

Friday, July 28, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Gift Reform Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10845–S10909

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1086–1093, S. Res. 158, and S. Con. Res. 22. **Pages S10875–76**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 852, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–123)

S. 1087, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. (S. Rept. No. 104–124)

H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–125) **Page S10875**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Gift Reform: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 342), Senate agreed to S. Res. 158, to provide for congressional gift reform, after completing action on S. 1061, to provide for congressional gift reform, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S10845–59

Adopted:

(1) McCain Modified Amendment No. 1872, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10845–58**

(2) By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 340), Lott Amendment No. 1875 (to Amendment No. 1872), to change the maximum total value of gifts that can be accepted from a single source in one year from \$50 to \$100. **Pages S10846–48**

(3) By 75 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 341), Byrd Amendment No. 1878 (to Amendment No. 1872), to express the sense of the Senate that the Judicial Conference of the United States should review and evaluate the Judiciary's gift rules. **Pages S10851–55**

(4) Stevens Amendment No. 1879 (to Amendment No. 1872), to allow the Committee on Rules and Administration to accept gifts on behalf of the Senate. **Page S10855**

(5) Wellstone Amendment No. 1880 (to Amendment No. 1872), to clarify the aggregate limit. **Pages S10855–57**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 339), Murkowski Amendment No. 1874 (to Amendment No. 1872), to permit reimbursement for travel and lodging at charitable political events. **Pages S10845–46**

Subsequently, S. 1061 was indefinitely postponed. **Page S10858**

Department of State Authorizations: Senate began consideration of S. 908, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 1996 through 1999 and to abolish the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Agency for International Development. **Page S10859**

During consideration of this bill today, the following also occurred:

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, August 1, 1995. **Page S10859**

Subsequently, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, scheduled for Monday, July 31, 1995, was vitiated. **Page S10859**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, July 31, 1995.

Military Construction Appropriations, 1996—Conferees: The Chair appointed conferees on H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, as follows: Senators Burns, Stevens, Shelby, Gregg, Reid, Inouye, and Byrd. **Page S10907**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the continuation of the national emergency with Iraq; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-69) Page S10874

Transmitting the report under the Generalized System of Preferences program; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-70) Page S10874

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

61 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-342) Pages S10846, S10848, S10855, S10858

Recess: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 2:39 p.m., until 12:30 p.m., on Monday, July 31, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S10908.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR/DEFENSE

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

H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments; and

An original bill (S. 1087) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Herbert F. Collins, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, Resolution Trust Corporation, and Maria Luisa Mabilangan Haley, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SAVINGS ASSOCIATION INSURANCE FUND

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the condition of the Savings Association Insurance Fund, focusing on recommendations to remedy its insolvency, after receiving testimony from John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, and Jonathan L. Fiechter, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Ricki Helfer, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; David E.A. Carson, People's Bank, Bridgeport, Connecticut, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers; Richard L. Mount, Saratoga National Bank, Saratoga, California, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; and Howard L. McMillan, Jr., Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

DEBT LIMIT

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on issues with regard to raising the public debt limit, focusing on its relation to the deficit and its impact on financial markets, receiving testimony from Representative Nick Smith; John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; James L. Blum, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Susan Hering, Salomon Brothers Inc., and Richard M. Kelly, Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., Inc., on behalf of the Public Securities Association, both of New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HEALTH INSURANCE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to prohibit insurers from denying health insurance coverage, benefits, or varying premiums based on the status of an individual as a victim of domestic violence, including related provisions of S. 524, S. 1028, and H.R. 1201, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Representatives Morella, Molinari, English, and Ramstad; Nancy Durborow, Pennsylvania Coalition

Against Domestic Violence, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Women's Law Project; Peg Echols, State Farm Insurance Companies, Washington, D.C.; Timothy T. Flaherty, Neenah, Wisconsin, on behalf of the

American Medical Association; Sheila Wellstone, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Deborah Senn, Olympia, Washington.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 2138–2141 were introduced. **Page H7990**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1601, to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to develop, assemble, and operate the International Space Station, amended (H. Rept. 104–210);

H.R. 629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the operation of certain visitor facilities associated with, but outside the boundaries of, Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado (H. Rept. 104–211);

Conference report on H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–212);

H. Res. 204, providing for consideration of S. 21, to terminate the United States arms embargo applicable to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina (H. Rept. 104–213);

H. Res. 205, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2126, Department of Defense Appropriations for fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104–214); and

H.R. 714, to establish the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in the State of Illinois, amended (H. Rept. 104–191, Part 2).

Pages H7964–68, H7985–86, H7989–90

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Weller to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7919**

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, and National Security. **Page H7921**

VA–HUD Appropriations: House completed all general debate and continued consideration of H.R. 2099, 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, 1996; but came to no

resolution thereon. Reading for amendment will resume on Monday, July 31. **Pages H7921–63**

Pending when the Committee of the Whole rose was the Durbin amendment that seeks to provide that any limitation on use of funds shall not apply to the agency's environmental programs and compliance provisions when it is made known that they would restrict the agency's ability to protect humans against exposure to arsenic, benzene, dioxin, lead, or any known carcinogen. **Pages H7956–63**

Agreed To:

The Stokes amendment that strikes language that prohibits or limits the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to promulgate, enforce, implement, or take certain actions authorized under environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and food safety laws (agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 599); and **Pages H7933–55**

The Armev motion that the Committee of the Whole rise (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 600). **Page H7963**

Rejected:

The Roemer amendment that sought to strike the \$390 million appropriation for funding the space station (rejected by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 598); **Pages H7922–29, H7932–33**

The Kaptur amendment that sought to transfer \$234 million from the FEMA disaster relief account to the account for modernization of existing public housing projects (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 596). This amendment was debated on July 27; **Page H7931**

The DeFazio amendment that sought to increase the Veterans Health Administration medical care appropriation by \$12 million and reduce the appropriation for the Selective Service System by \$16.9 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 597). This amendment was debated on July 27; and **Page H7932**

The Fields of Louisiana amendment that sought to transfer \$819.5 million from NASA's science, aeronautics, and technology appropriation to the Corporation for National Community Service. **Page H7956**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of July 31. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Monday.

Pages H7963–64, H7968

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of August 2. Page H7968

Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act: House passed H.R. 1103, entitled “Amendments to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930”.

Pages H7968–73

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages H7971–73

Agreed to amend the title. Page H7973

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Iraqi emergency: Message wherein he notifies Congress on the continuation of the national emergency in Iraq beyond the anniversary date—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–104); and Page H7973

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Message wherein he reports that Maldives should be suspended from the GSP program because of insufficient progress in protecting basic labor rights and designate Moldova as a beneficiary developing country for the purposes of the GSP program having satisfied the statutory criteria—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–105). Page H7974

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7990–91.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7919.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7931, H7932, H7932–33, H7954–55, and H7963. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following: the Nuclear Regulatory Commission User Fees Reauthorization; H.R. 1020, amended, Integrated Spent Nuclear Fuel Management Act of 1995; and H.R. 1663, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Amendment.

POLITICAL ADVOCACY WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on Political Advocacy with Taxpayer Dollars. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeLay, Wicker, Skaggs and Sabo; and public witnesses.

UNITED STATES POLICY IN EUROPE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Overview of United States Policy in Europe. Testimony was heard from Richard C. Holbrooke, Assistant Secretary, European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; and RAdm. W.H. Wright IV, (USN), Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans, Policy and Operations, Department of the Navy.

OVERSIGHT—WACO

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and the Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight continued oversight hearings on Federal Law Enforcement Actions in Relation to the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Mark Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General; and Larry Potts, former Assistant Director, Criminal Investigations, FBI; Harry Salem, M.D., Toxicologist, Department of Defense; the following former officials of the Department of Justice: Webster Hubbell, Associate Attorney General; William Sessions, Director; and Floyd Clarke, Deputy Director, both with the FBI; and public witnesses.

Will continue July 31.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (three-day availability for committee reports), clause 7 of rule XXI (three-day availability for committee hearings and reports on appropriation bills), and section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation in the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee unless reported by that committee) against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides for the reading of the bill by title, rather than by paragraph or numbered section, for amendment, and each title is considered as read. The rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions), and clause 6 (prohibiting

reappropriations) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill.

The rule provides that an amendment striking sections 8021 and 8024 is considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representatives Young of Florida, Kingston, Neumann, Franks of Connecticut, Murtha, Schroeder and Orton.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SELF-DEFENSE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 3 hours of debate on S. 21, Bosnia and Herzegovina Self-Defense Act of 1995. The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute if offered by the Minority Leader or a designee, which is considered as read, is non-amendable, and is debatable for 1 hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, which, if including instructions may only be offered by the Minority Leader or a designee. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representatives Smith of New Jersey and Hoyer.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Representatives Porter, Kolbe, Riggs, Solomon, Sam Johnson of Texas, Cox of California, Morella, Deal of Georgia, Fowler, Ganske, Greenwood, Pryce, Obey, Skaggs, Lowey, Clay and Orton, but no action was taken on H.R. 2127, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of July 31 through August 5, 1995

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider H.R. 1905, Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 1996, and resume consideration of S. 908, State Department Authorizations.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider available appropriations bills, including:

H.R. 1977, Interior;
H.R. 2020, Treasury, Postal; and other legislation, including:

S. 1026, DOD Authorizations;

S. 961, Foreign Assistance Authorizations;

Conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, August 1, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: August 3, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jill L. Long, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Economic and Community Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on the Budget: August 1, to hold hearings to review the Office of Management and Budget at mid-session, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: August 1, to hold hearings to examine the future of the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

August 2, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the operation of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: August 2, business meeting, to consider the nomination of John Raymond Garamendi, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior; to be followed by hearings to discuss leasing of the Arctic oil reserve located on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas exploration and production and the inclusion of the leasing revenues in the Budget Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: August 1, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings on title V of the Clean Air Act (relating to permitting), 2 p.m., SD-406.

August 2, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-406.

August 2, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to resume oversight hearings on implementation of section 404 (relating to wetlands) of the Clean Water Act, 2 p.m., SD-406.

August 3, Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, focusing on incentives for the conservation of endangered species and the role of habitat, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: July 31, to hold hearings to examine fraud and abuse in the Medicare program, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

August 1, Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to examine various trade issues, including granting most-favored-nation (MFN) tariff status to Cambodia and the permanent extension of MFN tariff status

to Bulgaria, the renewal of the Generalized System of Preferences, and the Administration's fiscal year 1996 budget requests for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the United States International Trade Commission, and the United States Customs Service, 10 a.m., SD-215.

August 2, Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings on the impact of privatization proposals on the Social Security Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: August 1, to hold hearings on the nominations of William H. Courtney, of West Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Georgia, James F. Collins, of Illinois, to be Ambassador at Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States, Joseph A. Presel, of Rhode Island, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh, and Stanley T. Escudero, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, 9 a.m., SD-419.

August 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Lee F. Jackson, of Massachusetts, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 11 a.m., SD-419.

August 2, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Iraqi atrocities against the Kurds, 2 p.m., SD-419.

August 3, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United Nations sanctions and Iraqi compliance, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: August 2, to hold hearings on the nominations of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Jerome A. Stricker, of Kentucky, and Sheryl R. Marshall, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, William H. LeBlanc III, of Louisiana, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, and Beth Susan Slavet, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, 9 a.m., SD-342.

August 2, Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service, to hold hearings to review the annual report of the Postmaster General, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: August 1, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings on H.R. 660, to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain familial status discrimination prohibitions granted to housing for older persons, 9 a.m., SD-226.

August 1, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine annual refugee admissions, 11 a.m., SD-226.

August 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

August 2, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Administrative Conference, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

August 3, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: August 2, business meeting, to mark up S. 1028, to provide increased access to health care benefits, to provide increased portability of health care benefits, to provide increased security of health care benefits, and to increase the purchasing power of individuals and small employers, S. 593, to authorize the export of new drugs, and proposed legislation to authorize funds for programs of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: August 2, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Indian Tribal Justice Act (P.L. 103-176), 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: August 2, to hold hearings to examine war crimes in the Balkans, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Special Committee on Aging: August 3, to hold hearings to examine Medicare health maintenance organization (HMO) programs and whether the Health Care Financing Administration is doing enough to ensure that patients receive high quality care when they enroll in such programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: August 1, 2, and 3, to resume hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on certain events following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House Chamber

Monday, Consideration of the following 2 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2017, District of Columbia Highway Relief; and
2. Extending Peace Facilitation Act of 1994; and Complete consideration of H.R. 2099, VA—HUD Appropriations Act.

Tuesday and the balance of the week, S. 21, Bosnia and Herzegovina Self-Defense Act of 1995 (modified closed rule, 3 hours of general debate);

H.R. 2127, Labor—HHS Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 (subject to a rule being granted);

H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995 (subject to a rule being granted); and

H.R. 2126, National Security Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, August 2, Subcommittee on Interior, on Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, August 2, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on the financial condition of the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF) and the Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF) and proposals to merge the banking thrift industries, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, August 3, hearing on the Administration's Revised Budget, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, August 1, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to continue hearings on the Transformation of the Medicaid Program, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

August 3, Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, to continue hearings on the Future of the Medicare Program, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance and the Subcommittee on Energy and Power, joint hearing on the SEC's June 19, 1995 report entitled "The Regulation of Public Utility Holding Companies," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, July 31 and August 1, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice and the Subcommittee on Crime of the Committee on the Judiciary, to continue joint oversight hearings on Federal Law Enforcement Actions in Relation to the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Inspector General Act, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, joint oversight hearing on FDA's Regulation of Medical Devices, including the Status of Breast Implants, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

August 3, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on H.R. 2086, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995, 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

August 4, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on H.R. 1855, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to restrict the authority of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia over certain pending cases involving child custody and visitation rights, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, August 1, hearing on Government Printing Reforms, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

August 2, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, July 31, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Political and Social Change in New Zealand, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

August 1, full Committee, hearing on the Future of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, hearing to examine the Cienfuegos Nuclear Plant in Cuba, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

August 2, full Committee, hearing on overview of U.S. Policy in the Middle East, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, August 1, to mark up reconciliation recommendations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

August 2, hearing on acquisition reform, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

August 3, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the friendly fire shutdown of Army helicopters over Northern Iraq in April 1994, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

August 3, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development hearing on technology for safety and survivability, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, August 1, hearing regarding leasing of the 1002 study area of the Arctic Coastal Plain to oil exploration and development, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

August 1, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on H.R. 2032, to transfer the lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the State in which the lands are located, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

August 2, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1743, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1964 to extend the authorization of appropriations through fiscal year 2000; H.R. 238, Ozark Wild Horses Protection Act; H.R. 1745, Utah Public Lands Management Act of 1995; and H.R. 1508, to require the transfer of title to the District of Columbia of certain real property in Anacostia Park to facilitate the construction of National Children's Island, a cultural, educational, and family-oriented park, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

August 3, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following: H.R. 1253, to rename the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections in maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and Cooperative Fisheries Management Act (Anadromous Fish Convention Act; and Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act), 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

August 3, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2107, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to improve the quality of visitor services provided by Federal land management agencies through an incentive-based recreation fee program; and H.R. 2025, Park Renewal Fund Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

August 3, Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs, hearing on the American Samoa White-Collar Crime Assessment, 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

August 4, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1713, Livestock Grazing Act; and H.R. 1280, Technical Assistance Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, July 31, to consider H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, August 2, Subcommittee on Government Programs, hearing to review the efforts of some to promote "sole source" bid requirements in government contracts, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

August 2, Subcommittee on Taxation and Finance, to continue hearings on the need to clarify the status of independent contractors, with discussion of the following

bills: H.R. 1972, Independent Contractors Tax Simplification Act of 1995; and H.R. 582, Independent Contractors Tax Fairness Act of 1995, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

August 3, full Committee, to continue hearings regarding the implementation of PL 103-355, Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, August 1, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to mark up Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Committee on Veterans' Affairs, August 2, Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing, hearing on the following: H.R. 1941, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make clarifying and technical

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Committee on Ways and Means, August 2, Subcommittee on Trade, to mark up the following: Trade Agreements Authority Act; and technical corrections and miscellaneous trade proposals legislation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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12:30 p.m., Monday, July 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1:30 p.m.), Senate will consider H.R. 1905, Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 1996.

At 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 908, State Department Authorizations.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 31

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of the following 2 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2017, District of Columbia Highway Relief; and
2. Extending Peace Facilitation Act of 1994; and Complete consideration of H.R. 2099, VA-HUD Appropriations Act.

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