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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed George Tenet to be Director of Central Intelligence.

House appointed conferees on H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act.

House appointed conferees on H.R. 2014, Taxpayers Relief Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7131-S7226

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1000-1007, S. Con. Res. 38. **Page S7210**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1004, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105-44)

S. 1005, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105-45)

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (S. Rept. No. 105-46) **Page S7210**

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 further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S7131-S7205**

Adopted:

By 72 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 166), 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. **Pages S7131-43**

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, as amended. **Pages S7131-43**

Conrad Amendment No. 795, to authorize the Secretaries of the military departments to settle and pay claims by members of the Armed Forces for loss of personal property due to flooding in the Red River Basin. **Pages S7151-53**

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 169), Gramm Modified Amendment No. 794 (to Amendment No. 778), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7150-51, S7160, S7163-69, S7183**

Levin Amendment No. 778, to revise the requirements for procurement of products of Federal Prison Industries to meet needs of Federal agencies. **Pages S7132, S7145-51, S7160, S7163-69, S7183**

Bingaman Amendment No. 647, relating to the participation of the national security activities of the Department of Energy in the Hispanic Outreach Initiative of the Department. **Page S7187**

Durbin Amendment No. 657, to provide for increased burdensharing by United States allies. **Page S7188**

Kerry Amendment No. 800, to express the sense of Congress regarding the restoration of peace in Cambodia. **Pages S7190-94**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 167), Murray Amendment No. 593, to repeal the restriction on use of Department of Defense facilities for abortions. **Pages S7153-60**

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. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 168), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7131, S7144-45, S7160-63, S7182**

Boxer Amendment No. 636, to make reimbursement of contractors for costs of excessive amounts of compensation for contractor personnel unallowable under Department of Defense contracts and other

contracts. (By 83 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 170), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

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.

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

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

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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 Modified 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.

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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.

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Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 799, to increase the funding for Navy and Air Force flying hours, and to offset the increase by reducing the amount authorized to be appropriated for the Space-Based Laser program in excess of the amount requested by the President.

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Feingold Amendment No. 759, to limit the use of funds for deployment of ground forces of the Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina after June 30, 1998, or a date fixed by statute, whichever is later.

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Levin Modified Amendment No. 802 (to Amendment No. 759), to express the sense of Congress regarding a follow-on force for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments proposed thereto on Friday, July 11, 1997, with votes to occur thereon.

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

Extradition Treaty with Spain (Treaty Doc. 105–15).

The treaty was 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:

George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Terry D. Garcia, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Kathleen M. Karpan, of Wyoming, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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Messages From the House:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—170)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:36 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, July 11, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7226.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE/ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1005) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and

An original bill (S. 1004) making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the government of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr., Linda W. Cropp, Acting Chairman, District of Columbia Council, and Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, all of the District of Columbia.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, July 16.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded oversight hearings to review information processing challenges of the Year 2000 for certain financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Larry Martin, Data Dimensions, Bellevue, Washington; David M. Iacino, Millennium Project/BankBoston, Boston, Massachusetts; Jeff Jinnett, LeBoeuf Computing Technologies/LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, New York, New York; and Alfred R. Berkeley III, Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., Washington, D.C.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation held hearings to review the preliminary findings of a General Accounting Office study on the health, condition, and viability of the range and wildlife populations in Yellowstone National Park, receiving testimony from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings to examine the causes, impacts, and uncertainties of global climate change, receiving testimony from Eric J. Barron, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; John R. Christy, University of Alabama, Huntsville; Richard S. Lindzen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dale W. Jorgenson, Harvard University, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Stephen H. Schneider, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Hearings continue on Thursday, July 17.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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 further testimony from Richard Sullivan, Perkins Coie, Washington, D.C., former Deputy Finance and Finance Director, Democratic National Committee.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 15.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Katharine Sweeney Hayden, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Anthony W. Ishii, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Henry Harold Kennedy, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Also, committee adopted the Subcommittee on Immigration rules of procedure concerning private immigration relief legislation for the 105th Congress.

Also, committee began mark up of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

AUTHORIZATION—REHABILITATION ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Employment and Training concluded hearings

on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Rehabilitation Act, including H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States, after receiving testimony from Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Fredric K. Schroeder, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, and Katherine Seelman, Director, National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research, all of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education; Eric Parks and Traci Meece, both of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Columbus; Kevin S. Veller, Vermont Association of Business, Industry, and Rehabilitation, Winooski; Jay Johnson, Options Interstate Resource Center for Independent Living, East Grand Forks, Minnesota; Janet E. Samuelson and Douglas Taksar, both of the Fairfax Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Paul Marchand, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, Washington, D.C.; and Bobby C. Simpson, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Hot Springs, on behalf of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation.

OSHA REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and related reform proposals, including S. 551, S. 461, and S. 765, after receiving testimony from Senators Gregg, Hutchison, and Enzi; Gregory R. Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health; Harry Morley, Taylor-Morley Homes, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Jeff W. Johnston,

Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, Tennessee; Michael A. Lail, Raines Brothers Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; Eric Frumin, Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees/AFL-CIO, New York, New York; F.M. Lunnie, Jr., Coalition on Occupational Safety and Health, Falls Church, Virginia; Steven C. Lewis, American Industrial Health Council, Washington, D.C.; and Nancy Lessin, Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, Boston.

INDIAN GAMING FEE ASSESSMENTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the National Indian Gaming Commission and proposed legislation to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to enable the National Indian Gaming Commission to assess additional fees to cover the costs of regulating the Indian gaming industry, after receiving testimony from Tom Foley and Philip N. Hogen, both of the National Indian Gaming Commission, Richard G. Hill and Tim Wapato, both of the National Indian Gaming Association, and W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, all of Washington, D.C.; Virgil Murphy, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, Bowler, Wisconsin; and Russell Welsh, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Parker, Arizona, and Jacob Coin, Phoenix, Arizona, both on behalf of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2132–2149; 1 private bill, H.R. 2150; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 114 and H. Res. 183, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

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

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Journal Vote: By a yea-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 49 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 256, the House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of Wednesday, July 9. Pages H5025, H5030–31

Balanced Budget Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, and agreed to a conference. Pages H5031–40

Appointed as conferees for consideration of the House Bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kasich, Hobson, Armey, DeLay, Hastert, Spratt, Bonior, and Fazio of California. As additional conferees from the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of title I of the House bill, and title I of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith of Oregon, Goodlatte, and Stenholm. As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of title II of the House bill, and title II of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Leach, Lazio of New York, and Gonzalez. As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of subtitles A–C of title III of the House bill, and title IV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Dan Schaefer of Colorado, and Dingell. As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of subtitle D of title III of the House bill, and subtitle A of title III of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Tauzin, and Dingell. As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of subtitles E and F of title III, titles IV and X of the House bill, and divisions 1 and 2 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, and Dingell. As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of subtitle A of title V and subtitle A of title IX of the House bill, and chapter 2 of division 3 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodling, Talent, and Clay. As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of subtitles B and C of title V of the House bill, and title VII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodling, McKeon, and Kildee. As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of subtitle D of title V of the House bill, and chapter 7 of division 4 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodling, Fawell, and Payne. As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for consideration of title VI of the House bill, and subtitle A of title VI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Burton of Indiana, Mica, and Waxman. As additional conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of title VII of the

House bill, and subtitle B of title III and subtitle B of title VI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Gilchrest, and Oberstar. As additional conferees from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of title VIII of the House bill, and title VIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Stump, Smith of New Jersey, and Evans. As additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of subtitle A of title V and title IX of the House bill, and divisions 3 and 4 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Archer, Shaw, Camp, Rangel, and Levin. As additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of titles IV and X of the House bill, and division 1 of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Archer, Thomas, and Stark. **Page H5040**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 257, agreed to the Spratt motion to instruct conferees (1) on the matters pertaining to increasing the age of eligibility for Medicare, reject the provisions contained in section 5611 of the Senate amendment; (2) on the matters pertaining to the minimum wage, worker protections, and civil rights—(A) insist on paragraphs (2) and (3), and reject the remainder, of section 417(f) of the Social Security Act, as amended by sections 5006 and 9006 of the bill, as passed the House, and (B) reject the provisions contained in sections 5004 and 9004 of the bill, as passed the House. **Page H5031–40**

Taxpayers Relief Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998 and agreed to a conference. **Page H5040–49**

Appointed as conferees for consideration of the House Bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kasich, Archer, Crane, Thomas, Armey, DeLay, McDermott, Rangel, Stark, and Matsui. As additional conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of sections 702 and 704 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Molinari, and Oberstar. As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 713–714, 717, 879, 1302, 1304–5, and 1311 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodling, Fawell, and Payne. **Pages H5048–49**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 258, rejected the Rangel motion to instruct conferees to work in a bipartisan fashion to provide fair and equitable tax relief to working families and avoid large and growing out-year revenue costs. In doing so, the conferees shall within the scope of the conference: 1. Recede from their insistence on the provision of the House bill that provides for indexing of capital assets; 2. Support tax relief that provides a family credit commonly referred to as the \$500-per-child credit, to working families, who pay Federal taxes; 3. Support tax provisions designed to assist working families in meeting the costs of college education and those provisions shall: a. Include a HOPE Scholarship credit for the first 2 years of postsecondary education consistent with the objectives of the HOPE Scholarship credit proposed by the President so that students attending low-cost community colleges are not disadvantaged; b. Include tax benefits for families paying tuition costs for the second 2 years of postsecondary education out of wages and salary income, and c. Not include the provisions of the House bill that impose new taxes on graduate students receiving tuition waivers.

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Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: The House completed debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Consideration of amendments will resume on Friday, July 11.

Pages H5062-H5128

Agreed To:

The Skaggs amendment that increases funding for state energy efficiency and conservation programs by \$8 million and reduces wildland fire management funding accordingly;

Pages H5097-98

The Dicks amendment to the Porter amendment that reduces Forest Service funding for forest road construction and reconstruction by \$5.6 million and reduces from \$50 million to \$25 million the amount to remain available for the construction of forest roads by timber purchasers (agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 yeas to 209 noes, Roll No. 262); and

Pages H5100-16

The Porter amendment, as amended by the agreed to Dicks amendment that reduces Forest Service funding for forest road construction and reconstruction by \$5.6 million and reduces from \$50 million to \$25 million the amount to remain available for the construction of forest roads by timber purchasers (agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 263).

Pages H5098-H5117

Rejected:

The Sanders amendment that sought to increase payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) funding by \$19 mil-

lion and reduce fossil energy research and development program funding by \$47.5 million with the remaining \$28.5 million reduction to be applied toward deficit reduction (rejected by a recorded vote of 199 yeas to 230 noes, Roll No. 260);

Pages H5077-82, H5095

The Gutierrez amendment that sought to increase urban energy conservation program funding by \$2 million for the Urban Heat Island Research Program and Highly Reflective Surfaces Programs and reduce Bureau of Land Management Public Domain Forestry Program funding by \$4.6 million with \$2.6 million to be applied toward deficit reduction; and

Pages H5085-87

The Maloney of New York amendment that sought to increase National Park Service funding by \$500,000 for the Susan B. Anthony House and to decrease National Wildlife funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 77 yeas to 351 noes, Roll No. 261).

Pages H5089-90, H5095-96

Points of Order Sustained Against:

The Miller of California amendment that sought to derive up to \$700 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to carry out priority Federal land exchange agreements and land acquisitions; and

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Language in the bill that limits purchaser road credit to those companies that meet the Small Business Administration definition of small business as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations part 121.

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Votes Postponed:

The Klug amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the clean coal technology program by \$292 million by increasing the amount rescinded by that amount (the vote was postponed until Friday, July 11); and

Pages H5119-23

The Royce amendment that seeks to reduce funding for fossil energy research and development programs by \$21.014 million (the vote was postponed until Friday, July 11).

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The House agreed to H. Res. 181, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 259.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 11.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5132.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5030-31, H5039-40, H5048, H5061-62, H5095, H5095-96,

H5116, and H5116-17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:30 a.m. on Friday, July 11.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

COMBAT COUNTERFEITING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a 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. Testimony was heard from John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; and JayEtta Z. Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO.

LITERACY: WHY CHILDREN CAN'T READ

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Literacy: Why Children Can't Read. Testimony was heard from Reid Lyon, Acting Chief, Learning Disabled, Cognitive Development Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NURSING HOMES HEALTH CARE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources continued oversight hearings on Fraud and Abuse in Nursing Home Services Billed to Medicare and Medicaid, Part 2. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Buto, Deputy Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a 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 Ex-

change Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Lyle Laverty, Director, Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL VS. STATE MANAGEMENT OF PARKS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Federal vs. State Management of Parks. Testimony was heard from Kenneth B. Jones, Deputy Director, Park Stewardship, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California; and a public witness.

WILL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMPUTERS BE READY FOR THE YEAR 2000?

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a joint hearing on Will Federal Government Computers Be Ready for the Year 2000? Testimony was heard from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Joel Willemsen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Alvin M. Pesachowitz, Vice Chair, Chief Information Officers Council, Chief Information Officer, EPA; Katherine Adams, Chair, Interagency Year 2000 Subcommittee of the Chief Information Officers Council, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Systems, SSA; and Joe Thompson, Chief Information Officer, GSA.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT—IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a hearing on the Congressional Review Act and its Impact on Small Business. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; TWA 800—STATUS OF CRASH INVESTIGATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2036, Aviation Insurance Reauthorization Act of 1997; and H.R. 2005, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the act popularly known as the Death on the High Seas Act to aviation incidents.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the status of the Investigation of the Crash of the TWA 800 and on H.R. 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDade, Ehrlich, Delahunt, Rothman, Roukema, Maloney of Connecticut and Forbes; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; James K. Kallstrom, Assistant Director in Charge, New York

Office, FBI, Department of Justice; Guy S. Gardner, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from Jesse White, Cochairman, Appalachian Regional Commission; Cecil H. Underwood, Governor, State of West Virginia; and Phillip A. Singerman, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS— MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs medical programs, to include consideration of pending proposals. Testimony was heard from Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John Ogden, Chief Consultant, Pharmacy Benefits Management Strategic Health Group; and Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on The Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from Senator Gregg; Representatives Stenholm, Kolbe, DeFazio, Nadler, Sanders, Ehlers, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Deutsch, Pomeroy, Smith of Michigan, Burton of Indiana, Miller of Florida, Filner, Petri, Graham, Neumann, Sanford and Kucinich; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TONGASS LAND MANAGEMENT

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Phil Janik, Alaska Regional Forester, Forest Service, Department

of Agriculture; and David B. Allen, Alaska Regional Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, business meeting, to mark up an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, Postal Service, and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

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