

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to VA/HUD Appropriations Conference Report.

House passed 2 Corrections Day bills and 15 measures under suspension of the rules.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11125–S11210

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2104–2116, S.J. Res. 63 and 64, and S. Res. 296–300.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1711, to establish a commission to evaluate the programs of the Federal Government that assist members of the Armed Forces and veterans in readjusting to civilian life, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–371)

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Measures Passed:

Maritime Security Act: By 88 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 300), Senate passed H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Grassley Amendment No. 5393, to clarify the term fair and reasonable compensation with respect to the transportation of a motor vehicle by a certain vessel. (By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 299), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Grassley Amendment No. 5394, to prohibit the use of funds received as a payment or subsidy for lobbying or public education, and for making political contributions for the purpose of influencing an election. (By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 298), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Inouye (for Harkin) Amendment No. 5396 (to Amendment No. 5393), to provide for payment by the Secretary of Transportation of certain ocean freight charges for Federal food or export assistance.

(By 89 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 297), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Grassley Amendment No. 5395, to provide that United States-flag vessels be called up before foreign flag vessels during any national emergency and to prohibit the delivery of military supplies to a combat zone by vessels that are not United States-flag vessels.

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Mark O. Hatfield Room: Senate agreed to S. Res. 298, designating room S. 131 in the Capitol as the Mark O. Hatfield Room.

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Senate Arms Control Observer Group: Senate agreed to S. Res. 299, extending the provisions of Senate Resolution 149 of the One Hundred Third Congress, First Session, relating to the Senate Arms Control Observer Group.

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Commending Operation Sail: Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 64, to commend Operation Sail.

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Afghanistan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 275, to express the sense of the Senate concerning Afghanistan, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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

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Veach-Baley Federal Complex: Senate passed 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", clearing the measure for the President.

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Sammy L. Davis Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 3186, to designate the Federal building

located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11202**

Roman L. Hruska Federal Building/Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 3400, to designate the Federal building and 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 Federal Building and United States Courthouse", clearing the measure for the President.

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Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3710, to designate a United States courthouse located in Tampa, Florida, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Walhalla National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3546, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Walhalla National Fish Hatchery to the State of South Carolina, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Hollings) Amendment No. 5398, to correct a coastal barrier resources Map. **Page S11203**

Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 1802, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Thomas/Simpson) Amendment No. 5399, regarding the use and reversionary interest and access by institutions of higher education.

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Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge: Senate passed H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Johnston) Amendment No. 5400, to authorize the expansion of the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge.

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Animal Drug Availability Act: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 773, to amend the Federal

Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Kassebaum) Amendment No. 5401, in the nature of a substitute.

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VA/HUD Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that once the Senate receives from the House of Representatives the conference report on 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, the conference report be considered and agreed to.

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International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995 (Treaty Doc. No. 104-27), on Wednesday, September 25, 1996.

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Adjournment: During today's proceedings, Senate adjourned for 1 minute, thus changing the legislative day.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: A routine list in the Navy.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—300)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11162-63.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,969 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

AUTO INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1860, to provide for legal reform and consumer compensation with regard to automobile insurance to allow individuals to purchase either no-fault coverage or traditional tort liability coverage, after receiving testimony from Senator McConnell; Jeffrey O'Connell, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville; Kathy O'Donnell, Marcotte Law Firm, Lowell, Massachusetts; Peter Kinzler, Kinzler and Swab, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Committee for Comprehensive Automobile Accident Restitution and Rate Reduction; Jamie Court, Proposition 103 Enforcement Project, Santa Monica, California; and Andrew Tobias, New York, New York.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the threat of ballistic missile attacks on the United States, the need for missile defenses, and proposals for the United States' withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty arms control agreement, receiving testimony from R. James Woolsey, former Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

Hearings will resume on Thursday, September 26.

FREEDOM FROM GOVERNMENT COMPETITION ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held 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, receiving testimony from Senator Thomas; John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; John M. Palatiello, Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors, Reston, Virginia; Marie Fath, Business Coalition for Fair Competition, Annandale, Virginia; Bert Concklin, Professional Services Council, Vienna, Virginia; and John N. Sturdivant, American Federation of Government Employees, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ann L. Aiken, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Rose Ochi, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Aiken was introduced by Senators Hatfield and Wyden.

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the principle of tribal sovereign immunity and the function which it serves in empowering Indian tribal governments and self-determination, after receiving testimony from Senator Pressler; Robert T. Anderson, Associate Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; South Dakota Chief Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Long, Pierre; Susan M. Williams, Gover, Stetson & Williams, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Douglas B.L. Endreson, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse & Endreson, Washington, D.C.; Marlene Dawson, Whatcom County Council, and Henry Cagey, Lummi Indian Business Council, both of Bellingham, Washington; Rhonda R. Swaney, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, Montana; Bill Anotubby, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma; Jesse Taken Alive, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ft. Yates, South Dakota; Herb Yazzie, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Donald C. Hatch, Jr., Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Marysville; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Jennifer A. Coleman, Buffalo, New York; Lana E. Marcussen, Darrel Smith, Mobridge, South Dakota; and James M. Johnson, Olympia, Washington.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of the Social Security retirement system, focusing on proposals to reform the current structure, after receiving testimony from Senator Simpson; and Robert J. Myers, former Actuary, Social Security Administration, Michael Tanner, Cato Institute, Paul S. Hewitt, National Taxpayers Union Foundation, C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, Martha Phillips, Concord Coalition, Estelle James, World Bank, and Paul J. Yakoboski, Employee Benefit Research Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 4133–4162; 1 private bill, H.R. 4163; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 216–217, and H. Res. 531–534, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1281, to amend title 5, United States Code, and the National Security Act of 1947 to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of information regarding certain individuals who participated in Nazi war crimes during the period in which the United States was involved in World War II, amended (H. Rept. 104–819 Part I);

H.R. 3452, to make certain laws applicable to the Executive Office of the President, amended (H. Rept. 104–820 Part I);

Sampling and Statistical Adjustment in the Decennial Census: Fundamental Flaws (H. Rept. 104–821);

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, amended (H. Rept. 104–822 Part I);

H.R. 2508, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs, amended (H. Rept. 104–823);

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, amended (H. Rept. 104–824);

H.R. 3568, to designate 51.7 miles of the Clarion River, located in Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 104–825);

H.R. 1791, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make certain technical corrections relating to physicians' services, amended (H. Rept. 104–826);

H.R. 2092, to expedite State reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment, amended (H. Rept. 104–827 Part I);

Conference report on H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel,

by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States (H. Rept. 104–828);

H. Res. 528, waiving point of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States (H. Rept. 104–829);

H. Res. 529, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 (H. Rept. 104–830);

H.R. 3841, to amend the civil service laws of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–831);

Conference Report on 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 (H. Rept. 104–832);

H.R. 1186, to provide for the safety of journeyman boxes, amended (H. Rept. 104–833 Part I);

H. Res. 530, providing for the consideration of H.R. 4134, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize States to deny public education benefits to aliens not lawfully present in the United States who are not enrolled in public schools during the period beginning September 1, 1996, and ending July 1, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–834);

H.R. 3752, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands amended (H. Rept. 104–835); and

Conference Report on H.R. 1296, to provide for the Administration of certain Presidio properties at

minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer (H. Rept. 104-836). **Pages H10841-H10907, H10982-H11040, H11046**

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon.

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Prayer by Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, the Reverend Bishop Felton May of the Washington, D.C. Area United Methodist Church.

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Corrections Calendar: On the Call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed the following measures:

Small Business Transport Corrections Advancement Act: H.R. 3153, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt from regulation the transportation of certain hazardous materials by vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. Agreed to the Petri amendment in the nature of a substitute that adds a farm-related section that delays the implementation of any provision in the final rule that prohibits states from granting exceptions for not-for-hire intrastate transportation by farmers. Agreed to amend the title; and

Pages H10775-79

Traffic Signal Synchronization: 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.

Pages H10779-83

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

Privatization Act: H.R. 1720, amended, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the cessation of Federal sponsorship of two Government sponsored enterprises. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H10783-H10803

Water Desalination Research and Development: S. 811, amended, to authorize research into the desalination and reclamation of water and authorize a program for States, cities, or qualifying agencies desiring to own and operate a water desalination or reclamation facility, and to develop such facilities. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H10803-04

David H. Pryor Post Office Building: H.R. 3877, amended, to designate the United States Post Office building in Camden, Arkansas, as the "Honorable David H. Pryor Post Office Building". Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H10804-06

Presidential and Executive Office Accountability: H.R. 3452, amended, to make certain laws applicable to the Executive Office of the President (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 427);

Pages H10806-17, H10970-76

War Crimes Disclosure: H.R. 1281, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, and the National Security Act of 1947 to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of information regarding certain individuals who participated in Nazi war crimes during the period in which the United States was involved in World War II. Agreed to amend the title;

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State Emergency Management Assistance Compact: H.J. Res. 193, granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact;

Pages H10819-22

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Compact: H.J. Res. 194, amended, 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;

Pages H10822-25

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia Bombing: H. Con. Res. 200, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H10825-35

Animal Drug Availability: H.R. 2508, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs;

Pages H10835-41

Medicaid Certification: H.R. 1791, amended, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make certain technical corrections relating to physicians' services;

Pages H10907-09

Energy Policy and Conservation: H.R. 4083, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1997;

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Extradition of Martin Pang: H. Con. Res. 132, amended, relating to the extradition of Martin Pang from Brazil to the United States. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H10909-11

Republic of China on Taiwan: 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;

Pages H10911-13

Worldwide Christian Persecution: H. Res. 515, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the persecution of Christians worldwide; and

Pages H10913-18

National Invasive Species Act: H.R. 3217, amended, to provide for ballast water management to prevent the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species into the waters of the United States.

Pages H10918–27

Order of Business: It was made in order that at any time to consider a conference report to accompany the bill H.R. 3666, that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived, and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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Expedited Procedures: By a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 425, the House agreed to H. Res. 525, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

Pages H10927–37

FAA Authorization: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 3539, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill (except section 501) and the Senate amendment (except section 501) and the Senate amendment (except section 1001), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Clinger, Duncan, Oberstar, and Lipinski; from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of section 501 of the House bill and section 1001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Clinger, and Oberstar; as additional conferees from the Committee on Rules, for consideration of section 675 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Dreier, Linder, and Beilenson; as additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 601–05 of the House bill, and section 103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walker, Morella, and Brown of California; as additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of section 501 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walker, Sensenbrenner, and Brown of California; as additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 501 of the House bill and sections 417, 906, and 1001 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Archer, Crane, and Gibbons.

Pages H10951, H10971

VA/HUD Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 426, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3666, mak-

ing 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.

Pages H10951–70

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 531, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order.

Pages H10971–72

Subsequently, agreed to the Armev motion to table the resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 390 yeas to 11 noes with 7 voting "present", Roll No. 428).

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 532, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order.

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Subsequently, agreed to the Armev motion to table the resolution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 173 noes with 9 voting "present", Roll No. 429).

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Legislative Program: Pursuant to H. Res. 525, the rule providing for expedited procedures for the remainder of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress and agreed to earlier, Representative Goss announced measures for consideration under suspension of the rules for Wednesday, September 25.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure, S. 2101, to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on page H10769.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10936–37, H10969–70, H10970–71, H10971–72, and H10972. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 noon and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HATCH ACT AND RELATED LAW VIOLATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the Hatch Act and related

law violations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Grant Buntrock, Administrator; Randy Weber, Associate Administrator; Willie Cook, Director, Civil Rights and Small Business Development Staff, Chris Niedermayer, Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs, and Eric Shrader, Assistant to the Director, Management Services Division, all with the Farm Service Agency; Eugene Moos, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; and Wardell Townsend, Assistant Secretary, Administration; Ronald Blackley, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Legislative and Public Affairs, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; K. Rashid Nuri, Senior Advisor, Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of Justice: John C. Keeney, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and William Reukauf, Associate Special Counsel, Prosecution, Office of Special Counsel.

CITIZENSHIP USA

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Citizenship USA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice: Louis D. Crocetti, Associate Commissioner, Examinations; Tom Conklin, Deportations, Chicago, Diane Dobberfuhr, Ethel Ware and Joyce Woods, all with Adjudications, Chicago; James Humble-Snachez, Los Angeles and Nell Jacobs, Dallas, both with Investigations; Cora Miller, Adjudications, Las Vegas; Robin Lewis, Adjudications, Oklahoma City; and David Rosenberg, Director, Citizenship USA Programs.

TRADE PROMOTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE—ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held an oversight hearing on the Annual Report of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce.

UN: OFFICE OF SECRETARY GENERAL AND PROSPECTS FOR REFORM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on United Nations: the Office of Secretary General and the Prospects for Reform. Testimony was heard from Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the National Guard Youth Challenge Program. Testimony was heard from Col. Maynard K. Bean, (Ret.), Army National Guard Director, Commonwealth Challenge, State of Virginia; Col. Bill Crowson, Director, National Guard Youth Challenge and The Challenge Academy, State of Mississippi; Lt. Col. Michael D. Bedwell, Director, Youth Challenge Program, State of Oklahoma; Bob Hughes, Acting Director, Youth Challenge Program, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal year 1997, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Combust and Representative Dicks.

CONFERENCE REPORT—IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1996, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of Texas and Bryant of Texas.

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 4134, authorizing States to deny public education benefits to certain aliens not lawfully present in the United States, providing for consideration in the House for one hour equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule provides one moment to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Gallegly.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES AND RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds approved for full Committee action the following bills: S. 1931, to provide that the U.S. Post Office building that is to be located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, TN, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton Post Office and Courthouse";

H.R. 4042, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, NY, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse"; H.R. 4119, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, GA, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and H.R. 4113, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes, United States Courthouse."

The Subcommittee also approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: 2 11(b); 7 construction; and 17 lease.

Joint Meetings

IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D956)

H.R. 740, to confer jurisdiction on the United States Court of Federal Claims with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe. Signed September 18, 1996. (P.L. 104-198)

H.R. 3396, to define and protect the institution of marriage. Signed September 21, 1996. (P.L. 104-199)

H.R. 4018, to make technical corrections to the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982. Signed September 22, 1996. (P.L. 104-200)

H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Signed September 23, 1996. (P.L. 104-201)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the impact of the Bosnian elections and the deployment of U.S. military forces to Bosnia and the Middle East, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on International Finance, to hold hearings to examine the release of the Fourth Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee annual report, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on issues relating to the study of Mars, 9:30 a.m., SR-236.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on aviation safety issues, focusing on treatment of families after airline accidents, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 987, to provide for the full settlement of all claims of Swain County, North Carolina, against the United States under the agreement dated July 30, 1943, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3815, to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine prospects for peace, security, and economic development in Lebanon, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability, to hold oversight hearings on the regulatory review activities of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to resume hearings to examine White House access to FBI background summaries, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the role of the Department of Justice in implementing the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs to hold joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence, on the Department of Defense and Intelligence reports of U.S. military personnel exposures to chemical agents during the Persian Gulf War, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

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Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the phase out of the Navajo/Hopi relocation program, 1:30 p.m., SR-485.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on dairy, poultry, and egg trade with Canada and the impact of the impending NAFTA panel decision, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, oversight hearing on restructuring of international satellite organizations, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology and the Committee on House Oversight, joint oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up H. Con. Res. 213, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra river basin; to be followed by a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs of the Committee on Resources on U.S. Interests in the South Pacific: Freely Associated States and Okinawa, 2:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, to vote on the Subpoena of Defense Department and other witnesses to testify and documents regarding the shootdown of the civilian "Brothers to the Rescue" planes by Cuban MIGs; to be followed by a hearing on the Issue of Quebec Sov-

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Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on H.R. 3011, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on current and future U.S. policy for Bosnia, 9:30 a.m.; and to meet to honor retiring members, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing to investigate the progress of a 1995 REGO II proposal to allow states to perform BLM's inspection and enforcement programs on federal lands, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on OSHA Reform and Relief for Small Business: What Needs to be Done? 10 a.m., 2539 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Programs, hearing on FDIC's handling of small business asset foreclosures in Massachusetts as a result of the failure of ComFed Savings Bank in Lowell, MA, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: pending GSA Construction and Lease Prospectuses; 11-b resolutions; and other pending business, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on Recent Activities in Iraq, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of six Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will begin consideration of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995 (Treaty Doc. No. 104-27). Senate may also resume consideration of S. 1505, Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act, and consider the conference report on H.R. 1617, Workforce Development.

Also, Senate may begin consideration of S.J. Res. 63, Continuing Appropriations Resolution.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, September 25

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 1997 (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of H.R. 2134, authorizing States to deny public education benefits to certain aliens not lawfully present in the United States (closed rule, 1 hour of general debate); and

Consideration of 22 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 3852, Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act;

2. H.R. 1499, Telemarketing Fraud Punishment and Prevention Act;

3. H.R. 3456, Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act;

4. H.R. 4137, Drug-Induced Rape Prevention and Punishment Act;

5. H. Res. , Government Accountability Act;

6. H.R. 2092, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act;

7. S. 919, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Amendments;

8. H.R. 1186, Professional Boxing Safety Act;

9. H.R. 3391, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments;

10. H.R. 3700, Internet Election Information Act;

11. S. 1970, National Museum of the American Indian Act Amendments;

12. H.R. 4011, Congressional Pension Forfeiture Act;

13. S. 868, Federal Employees Emergency Leave Transfer Act;

14. H. Con. Res. 145, Concerning the Removal of Russian Forces from Moldova;

15. H. Con. Res. 189, Expressing Sense of Congress Regarding the Importance of U.S. Membership in Regional South Pacific Organizations;

16. H. Con. Res. 51, Expressing Sense of Congress Relating to the Removal of Russian Troops from Kaliningrad;

17. H.R. 4036, Human Rights Restoration Act;

18. H.R. 3497, Snoqualmie National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act;

19. H.R. 3155, Designating the Wekiva River for Study and Possible Addition to the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System;

20. H.R. 3568, Designating 51.7 miles of the Clarion River as a component of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System;

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