

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate passed FAA Authorization bill.
- Senate agreed to Transportation Appropriations Conference Report.
- House passed Department of Transportation Appropriations Conference Report.
- House Committees ordered reported 24 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10729–S10898

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2088–2091, S.J. Res. 61, and S. Res. 295. **Pages S10837–38**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 2504, to designate the Federal building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the United States Courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Veach-Baley Federal Complex".

H.R. 3186, to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building".

H.R. 3400, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3572, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge".

S. 1875, to designate the United States Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the "James A. Redden Federal Courthouse".

S. 1977, to designate a United States courthouse located in Tampa, Florida, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse". **Page S10837**

Measures Passed:

FAA Authorization: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 293), Senate passed H.R. 3539, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration,

after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1994, Senate companion measure, and after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S10741–56, S10759–76

Chafee Modified Amendment No. 5361, to remove certain provisions with regard to Federal Aviation Administration authority to regulate aircraft engine standards, and to provide that the Environmental Protection Agency shall consult with the FAA on aircraft engine emission standards.

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Ford (for Reid) Amendment No. 5359, to express the sense of the Senate regarding acts of international terrorism. **Page S10743**

Ford (for Bryan) Amendment No. 5369, to provide for additional days for comment for proposed regulations establishing special flight rules in the vicinity of Grand Canyon National Park. **Page S10743**

Ford (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 5372, to prohibit the Surface Transportation Board from increasing user fees. **Page S10743**

Ford (for Exon) Amendment No. 5371, to assure adequate resources for the Essential Air Service Program. **Page S10743**

McCain (for Domenici) Amendment No. 5368, of a technical nature. **Pages S10743–44**

McCain (for Helms) Amendment No. 5377, to provide for the transfer of the United States' interest in the Hickory, North Carolina Air Traffic Control Tower. **Page S10744**

Roth/Moynihan Amendment No. 5370, to provide for expenditures from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. **Page S10744**

McCain (for Brown) Amendment No. 5378, to provide for the reporting for procurement contracts. **Page S10750**

Simon/Jeffords Amendment No. 5364, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 with respect to the auditing of employee benefit plans.

Pages S10741–42, S10752

Ford (for Graham) Amendment No. 5373, to clarify the authority of the Customs Service to require air carriers to provide by electronic transmission advance cargo and passenger manifest information.

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McCain Amendment No. 5379, of a technical nature.

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McCain Amendment No. 5374, to provide for sequential referral of an implementing bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Finance.

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Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon.

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Subsequently, S. 1994 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Economic Espionage Act: Senate passed H.R. 3723, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect proprietary economic information, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S10882–85

Stevens (for Specter/Kohl) Amendment No. 5384, in the nature of a substitute.

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Stevens (for Grassley/Kyl) Amendment No. 5385, to prohibit certain activities relating to the use of computers.

Pages S10882–84

Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5386, to improve the treatment and security of certain persons found not guilty by reason of insanity in the District of Columbia.

Pages S10884–85

Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5387, to provide funding for the establishment of Boys and Girls Clubs in public housing projects and other distressed areas.

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National Information Infrastructure Protection Act: Senate passed S. 982, to protect the national information infrastructure, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S10886–91

Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5388, to improve the treatment and security of certain persons found guilty by reason of insanity in the District of Columbia.

Pages S10887–90

Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5389, to provide funding for the establishment of Boys and Girls Clubs in public housing projects and other distressed areas.

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Mother Teresa Honorary Citizenship: Senate agreed to H.J. Res. 191, to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha

Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa, clearing the measure for the President.

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Ukraine Independence and Sovereignty: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 120, supporting the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Waihee Marsh: Senate passed H.R. 1772, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex, clearing the bill for the President.

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Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge: Senate passed H.R. 2909, to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands, clearing the bill for the President.

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Carjacking Correction Act: Senate passed H.R. 3676, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition, clearing the bill for the President.

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Carjacking Correction Act: Senate passed S. 2006, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition.

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Carjacking Correction Act: Senate passed S. 2007, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition.

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Electronic Freedom of Information Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 3802, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, clearing the bill for the President.

Pages S10893–94

National Transportation Safety Board Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 3159, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1831, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S10895–98

Stevens (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5390, relating to intermodal safe container transportation.

Pages S10897–98

Subsequently, S. 1831 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Transportation Appropriations, 1997—Conference Report: By 85 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No.

294), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10777-94**

Sustainable Fisheries Act: Senate began consideration of S. 39, to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize appropriations, and to provide for sustainable fisheries, agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10794-S10827**

Adopted:

Snowe Amendment No. 5381, to limit lobstering other than by pots or traps if no regulations to implement a coastal fishery management plan for American lobster have been issued by December 31, 1997. **Pages S10823-24**

Stevens/Kerry Amendment No. 5382, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10825**

Pending:

Hutchison Amendment No. 5383, to make certain modifications to provisions with regard to regional fishery management councils. **Pages S10826-27**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill and the amendment proposed thereto, with votes to occur thereon, on Thursday, September 19, 1996.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S10835-36**

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Text of S. 1965, Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996 as Previously Passed: **Pages S10738-39, S10878-82**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—294) **Pages S10759, S10794**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 19, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10898.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the Report of the Downing Assessment Task Force on the bomb attack on Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, and other issues related to United States policy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; Gen. John M. Shaliskashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. Wayne A. Downing, USA (Ret.), Director, Downing Assessment Task Force.

FAIR HOUSING REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on HUD Oversight and Structure concluded oversight hearings on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing, and on S. 1132, to amend the Fair Housing Act to permit a restriction relating to the maximum number of unrelated persons in a dwelling if such restriction's purpose is to limit land use to single family dwellings, after receiving testimony from Deval J. Patrick, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Mayor Barbara Fahey, Edmonds, Washington; Mayor Susan Golding, San Diego, California; Mayor Rita L. Mullins, Palatine, Illinois; Victor J. Wolski, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, California; Rick Disney, Douglas and Wuester, Fort Worth, Texas; Robert F. Hoyt, Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Alliance for Rights and Responsibilities; and Joel McNair, Pathway Homes, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia.

ALASKA LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 1920, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to ensure that Federal agencies are fairly implementing the Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Stevens; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Alaska State Senator John Torgerson, Kenai; Bill Horn, Birch, Horton, Bittner, and Cherot, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association and the Alaska Professional Sportfish Coalition; and Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Jack Hession, Sierra Club, and Allen Smith, The Wilderness Society, all of Anchorage, Alaska; and

S. 1998, to provide for expedited negotiations between the Secretary of the Interior and the villages of Chickaloon-Moose Creek Native Association, Inc., Ninilchik Native Association, Inc., Seldovia Native Association, Inc., Tyonek Native Corporation and Knikatu, Inc. regarding the conveyances of certain lands in Alaska under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, after receiving testimony from George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; William J. Chandler, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Mark W. Kroloff, Cook Inlet Region, Inc., and Agnes Brown, Cook Inlet United Deficiency Land Management Association, both of Anchorage, Alaska.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD INDONESIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings on United States policy and recent developments with regard to Indonesia, after receiving testimony from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Kurt M. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs; Paul D. Wolfowitz, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and Ernest Z. Bower, U.S.-ASEAN Council for Business and Technology, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Sidney Jones, Human Rights Watch/Asia, New York, New York; and Donald K. Emmerson, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

OMNIBUS PATENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1961, to establish the United States

Intellectual Property Organization, and to amend the provisions of title 35, United States Code, relating to procedures for patent applications, commercial use of patents, and reexamination reform, after receiving testimony from Senator Lautenberg; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights and Associate Librarian for Copyright Services, Library of Congress; Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce (Arlington, Virginia); Mary Ann Alford, Reebok International Ltd., New York, New York, on behalf of the International Trademark Association; William Patry, Yeshiva University, and Saul Schneiderman, Library of Congress Professional Guild, both of Washington, D.C.; Ronald J. Stern, Patent Office Professional Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Gary L. Griswold, 3M Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of the Intellectual Property Owners.

VIOLENT AND DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIMES PROSECUTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Bailey decision's effect on certain prosecutions of violent and drug trafficking crimes, after receiving testimony from Senator Helms; Kevin Di Gregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Tony Wilson, former Drug Enforcement Agency Agent, Chantilly, Virginia; Thomas Hungar, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, Washington, D.C.; David M. Zlotnick, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island; and Jeffrey Fluck, Raleigh Police Department, Raleigh, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4102-4113, were introduced. Pages H10601-02

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3024, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, amended (H. Rept. 104-713 Part II); and

H.R. 2988, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization projects are exempt from certain requirements of Environmental Protection Agency Rules, amended (H. Rept. 104-807). Page H10601

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hast-

ings of Washington to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10527

Intelligence Authorization Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Combest, Dornan, Young of Florida, Hansen, Lewis of California, Goss, Shuster, McCollum, Castle, Dicks, Richardson, Dixon, Torricelli, Coleman, Skaggs, and Pelosi; and from

the Committee on National Security for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related agencies: Representatives Stump, Spence, and Del-lums.
Page H10531

Water Resources Conference: The House insisted on its amendment to S. 640, to provide for conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Shuster, Young of Alaska, Boehlert, Oberstar, and Bor-ski.
Pages H10531–32

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

Railroad Unemployment Insurance: H.R. 2594, amended, to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act;
Pages H10532–34

Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996: H.R. 3923, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual air carriers to take actions to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 418);
Pages H10534–40, H10552–53

Deepwater Port Modernization Act: H.R. 2940, amended, to amend the Deepwater Port Act of 1974;
Pages H10540–43

Snow Removal Policy Act of 1996: H.R. 3348, amended, to direct the President to establish standards and criteria for the provision of major disaster and emergency assistance in response to snow-related events;
Pages H10543–46

Safe Container Act Amendments: H.R. 4040, to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to intermodal safe container transportation;
Pages H10546–48

National Air and Space Museum Annex: S. 1995, to authorize construction of the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum Dulles Center at Washington Dulles International Airport—clearing the measure for the President; and
Pages H10548–50

Mark O. Hatfield Court House: S. 1636, to designate the United States Courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse"—clearing the measure for the President.
Pages H10550–52

Department of Transportation Appropriations Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 19 nays,

Roll No. 419, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.
Pages H10553–67

H. Res. 522, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.
Pages H10553–57

Referrals: Two Senate-passed measures, S. Con. Res. 67, to authorize printing of the report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, and S. 2085, to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services were referred to the Committee on House Oversight.
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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10567.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10552–53 and H10567. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA—TEAM NUTRITION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review contracting practices and other activities at the USDA relating to Team Nutrition. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; and Ellen Haas, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.

SUMITOMO CORPORATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on recent events surrounding Sumitomo Corporation. Testimony was heard from Representative Schumer; Susan M. Phillips, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Brooksley E. Born, Chair, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills; H.R. 4012, to waive temporarily the Medicare enrollment composition rules for The Wellness Plan; H.R. 2923, to extend for 4 additional years the waiver granted to the Watts Health Foundation from the membership mix requirement for health maintenance organizations participating in the Medicare Program; H.R. 2988, amended, to amend the

Clean Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization projects are exempt from certain requirements of environmental Protection Agency rules; H.R. 3632, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement for annual resident review for nursing facilities under the Medicaid Program and to require resident reviews for mentally ill or mentally retarded residents when there is a significant change in physical or mental condition; H.R. 3633, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities; H.R. 4083, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1997; H.R. 3391, amended, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the leaking underground storage tank trust fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreement for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such act; and H.R. 1186, amended, Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DRAFT REPORTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3877, amended, to designate the U.S. post office building in Camden, AR, as the "Honorable David H. Pryor Post Office Building"; and S. 868, to provide authority for leave transfer for Federal employees who are adversely affected by disasters or emergencies.

The Committee also approved the following draft reports entitled: "Investigation of White House Travel Office Firings and Related Matters"; and "Sampling and Statistical Adjustment in the Decennial Census: Fundamental Flaws."

SHOOTDOWN OF BROTHERS TO THE RESCUE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Shootdown of Brothers to the Rescue: What Happened? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Col. Michael C. McMahan, Deputy J-3, Atlantic Command; and Maria Fernandez, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Inter-American Affairs; and Jose J. Basulto, President, Brothers to the Rescue.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3874, Civil Rights Commission Act; and H.R. 2092, amended, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1995.

The Committee also approved a private claims bill.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 3852, Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.J. Res. 193, granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and H.J. Res. 194, granting the consent of the Congress to amendments made by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony on H.J. Res. 163 was heard from John P. Carey, General Counsel, FEMA; Tom Feuerborn, Director, Department of Civil Emergency Management, State of Oklahoma; David McMillion, Director, Emergency Management Agency, State of Maryland; and Eric L. Tolbert, Chief, Bureau of Preparedness and Response, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Community Affairs, State of Florida. Testimony on H.J. Res. 194 was heard from Representative Davis and Robert Polk, General Counsel, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.J. Res. 189, granting the consent of Congress to the Interstate Insurance Receivership Compact. Testimony was heard from Leo W. Fraser, Jr., member, Senate, State of New Hampshire; and Robert G. Lange, Director, Department of Insurance, State of Nebraska.

PRISON INDUSTRIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on prison industries. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice: Kathleen M. Hawk, Director; and Steve Schwalb, Assistant Director; and public witnesses.

TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST U.S. FORCES IN DHAHRAN

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on the July 25, 1996 terrorist attack against U.S. military forces in Dhahran.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2392, amended, to amend the Umatilla Basin Project Act to establish boundaries for irrigation districts within the Umatilla Basin; H.R. 3258,

amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain real property located within the Carlsbad project in New Mexico to Carlsbad Irrigation District; H.R. 2561, amended, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act of 1995; H.R. 3973, amended, to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives; H.R. 3155, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole Creek, and Rock Springs Run in the State of Florida for study and potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 3568, to designate 51.7 miles of the Clarion River, located in Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 3497, amended, to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest; H.R. 4067, amended, to provide for representation of the Northern Mariana Islands by a nonvoting Delegate in the House of Representatives; H.R. 2041, amended, Guam War Restitution Act; and H.R. 3752, amended, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act of 1996.

U.S.-PUERTO RICO POLITICAL STATUS ACT

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3024, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act.

ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on H.R. 3994, Entrepreneur Development Program Act of 1996, a proposed reform of the 8(a) Program. Testimony was heard from July England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; the following officials of the SBA: Philip Lader, Administrator; and Hugh Wright, Assistant District Director, Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development Program; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—RAILS TO TRAILS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on the Rails to Trails Act. Testimony has heard from Representative Pombo; Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource, Stewardship, and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEDICARE SUBVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported amended H.R. 4068, Veterans Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1996 Senate

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife, to hold hearings on S. 1660, National Invasive Species Act, and to examine efforts to reduce the threat posed by nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on economic freedom and development aid programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq and the Iraqi response, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1724, to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on assessing the impact of judicial taxation on local communities, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings on the implementation of Public Law 102-4, the medical and scientific bases for associations between herbicide exposure and disease, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on Iraq and Middle East security, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1646 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the Conservation Reserve Program, regulations, and the implementation of the Conservative Title of the Federal Agriculture Improvement Reform Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2508, Animal Drug Availability Act of 1995; and H.R. 1791, Medicaid Certification Act of 1995, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the following: H.R. 3142, Uniformed Services Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act; and the Military Beneficiaries Medicare Reimbursement Model Project Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Perspectives on Pharmaceutical Pricing Practices, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on Federally Funded Youth Programs and Local Initiatives, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on Internal Revenue Service Financial Management: Has There Been Any Improvement? 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Resources, to continue hearings on "The Status of Efforts to Identify Persian Gulf War Syndrome, Part IV", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Heroin: The Re-emerging Threat, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Bosnian Elections: A Postmortem, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on U.S.-China Relations: Next Steps, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue mark up of H.R. 3852, Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996, and to mark up the following: H.R. 1499, Consumer Fraud Prevention Act of 1995; H.J. Res. 193, granting consent of the Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and H.J. Res. 194, granting the consent of Congress to amendments made by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up H.R. 3239, Independent Counsel Accountability and Reform Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 1023, Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1995, 9 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to meet to honor retiring members of the Committee, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement, oversight hearing on Department of Energy nuclear weapons activities, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to continue oversight hearings on the National Wildlife Refuge System, examining in some detail the operation and maintenance of the 510 units that comprise the System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, oversight hearing on accounting practices for Federal hydro-power marketing, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on Technological Solutions to Improve Aviation Security, 11:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 1:30 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

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