

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report.

House passed H.J. Res. 191 Conferring Honorary U.S. Citizenship to Mother Teresa.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10617–S10728

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2080–2087, S.J. Res. 60, S. Res. 293–294, and S. Con. Res. 71.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1997" (S. Rept. No. 104–370)

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Measures Passed:

Intelligence Authorizations: Senate passed H.R. 3259, authorizing 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, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1718, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S10626–47

Specter/Kerrey Amendment No. 5355, to strike section 718, relating to terms of service of members of the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

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Specter (for Thurmond/Nunn) Amendment No. 5356, relating to the functions of the Assistant Director of Intelligence for Collection.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Specter, Lugar, Shelby, DeWine, Kyl, Inhofe, Hutchison, Cohen, Brown, Kerrey, Glenn, Bryan, Graham, Kerry, Baucus, Johnston, and Robb; and from the

Committee on Armed Services: Senators Thurmond and Nunn.

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Subsequently, S. 1718 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Commending Howard O. Greene: Senate agreed to S. Res. 293, saluting the service of Howard O. Greene, Jr., to the United States Senate.

Pages S10657–60

Severance Pay: Senate agreed to S. Res. 294, to provide for severance pay.

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Electronic Freedom of Information Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1090, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S10713–17

Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act: Senate passed S. 1965, to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S10717–23

McCain (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5365, to make certain technical and conforming amendments.

Pages S10721–23

McCain (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 5366, to provide enhanced penalties for offenses involving certain listed chemicals.

Pages S10721–23

Capitol Guide Service: Senate passed S. 2085, to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services.

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Printing Authorization: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 67, to authorize printing of

the report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10723**

Christian Persecution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 71, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the persecution of Christians worldwide. **Pages S10723–24**

Thrift Savings Plan Act: Senate passed S. 1080, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide additional investment funds for the Thrift Savings Plan, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10724–27**

McCain (for Kerrey/Pryor) Amendment No. 5367, to provide information concerning the cost of certain loans relative to other sources of financing. **Page S10726**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 211, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3060. **Page S10728**

Measure Rejected:

Medicare Hospital Reimbursement: Senate failed to agree to S.J. Res. 60, to disapprove the rule submitted by the Health Care Financing Administration on August 30, 1996, relating to hospital reimbursement under the Medicare program. **Page S10723**

Department of the Interior Appropriations, 1997: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3662, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10650, S10653–57**

Pending:

Pressler Amendment No. 5351, to promote the livestock industry. **Page S10650**

Bumpers Modified Amendment No. 5353 (to committee amendment on page 25, line 4 through line 10), to increase the fee charged for domestic livestock grazing on public rangelands. (By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 291), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S10650, S10653–56**

FAA Authorization: Senate began consideration of S. 1994, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10662–81**

Adopted:

McCain (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5360, to make certain modifications with regard to the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Pages S10670–71**

Warner Amendment No. 5363, to provide for additional considerations for the selection of projects for grants from the discretionary fund. **Page S10678**

Pending:

Chafee Amendment No. 5361, to remove certain provisions with regard to FAA's authority to regulate aircraft engine standards. **Pages S10672–74**

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 S10680–81**

Withdrawn:

Warner Amendment No. 5362, to provide for the use of passenger facility fees for a debt financing project. **Page S10678**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Wednesday, September 18, 1996. **Page S10675**

Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report: By 92 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 292), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10618–24, S10656**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Karen Shepherd, of Utah, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Lorraine Weiss Frank, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002. **Page S10728**

Ronald Kent Burton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002. **Page S10728**

Messages From the House: **Page S10682**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S10682–84**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S10691–S10710**

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Authority for Committees: **Page S10710**

Additional Statements: **Pages S10710–13**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—292)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 18, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10728.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 6,238 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded closed hearings to examine aviation security challenges, after receiving testimony from David R. Hinson, Administrator, Adm. Cathal L. Flynn, Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security, both of the Federal Aviation Administration, and Adm. Paul E. Busick, Director of Intelligence and Security, all of the Department of Transportation; Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General for the Resources Community and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Robert M. Blitzer, Section Chief, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Carol Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, and John O. Klinkenberg, Northwest Airlines, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine issues relating to computational biology, after receiving testimony from David L. Kingsbury, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; John C. Mazziotta, University of California School of Medicine, Los Angeles; Ingrid C. Burke, Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Robert J. Swenson, Montana State University, Bozeman; and Mary E. Clutter, National Science Foundation, Arlington, Virginia.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Administration's policy with regard to global climate change, after receiving testimony from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs;

Sallie Baliunas, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, and W. David Montgomery, Charles River Associates Incorporated, both of Washington, D.C.; Veerabhadran Ramanathan, Scripps Institution of Oceanography/University of California at San Diego; and John P. Weyant, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

CONGRESSIONAL/PRESIDENTIAL/JUDICIAL PENSION FORFEITURE ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 1794, to provide for the forfeiture of retirement benefits in the case of any Member of Congress, congressional employee, or Federal justice or judge who is convicted of an offense relating to official duties of that individual, and for the forfeiture of the retirement allowance of the President for such a conviction, receiving testimony from Senators Gregg and Reid; John Landers, Chief, Retirement Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management; John C. Keeney, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and Judge S. Jay Plager, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the activities and progress of the National Labor Relations Board, after receiving testimony from William B. Gould IV, Chairman, and Fred Feinstein, General Counsel, both of the National Labor Relations Board; Dan Yager, Labor Policy Association, and Charles Craver, George Washington University Law School, both of Washington, D.C.; and G. Roger King, Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management.

INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine how to foster economic growth and development on Indian reservations, focusing on the role of Federal policy, tribal policy, and private sector development and jobs, after receiving testimony from Joseph P. Kalt, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development/Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Phillip Martin, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Mississippi; Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Scottsdale, Arizona; and Peter J. Ferrara, Americans for Tax Reform, and Richard Cowden, American Association of Enterprise Zones, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4080–4101; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 193–195, H. Con. Res. 215, and H. Res. 523 were introduced.

Pages H10523–24

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3153, to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt from regulation the transportation of certain hazardous materials by vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, amended (H. Rept. 104–791);

H.R. 3348, to direct the President to establish standards and criteria for the provision of major disaster and emergency assistance in response to snow-related events, amended (H. Rept. 104–792);

H.R. 3923, 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, amended (H. Rept. 104–793);

H.R. 4040, to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to intermodal safe container transportation (H. Rept. 104–794)

H.R. 3802, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, and to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, amended (H. Rept. 104–795)

H.J. Res. 191, to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa (H. Rept. 104–796);

H.R. 2505, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarification to the land bank protection provisions, amended (H. Rept. 104–797)

H.R. 3968, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, amended (H. Rept. 104–798)

S. 533, to clarify the rules governing removal of cases to Federal court (H. Rept. 104–799);

S. 677, to repeal a redundant venue protection (H. Rept. 104–800);

H.R. 3936, to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–801 Part I);

H.R. 2941, to improve the quantity and quality of the quarters of land management agency field employees, amended (H. Rept. 104–802 Part I);

H. Res. 522, waiving 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 (H. Rept. 104–803);

H. Con. Res. 180, commending the Americans who served the United States during the period known as the Cold War, amended (H. Rept. 104–804 Part I);

H. Con. Res. 200, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, amended (H. Rept. 104–805); and

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, amended (H. Rept. 104–806).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hancock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed and sent to the Senate H.R. 1886, amended.

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

North Platte National Wildlife Refuge: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10440–42

National Park Service Administrative Reform: H.R. 2941, amended, to improve the quantity and quality of the quarters of land management agency field employees;

Pages H10442–47

Electronic Freedom of Information Act: H.R. 3802, amended, 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 (passed by a yeand-nay vote of 402 yeas, Roll No. 414);

Pages H10447–52, H10493–94

Honorary Citizenship to Mother Teresa: H.J. Res. 191, amended, to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa; agreed to amend the title (passed by a yeand-nay vote of 405 yeas, Roll No. 415);

Pages H10452–54, H10494

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

Pages H10454–59

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

Pages H10459, H10494

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

Pages H10459–60

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;

Pages H10462–63

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;

Pages H10463–65

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;

Pages H10470–78

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;

Pages H10478–81

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;

Pages H10481–83

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

Pages H10483–89

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.

Pages H10489–93

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.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D916)

H.R. 3269, to amend the Impact Aid program to provide for a hold-harmless with respect to amounts for payments relating to the Federal acquisition of real property. Signed September 16, 1996. (P.L. 104-195)

H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. Signed September 16, 1996. (P.L. 104-196)

H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. Signed September 30, 1996. (P.L. 104-197)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1996**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold open and closed 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, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, HUD Oversight and Structure, to resume oversight hearings on the implementation and enforcement of the Fair Housing Act (P.L. 100-430), 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1920, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, and S. 1998, to provide for expedited negotiations between the Secretary of the Interior and the villages of Chickaloon-Moose Creek Native Association, Inc., Ninilichik Native Association, Inc., Seldovia Native Association, Inc., Tyonek Native Corporation and Knikatnu, Inc. regarding the conveyances of certain lands in Alaska under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings on United States policy and recent developments with regard to Indonesia, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold 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, reexamination reform, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Bailey decision's effect on certain prosecutions with regard to violent and drug trafficking crimes, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review contracting practices and other activities at the

USDA relating to Team Nutrition, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on recent events surrounding Sumitomo Corporation, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up 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, 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. 2299, to amend the Clean Air Act to require that motorcycles be defined as having a curb mass less than or equal to 1,749 pounds; 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; a measure to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1997; H.R. 3391, 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 agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such act; and H.R. 1186, Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider the following: H.R. 3877, to designate the U.S. post office building in Camden, AR, as the "Honorable David H. Pryor Post Office Building"; S. 868, to provide authority for leave transfer for Federal employees who are adversely affected by disasters or emergencies; and pending investigative reports, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Shootdown of Brothers to the Rescue: What Happened? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 3874, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1996; H.R. 2002, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1995; H.R. 3852, Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996; H.R. 1499, Consumer Fraud Prevention Act of 1995; and a private claims measure, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.J. Res. 189, granting the consent of Congress to the Interstate Insurance Receivership Compact; and to hold a hearing and mark up of the following: 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, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on prison industries, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on the July 25, 1996 terrorist attack against U.S. military forces in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2392, to amend the Umatilla Basin Project Act to establish boundaries for irrigation districts within the Umatilla Basin; H.R. 3258, 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, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act of 1995; H.R. 3973, to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives; H.R. 3819, to amend the act establishing the National Park Foundation; H.R. 3155, 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, to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest; H.R. 2028, Federal Land Management Agency Concession Reform Act of 1995; H.R. 2466, to improve the process for land exchanges with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management; H.R. 4067, to provide for representa-

tion of the Northern Mariana Islands by a nonvoting Delegate in the House of Representatives; H.R. 2041, Guam War Restitution Act; H.R. 3752, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act of 1996; and H.R. 3862, Citizen's Fair Hearing Act of 1996, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997; Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1996; and a measure making omnibus appropriations for fiscal year 1997; and to mark up H.R. 3024, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act, 3 p.m., H-313, Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on H.R. 3994, Entrepreneur Development Program Act of 1996, a proposed reform of the 8(a) Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on the Rails to Trails Act, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up H.R. 4068, Veterans Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1994, Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act.

Also, Senate may consider the conference report on H.R. 3675, Transportation Appropriations, 1997, and S. 39, Magnuson Fisheries Authorization.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 18

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of 7 suspensions:

1. H.R. 2594, Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act;
2. H.R. 2940, Deepwater Port Modernization Act;
3. H.R. 3923, Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996;
4. H.R. 3348, Snow Removal Policy Act of 1996;
5. H.R. 4040, Intermodal Safe Container Act Amendments of 1996;
6. S. 1995, Authorizing Air and Space Museum Annex at Dulles Airport; and
7. S. 1636, Designating the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse.

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