Citizen's Fair Housing Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from John Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; John Torgerson, Senator, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

#### U.S.-PUERTO RICO POLITICAL STATUS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3024, United States- Puerto Rico Political Status Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Young of Alaska, Burton of Indiana, Roth, Romero-Barceló, Gutierrez, Velázquez, and Serrano.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and against its consideration. The con-

ference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Wolf.

#### GENETICS TESTING TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Technological Advances in Genetics Testing: Implications for the Future. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stearns, Johnson of Connecticut, and Slaughter, from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Center for Human Genome Research, NIH; and Mary Pendergast, Deputy Commissioner, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, FDA; and public witnesses.

#### MEDICARE SUBVENTION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Subvention. Testimony was heard from Representatives Montgomery and Stump; Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Stephen C. Joseph, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

#### WELFARE REFORM LAW IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on implementation of the recently-enacted welfare reform law, focusing on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant. Testimony was heard from Olivia Golden, Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue September 19.

#### Joint Meetings

#### VETERANS PROGRAMS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Joseph Frank, American Legion, Washington, D.C.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3540, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.