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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 858, Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act.

The House passed H.R. 1775, FY 1998 Intelligence Authorization Act.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; and the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7035–S7130

Measures Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 998–999 and S. Res. 106–107. Page S7116–17

Measures Passed:

Federal Surplus Property Transfer: Senate passed H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer of surplus personal property to States for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals, and to authorize the transfer of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions and instrumentalities of States, and nonprofit organizations for providing housing or housing assistance for low-income individuals or families, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S7128–29

Brownback (for Thompson/Glenn) Amendment No. 788, to provide that the Administrator of General Services shall ensure that nonprofit organizations shall consider the mental or physical disability of individuals for purposes of self-help requirements. Page S7129

National Gambling Impact Study Commission Protection: Senate passed H.R. 1901, to clarify that the protections of the Federal Tort Claims Act apply to the members and personnel of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, clearing the measure for the President. Page S7129

Records Production Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 107, to authorize the production of

records by Senator Robert C. Byrd and Senator John D. Rockefeller IV. Page S7129

DOD Authorizations: Senate continued consideration of S. 936, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 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, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S7042–52, S7054–S7113

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 164), Dodd/McCain Amendment No. 765, to express the sense of the Congress in commending Mexico and the citizens of Mexico on the conduct of free and fair elections. Pages S7050–51, S7088

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 165), Dorgan Amendment No. 771 (to Amendment No. 705), to require a report on the actual costs and savings attributable to previous base closure rounds and on the need for additional base closure rounds. Pages S7069–84, S7088–90

McCain Modified Amendment No. 705, to grant authority to carry out base closure or realignment of military installations after 1997, as amended. Pages S7056–84, S7088–90

Warner (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 644, to make retroactive the entitlement of certain Medal of Honor recipients to the special pension provided for persons entered and recorded on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor Roll. Page S7104

Levin (for Leahy/Jeffords) Amendment No. 596, to authorize funds for the construction of a combined

support maintenance shop, Camp Johnson, Colchester, Vermont. **Page S7104**

Warner (for Bond) Amendment No. 781, to authorize funds for the construction of an Army National Guard readiness center at Macon, Missouri. **Pages S7104-05**

Levin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 610, to authorize funds for the addition and alteration of an administrative facility at Bellows Air Force Station, Hawaii. **Page S7105**

Warner (for Thurmond/Levin) Amendment No. 782, to make certain adjustments in the authorizations relating to military construction projects. **Page S7105**

Levin (for Bingaman/Domenici) Amendment No. 783, to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to enter into an agreement for the use of a medical resource facility in Alamogordo, New Mexico. **Pages S7105-06**

Warner (for Specter) Amendment No. 784, to require a report on the policies and practices of the Department of Defense relating to the protection of members of the Armed Forces abroad from terrorist attack. **Page S7106**

Warner (for Santorum/Specter) Amendment No. 785, to express the sense of the Congress regarding the transfer of the ground communication-electronic workload from McClellan Air Force Base, California, to Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the schedule provided for the realignment of the performance of such workload; and to prohibit privatization of the performance of that workload in place. **Page S7106**

Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 786, to make technical corrections. **Pages S7106-07**

Warner (for Chafee/Baucus) Amendment No. 706, to enhance fish and wildlife conservation and natural resources management programs under the Sikes Act. **Pages S7107-08**

Levin (for Robb) Modified Amendment No. 624, to require the Secretary of the Navy to carry out a program to demonstrate expanded use of multitechnology automated reader cards throughout the Navy and the Marine Corps. **Pages S7108-09**

Warner (for Craig) Amendment No. 631, to restore the garnishment and involuntary allotment provisions of title 5, United States Code, to the provisions as they were in effect before amendment by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996. **Page S7109**

Gorton Amendment No. 645, to provide for the implementation of designated provider agreements for uniformed services treatment facilities. **Page S7109**

Warner/Kennedy Amendment No. 787, to make technical corrections to section 123, relating to the cost limitation for the Seawolf submarine program. **Pages S7109-10**

Lugar Modified Amendment No. 658, to increase (with offsets) the funding, and to improve the authority, for cooperative threat reduction programs and related Department of Energy programs. **Pages S7042, S7110-11**

Rejected:

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 670, to require the Secretary of Defense to transfer \$5,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture to provide funds for outreach and startup for the school breakfast program. (By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 162), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7042, S7054-56, S7083-87**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 163), Gorton/Murray/Feinstein Amendment No. 424, to reestablish a selection process for donation of the U.S.S. *Missouri*. **Pages S7042, S7085-88**

Pending:

Cochran/Durbin Amendment No. 420, to require a license to export computers with composite theoretical performance equal to or greater than 2,000 million theoretical operations per second. **Pages S7042, S7098-7103**

Grams Amendment No. 422 (to Amendment No. 420), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the availability and potential risks relating to the sale of certain computers. **Page S7042**

Coverdell (for Inhofe/Coverdell/Cleland) Amendment No. 423, to define depot-level maintenance and repair, to limit contracting for depot-level maintenance and repair at installations approved for closure or realignment in 1995, and to modify authorities and requirements relating to the performance of core logistics functions. **Page S7042**

Wellstone Amendment No. 669, to provide funds for the bioassay testing of veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during military service. **Pages S7042, S7103**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 668, to require the Secretary of Defense to transfer \$400,000,000 to the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to provide funds for veterans' health care and other purposes. **Page S7042**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 666, to provide for the transfer of funds for Federal Pell Grants. **Page S7042**

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 753, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the options available to the Department

of Defense for the disposal of chemical weapons and agents.

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Kyl Modified Amendment No. 607, to impose a limitation on the use of Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for destruction of chemical weapons.

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Kyl Amendment No. 605, to advise the President and Congress regarding the safety, security, and reliability of United States Nuclear weapons stockpile.

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Dodd Amendment No. 762, to establish a plan to provide appropriate health care to Persian Gulf veterans who suffer from a Gulf War illness.

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Dodd Amendment No. 763, to express the sense of the Congress in gratitude to Governor Chris Patten for his efforts to develop democracy in Hong Kong.

Pages S7051-52

Reid Amendment No. 772, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to make available \$2,000,000 for the development and deployment of counter-landmine technologies.

Pages S7091-92

Levin Amendment No. 778, to revise the requirements for procurement of products of Federal Prison Industries to meet needs of Federal agencies.

Pages S7093-97, S7111-13

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, July 10, 1997, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Extradition Treaty with France (Treaty Doc. 105-13);

Extradition Treaty with Poland (Treaty Doc. 105-14).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jamie Rappaport Clark, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

I. Miley Gonzales, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

August Scumacher, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

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Additional Statements: Pages S7127-28

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-165) Pages S7087-88, S7090

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 9:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7129-30.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command, and Lt. Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings in open and closed sessions on the aforementioned nominations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COMPREHENSIVE MORTGAGE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief and the Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development held joint hearings to examine problems surrounding the mortgage origination process, the goals and objectives of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth In Lending Act, and the need for comprehensive mortgage reform legislation, receiving testimony from Janice M. Hix, National Association of Mortgage Brokers, McLean, Virginia; Ron McCord, American Mortgage and Investment Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America; Russell K. Booth,

Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors; Joseph M. Parker, Jr., Parker Title Insurance Agency, Inc., Winston Salem, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Land Title Association; and Margot Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, and Michelle Meier, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 15.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Richard Sullivan, Perkins Coie, Washington, D.C., former Deputy Finance and Finance Director, Democratic National Committee.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ENCRYPTION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain issues with regard to the use of encryption technology and its application in the information age, focusing on its impact on U.S. industries, privacy protection, and national security, including related measure S. 376 and related provisions of S. 909, after receiving testimony from Senator Kerrey; Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; William P. Crowell, Deputy Director, National Security Agency;

Kenneth W. Dam, Chair, Committee to Study National Cryptography Policy, National Research Council; Michael MacKay, Novell, Inc., Orem, Utah, on behalf of the Business Software Alliance and the Software Publishers Association; Peter G. Neumann, SRI International, Menlo Park, California; and Raymond Ozzie, Iris Associates, Westford, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Business Software Alliance.

SENATE ELECTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee met in open and closed sessions to receive a briefing on the status of the investigation concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996 from Thomas J. Jurkiewicz, Accounting and Information Management Division, and John J. Butler, Office of General Counsel, both detailed to the committee from the General Accounting Office; Robert F. Bauer, Perkins Coie, Washington, D.C.; and George P. Terwilliger III, McGuire Woods Battle & Boothe, Richmond, Virginia.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, July 16.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 2119–2131; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 111–113, and H. Res. 182, were introduced. Pages H5020–21

Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 181, providing for consideration of H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–174).

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Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Pilot Project: By a yea-and-nay vote of 429 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 251, the House passed H.R. 858, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated lands within Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests in the State of California to demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library

Group and to amend current land and resource management plans for these national forests to consider the incorporation of these resource management activities. Pages H4928–44

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended. Page H4944

Agreed to the Young of Alaska amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, that clarifies the environmental impact statement requirement, California Spotted Owl conservation compliance standards, and riparian management guidelines. Pages H4939–44

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. Page H4945

H. Res. 180, the rule that provided for consideration of H.R. 858 was agreed to by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature

of a substitute, numbered 1 and printed in the Congressional Record, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H4924–28**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of business in the rule, H. Res. 180, be modified to make in order an amendment offered by Young of Alaska in lieu of the Miller of California amendment, numbered 2 and printed in the Congressional Record. **Page H4938**

Intelligence Authorization Act: The House passed H.R. 1775, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Pages H4948–H5002**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended. **Page H5002**

Agreed to:

The Traficant amendment that requires compliance with the “Buy American Act”; expresses the sense of Congress that entities receiving assistance should purchase only American-made equipment and products; and prohibits contracts with any person who affixes fraudulent labels bearing a “Made in America” inscription to products sold in or shipped to the United States; **Pages H4959–60**

The McCollum amendment that requires, not later than 1 year after enactment and annually thereafter, a report on the intelligence activities of the People’s Republic of China directed against or affecting the interests of the United States; **Pages H4960–61**

The Goss amendment to the Waters amendment that requires not later than August 15, 1999, a review of the presence of chemical weapons in the Persian Gulf theater by the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency; and **Pages H4991–94**

The Waters amendment, as amended, that requires not later than August 15, 1999, a review of the presence of chemical weapons in the Persian Gulf theater by the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Pages H4990–94**

Rejected:

The Sanders amendment, as modified, that sought to reduce by 5 percent the total amount authorized to be appropriated and excepts the CIA Retirement and Disability Fund from this reduction (rejected by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 289 noes Roll No. 253); **Pages H4961–70**

The Conyers amendment that sought to require that the President submit an annual unclassified statement of the aggregate amount of intelligence expenditures for the current and succeeding fiscal

years beginning with the submission of the budget for FY 1999 (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 254); and **Pages H4970–85**

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to reduce by 0.7 percent the total amount authorized to be appropriated and excepts the CIA Retirement and Disability Fund from this reduction (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 255). **Pages H4986–90, H5001–02**

Withdrawn:

The Traficant amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish a 3-Judge division of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia for determination of whether cases alleging breach of secret government contracts should be tried in court; and **Pages H4958–59**

The Waters amendment, as modified, was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish a clandestine drug study commission. **Pages H4994–99**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1775 to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Pages H5002**

H. Res. 179, the rule that provided for consideration of H.R. 1775 was agreed to earlier by a yeand-nay vote of 425 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 252. **Pages H4945–48**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5022–23.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4944, H4948, H4969–70, H4984–85, and H5001–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review agricultural extension and education programs. Testimony was heard from Bob Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

**AGRICULTURAL, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES AND
FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT
FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; and the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

**EXPORT-IMPORT BANK
REAUTHORIZATION**

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1370, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

**FEDERAL ROLE IN ELECTRONIC
AUTHENTICATION**

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on a Federal Role in Electronic Authentication. Testimony was heard from Dan Greenwood, Deputy General Counsel, Information Technology Division, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY: PUBLIC POWER

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Electricity: Public Power, TVA, BPA, and Competition. Testimony was heard from Joe Dickey, Chief Operating Officer, TVA; John S. Robertson, Deputy Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

WORKER PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on H.R. 1625, Worker Paycheck Fairness Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on the Authorization of the Older Americans Act. Testimony was heard from William F. Benson, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY:
COLOMBIA**

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on International Drug Control Policy: Colombia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Myles Frechette, Ambassador to Colombia; Jeffrey Davidow, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs; Jane E. Becker, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Jim Thessin, Deputy Legal Advisor; Robert Newberry, Principal Director, Drug Enforcement Affairs, Department of Defense; Donnie Marshall, Chief of Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; and Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller General, GAO.

**FAST TRACK, NAFTA, MERCOSUR AND
BEYOND**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Fast Track, NAFTA, Mercosur and Beyond: Does the Road Lead to a Future Free Trade Area of the Americas? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 1909, Civil Rights Act of 1997.

**INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 1998**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 1, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1998, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives section 306 of the Budget Act (prohibiting matters within the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee in a measure not reported by it) against consideration of the bill. The rule also waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of Rule XXI against the bill except as follows: beginning with “: Provided” on page 46, line 25, through “part 121” on page 47, line 6 (Forest Service, timber purchaser road construction credits); and page 76, line 10, through line 13 (NEA). The rule makes in order those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided between a proponent and opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. All points of order against the amendments designated in the

Rules Committee report are waived. The rule accords priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration. The rule also allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce the voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule waives points of order against all amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation). Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula, Forbes, Young of Alaska, Tauzin, Roukema, Dan Schaefer of Colorado, Houghton, Morella, Ehlers, Horn, Foley, Weldon of Florida, Yates, Pelosi, Obey, Dingell, Lewis of Georgia, Slaughter, Nadler, Harman, Stupak, Farr of California, Gutierrez, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

OCEAN AND COASTAL ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Ocean and Coastal Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Forbes and Romero-Barceló; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and Rear Adm. Louis M. Smith, USN, Director, Facilities and Engineering Command, Department of the Navy; Robert H. Wayland, III, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; Jeffrey Benoit, Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Alexander F. Treadwell, Secretary, Department of State, State of New York; Jane K. Stahl, Assistant Director, Office of Long Island Sound Programs, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the following bills: S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses; and H.R. 2040, to amend title 38, United States Code, to deny burial in a federally funded cemetery to persons convicted of certain capital crimes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bachus, Skelton and Knollenberg; Jerry W. Bowen, Director, National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs; Johnny H. Killian, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a representative of veterans organizations.

Joint Meetings

TRADABLE EMISSIONS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the concept of tradable emissions (also known as tradable credits or allowances) which provide policy makers an opportunity to employ the power of markets to ease the burden of environmental regulations, focusing on the sulfur dioxide allowances trading program created by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 to control acid rain, after receiving testimony from Peter Guerrero, Director of Environmental Protection Issues, General Accounting Office; Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Mary Gade, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield; Daniel Dudek, Environmental Defense Fund, and Carlton Bartels, Cantor Fitzgerald Environmental Brokerage Services, both of New York, New York; and Daniel Chartier, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Milwaukee.

TONGASS LAND MANAGEMENT

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources held joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine certain issues with regard to the Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, issued by the United States Forest Service on May 23, 1997, receiving testimony from Robert P. Murphy, General Counsel, General Accounting Office; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; and Phil Janik, Alaska Regional Forester, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, Postal Service, and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the government of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense and energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold oversight hearings on financial institutions in the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to continue joint hearings with the House Resources Committee to review the final draft of the Tongass Land Management Plan, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to review the preliminary findings of the General Accounting Office concerning a study on the health, condition, and viability of the range and wildlife populations in Yellowstone National Park, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to climate change, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, John C. Holzman, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, and S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Employment and Training, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for vocational education programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold oversight hearings on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the Administration's proposal to restructure Indian gaming fee assessments, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1384-85 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to markup the Legislative Appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, to markup Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary

appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 2:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review Treasury Department efforts to combat counterfeiting and its compliance with the international counterfeiting provisions of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, 10:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on Literacy: Why Children Can't Read, 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to continue oversight hearings on Fraud and Abuse in Nursing Home Services Billed to Medicare and Medicaid, Part 2, 10:00 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1663, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law; and H.R. 1944, Warner Canyon Ski Hill Land Exchange Act of 1997, 10:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Federal vs. State management of parks, 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on Will Federal Government Computers Be Ready for the Year 2000? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, hearing on the need to implement the Congressional Review Act, and how doing so can benefit small business, 10:00 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission, 9:00 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs medical programs, to include consideration of pending proposals, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on The Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 1:00 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

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