

Treaty; H.R. 1581, to reauthorize the program established under chapter 44 of title 28, United States Code, relating to arbitration; and H.R. 1252, amended, Judicial Reform Act of 1997.

PROHIBITION OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH COUNTRIES SUPPORTING TERRORISM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 748, Prohibition of Financial Transactions with Countries Supporting Terrorism Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from William C. Ramsay, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy, Sanctions, and Commodities, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement approved for full Committee action H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

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Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development approved for full Committee action H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Rafe Pomerance, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Denis P. Galvin, Acting Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Charles P. Childers, Representative, State of Wyoming; Jeannette James, Representative, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 588, National Discovery Trails Act of 1997; and H.R. 1513, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Lincoln National Historic Trail as a component of the National Trails System. Testimony was heard from Representative Bereuter; Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior;

Robert C. Joslin, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate, on H.R. 437, National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization Act of 1997, with 40 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources and 20 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science. The rule provides that, in lieu of the Science Committee amendment now printed in the bill, that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and provides that the amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Saxton.

DESECRATION OF THE FLAG— CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may include instructions only if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee, and if including instructions, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representative Canady.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION WELFARE RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved welfare reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting, to mark up a proposed National Defense Authorization Act

for Fiscal Year 1998, and to receive a report from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on automated teller machine fees and surcharges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on S. 629, to declare that the Congress approve the Agreement Respecting Normal Competitive Conditions in the Commercial Shipbuilding and Repair Industry (Shipbuilding Agreement), a reciprocal trade agreement resulting from negotiations under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, entered into on December 21, 1994, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the State-side of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on proliferation and United States export controls, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine judicial activism and its impact on the court system, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to reform the Food and Drug Administration, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider Budget Reconciliation recommendations, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing to review the 1997 Conservation Reserve Program contract announcement, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on National Education Goals Panel; National Mediation Board; and the Armed Forces Retirement Home, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, hearing on Future Bomber/Deep Attack Capabilities, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to consider the following: Budget Reconciliation recommendations; and other pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following Budget Reconciliation recommendations: Title III, Subtitle A—Nuclear Regulatory Commission Annual Charges; Title III, Subtitle B—Lease of Excess Strategic Petroleum Reserve Capacity; Title III, Subtitle C—Sale of DOE Assets; Title III, Subtitle D—Communications; Title III, Subtitle E—Medicaid; Title III, Subtitle F—State Child Health Coverage Assistance; and Title IV—Committee on Commerce—Medicare, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following: Budget Reconciliation recommendations; and H.R. 1515, Expansion of Portability and Health Insurance Coverage Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider pending business, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Fast Track NAFTA, Mercosur, and Beyond: Does the Road Lead to a Future Free Trade Area of the Americas? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on civil asset forfeiture reform, including discussion of H.R. 1835, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act; and to mark up a private immigration bill, 10:00 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to mark up H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, 10:00 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up H.R. 1278, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1997; and to hold an oversight hearing on the Administration's priorities with respect to the budget agreement's provision providing \$700 million in additional budget authority for fiscal year 1998 for Federal land acquisitions and exchanges, 1:00 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to mark up H.R. 1702, Commercial Space Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: Budget Reconciliation recommendations; H.R. 849, to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970; H.R. 1747, John F. Kennedy Center Parking Improvement Act of 1997; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on International Aviation Bilaterals and Code Sharing Relationships, 2:00 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up Budget Reconciliation tax recommendations, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Iran, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.