

## Committee Meetings

### DOE NUCLEAR FACILITIES— ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the State of Environmental Remediation at Department of Energy Nuclear Facilities. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington and Wamp; Thomas Grumbly, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held a hearing on H.R. 1495, Investment Company Act Amendments of 1995. Testimony was heard from Barry Barbash, Director, Division of Investment Management, SEC; and public witnesses.

### PHILANTHROPY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance approved for full Committee action H.R. 2519, Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Barry Barbash, Director, Division of Investment Management, SEC; and public witnesses.

### UNION CORPORATE CAMPAIGN TACTICS "SALTING"

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Union Corporate Campaign Tactics "Salting." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service continued hearings on Civil Service Reform III: Private Sector Compensation Practices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on International Narcotics Control. Testimony was heard from Lee Brown, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Thomas Constantine, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Robert Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State; and George Weiss, Commissioner of Customs, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported following bills: H.R. 234, Boating and Aviation Operation Safety Act of 1995; H.R. 394, amended, to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit State taxation of certain pension income; H.R. 994, amended, Regulatory Sunset and Review Act of 1995; H.R. 2064, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia, H.R. 2418, amended, DNA Identification Grants Improvement Act of 1995; H.R. 2525, Charitable Gift Annuity Antitrust Relief Act of 1995; H.R. 1533, to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison; H.R. 2538, Criminal Law Technical Amendments Act of 1995; and H.J. Res. 78, amended, to grant the consent of the Congress to certain additional powers conferred upon the Bi-State Development Agency by the States of Missouri and Illinois.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2081, Revised Statutes 2477 Rights-of-Way Settlement Act; and H.R. 2172, Vancouver National Historic Reserve Act of 1995.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the Government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Before the consideration of any other amendment, the rule provides for the consideration of an amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules to be offered by Rep. Walsh, debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule provides that the bill shall be read through page 58, line 4.

The rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions), and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations) against provisions in the bill. Debate on amendments and amendments thereto is limited to 30 minutes. The rule makes in order amendments printed in the Congressional Record of October 30, 1995 numbered 1 (Bonilla), 2 (Gundersen), and 4 (Hostettler). The rule provides that the amendments are considered as read, not subject to amendment and shall be debatable for 30 minutes

each equally divided and controlled between a proponent and an opponent. All points of order are waived against said amendments.

The rule accords priority in recognition to Members who have prepared their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walsh, Bonilla, Gunderson, Lazio, Davis, Hostettler, Dixon, Durbin and Norton.

#### PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 10 to 2, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1833, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995. The rule provides that the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady, Johnson of Connecticut, Conyers, Schroeder, Watt of North Carolina, Lofgren, Jackson-Lee and Farr.

#### HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held on hearing on the High Performance Computing and Communications Program. Testimony was heard from Anita Jones, Director, Research and Engineering, Department of Defense and Chair, Committee on Information and Communications, National Science and Technology Council; John Toole, Director, National Coordination Office for High Performance Computing and Communications; and public witnesses.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

#### ICC TERMINATION ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroad approved for full Committee action H.R. 2539, ICC Termination Act of 1995.

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation approved for full Committee action H.R. 2539, ICC Termination Act of 1995.

#### AMES DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Ames Damage Assessment. Testimony was heard from the departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### COST OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON SMALL BUSINESS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Small Business concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Small Business to examine the aggregate costs of Federal regulation, paperwork, and tax compliance and their impact on small business, after receiving testimony from Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

### APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1246)

S. 1254, to disapprove of amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines relating to lowering of crack sentences and sentences for money laundering and transactions in property derived from unlawful activity. Signed October 30, 1995. (P.L. 104-38)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to hold hearings on S. 1356, to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to provide for ocean shipping reform, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to resume hearings on S. 851, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reform the wetlands regulatory program, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine global proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to continue hearings to examine changes in Federal law enforcement as a result of the incident in Waco, Texas, 9 a.m., SH-216.

#### House

*Committee on Commerce,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2366, to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement; and H.R. 2519, Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995, 12 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 2500, Reform of Superfund Act of 1995, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.