

Friday, July 25, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2203, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY 1998.

The House appointed conferees for H.R. 1119, Department of Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8113–S8160

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1068–1071, and S. Con. Res. 43. **Pages S8153**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. Con. Res. 33, authorizing the use of the Capital Grounds for the National SAFE KIDS Campaign SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Car Seat Check Up. **Pages S8153**

Measures Passed:

Global Warming: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 205), Senate agreed to S. Res. 98, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to any international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. **Pages S8113–39**

Howard M. Metzenbaum U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 833, to designate the Federal building courthouse at Public Square and Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio as the "Howard M. Metzenbaum United States Courthouse". **Page S8158**

Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 1000, to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse". **Pages S8158–59**

Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 1043, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse". **Pages S8158–59**

Mexico Antidumping Investigation: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, urging the United States Trade Representative immediately to take all appropriate action with regards to Mexico's imposition of antidumping duties on United States high fructose corn syrup. **Pages S8158–60**

International Dolphin Conservation Program Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 39, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. **Pages S8139–40**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—205) **Page S8138**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:08 p.m., until 12 Noon, on Monday, July 28, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8160.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Maura Harty, of

Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and James F. Mack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Donald K. Stern, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Boston; and Richard Richards, Young Brothers Development (USA), Inc., Miami, Florida, former Chairman, Republican National Committee.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 29.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to codify and clarify VA resource allocation standards, S. 801, to provide for improved and expedited procedures for resolving complaints of unlawful employment discrimination and sexual harassment within VA, S. 999, to require VA to adopt standards for the provision of mammography services, proposed legislation to reform VA eligibility requirements, proposed legislation to authorize certain legal authorities related to the provision of VA health care services, S. 309, to prohibit parking fees at VA medical centers operated under a sharing agreement with the Department of Defense, proposed legislation to authorize major medical facility projects and leases, S. 987, to provide a cost-of-living-adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service connected disabilities and other benefits, S. 464, to allow revi-

sion of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error, S. 623, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts as active service for purposes of eligibility for veterans benefits, S. 714, to permanently authorize the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program, S. 730, 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, proposed legislation to provide for an increase in the Medal of Honor pension, S. 813, to provide criminal penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries, S. 986, to make certain improvements in the housing loan programs for veterans and eligible persons, and proposed legislation to codify the 1997 cost-of-living-adjustment legislation, after receiving testimony from Senator Inouye; Representatives Filner and Gilman; Stephen L. Lemons, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, and Thomas L. Garthwaite, Deputy Under Secretary for Health, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Jacqueline Garrick, American Legion, Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, and Kelli R. Willard West, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL SAFE KIDS CAMPAIGN

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee approved for reporting S. Con. Res. 33, authorizing the use of the Capital Grounds for the National SAFE KIDS Campaign SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Car Seat Check Up.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 2261–2263, 2265, 2268–2276; 1 private bill, H.R. 2277; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 123–126, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees (H. Rept. 105–203);

H.R. 1348, to amend title 18, United States Code, relating to war crimes, amended (H. Rept. 105–204);

H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–205);

H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–206);

H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–207); and

H.R. 695, to amend title 18, United States Code, to affirm the rights of United States persons to use

and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption (H. Rept. 105-108 Part II). **Page H5825**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Bruce Mackenzie of Boulder, Colorado. **Page H5781**

Legislative Branch Appropriations: The House agreed to H. Res. 197, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 325. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 222 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 324. **Pages H5783-93**

Energy and Water Appropriations: By a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 329, the House passed H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed debate and considered amendments to the bill on July 24. **Pages H5793-98**

Agreed To:

The Fazio substitute amendment to the Petri amendment that prohibits any funding for the salaries of Department of the Interior employees for the Animas-LaPlata Project in Colorado and New Mexico except for activities required to comply with the applicable provisions of current law; and continuation of activities pursuant to the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 328); and **Page H5796**

The Petri amendment, as amended, that prohibits any funding for the salaries of Department of the Interior employees for the Animas-LaPlata Project in Colorado and New Mexico except for activities required to comply with the applicable provisions of current law; and continuation of activities pursuant to the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988. **Pages H5796**

Rejected:

The Klug amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission by \$90 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 326); and **Pages H5794-95**

The Markey amendment that sought to prohibit funding for nuclear technology research and development programs to continue the study of treating spent nuclear fuel using electrometallurgical technology or demonstration of this technology at the Fuel Conditioning Facility; and reduces by \$45 million the funding for this program (rejected by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 327). **Pages H5795-96**

Agreed to H. Res. 194, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on July 24. **Pages H5732-44**

Late Reports—Appropriations Committee: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight tonight, July 25, to file three reports on bills making fiscal year 1998 appropriations for the Department of Defense; the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies; and the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies. **Page H5798**

DOD Authorization Act Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H5798-H5805**

Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Spence and Representatives Stump, Hunter, Kasich, Bateman, Hansen, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Hefley, Saxton, Buyer, Fowler, McHugh, Talent, Everett, Bartlett, Lewis of Kentucky, Watts of Oklahoma, Chambliss, Riley, Dellums, Skelton, Sisisky, Spratt, Ortiz, Pickett, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Meehan, Harman, McHale, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Blagojevich, Snyder, and Rodriguez. As additional conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 2 of rule XLVIII: Representatives Goss, Lewis of California, and Dicks. As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce for consideration of sections 344, 601, 654, 735, 1021, 3143, 3144, 3201, 3202, 3402, and 3404 of the House bill, and sections 338, 601, 663, 706, 1064, 2823, 3136, 3140, 3151, 3160, 3201, and 3402 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Dan Schaefer of Colorado, and Dingell. Provided that Representative Oxley is appointed in lieu of Representative Dan Schaefer of Colorado for consideration of sections 344 and 1021 of the House bill and section 2823 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Bilirakis is appointed in lieu of Representative Dan Schaefer of Colorado for consideration of sections 601, 654, and 735 of the House bill, and sections 338, 601, 663, and 706 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Tauzin is appointed in lieu of Representative Dan Schaefer of Colorado for consideration of section 1064 of the Senate amendment. As

additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of sections 374, 658, and 3143 of the House bill, and sections 664 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodling, Fawell, and Sanchez. Provided that Representative Riggs is appointed in lieu of Representative Fawell for consideration of section 658 of the House bill and section 664 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight for consideration of sections 322 and 3527 of the House bill, and sections 1068, 1107, 2811, and 3527 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Burton, Horn, and Waxman. As additional conferees from the Committee on House Oversight for consideration of section 543 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thomas, Ney, and Gejdenson. As additional conferees from the Committee on International Relations for consideration of sections 1101–1111, 1202, 1204, 1205, 1207, 1210, and 1231–1234 of the House bill, and sections 1009, 1013, 1021, 1022, 1056, 1057, 1082, and 1085 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gilman, Bereuter, and Hamilton. As additional conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of sections 374, 1057, 3521, 3522, and 3541 of the House bill, and sections 831, 1073, 1075, 1106, and 1201–1216 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, Smith of Texas, and Conyers. As additional conferees from the Committee on Resources for consideration of sections 214, 601, 653, 1021, 2835, 2901–2914 and 3404 of the House bill, and sections 234, 381–392, 601, 706, 2819, and 3158 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Young of Alaska, Tauzin, and Miller of California. Provided that Representative Hefley is appointed in lieu of Representative Saxton for consideration of section 3404 of the House bill. Provided that Representative Delahunt is appointed in lieu of Representative Miller of California for consideration of sections 2901–2914 of the House bill, and sections 381–392 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on Science for consideration of sections 214 and 3148 of the House bill, and sections 234 and 1064 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Calvert, and Brown of California. Provided that Representative Rohrabacher is appointed in lieu of Representative Calvert for consideration of section 1064 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on Trans-

portation and Infrastructure for consideration of sections 345, 563, 601, 1021, 2861, and 3606 of the House bill, and section 601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Gilchrest, and Borski. As additional conferees from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for consideration of sections 751, 752, and 759 of the House bill, and sections 220, 542, 751, 752, 758, 1069, 1074, and 1076 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Bilirakis, and Kennedy of Massachusetts. **Pages H5803–04**

By a yea and nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 330, agreed to the Dellums motion to instruct managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendments to the bill H.R. 1119 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 1207 of the House bill (relating to limitation on payments for cost of NATO expansion). **Pages H5798–H5803**

By a yea and nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 331, agreed to close conference committee meetings to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration, provided that any sitting member of Congress shall have the right to attend any closed or open meeting.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of July 28. **Page H5805**

Memorial Services for the Late Honorable William J. Brennan: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 123, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the crypt beneath the rotunda of the Capitol in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the Supreme Court Building for the late honorable William J. Brennan, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Pages H5805–06

Late Report—International Relations Committee: The Committee on International Relations received permission to have until midnight tonight, July 25, to file a report on H.R. 695, to amend title 18, United States Code, to affirm the rights of United States persons to use and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption. **Page H5806**

Meeting Hour—Monday, July 28: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28 for morning hour debate. **Page H5806**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 30. **Page H5806**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5781.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 40, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the OAS-CIAV Mission in Nicaragua, was referred to the Committee on International Relations. Page H5824

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5827.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5792, H5792-93, H5794-95, H5795-96, H5796, H5797-98, H5803, and H5804-05. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials continued hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL MEASURES OF RACE AND ETHNICITY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE 2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Federal Measures of Race and Ethnicity and the Implications for the 2000 Census. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sawyer, Petri, Waters and Conyers; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Isabelle Katz Pinzler, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights, Department of Justice; Nancy Gordon, Associate Director, Demographic Programs, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 28 through August 2, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. 1048, Transportation Appropriations, 1998, and may consider S. 830, Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1022, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

Also during the week, Senate expects to consider S. 39, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, Conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, July 29, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the effect of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (P.L. 104-127) on price and income volatility, and the proper role of the Federal government to manage volatility and protect the integrity of agricultural markets, 9 a.m., SR-332.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how trade opportunities and international agricultural research can stimulate economic growth in Africa, thereby enhancing African food security and increasing U.S. exports, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 29, to hold hearings to examine automatic teller machine (ATM) surcharges and fees, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 30, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings to examine how financial institutions' regulators are managing problems leading into the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1026, authorizing funds for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 29, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to the Global Tobacco settlement litigation, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

July 30, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on the regulation of international satellites, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 268, to regulate flights over national parks, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 29, to hold hearings on S. 967, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to benefit Alaska natives and rural residents, and S. 1015, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

July 30, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

July 30, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings to review the management and operations of concession programs within the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the organizational structure, staffing, and budget of the Forest Service for the Alaska region, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 30, to hold hearings on S. 1059, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 29, to hold hearings on the nominations of Richard Dale Kauzlarich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, James W. Pardew, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Special Representative for Military Stabilization in the Balkans, Anne Marie Sigmund, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Keith C. Smith, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, 10 a.m., SD-419.

July 30, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Hong Kong for the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders signed at Hong Kong on December 20, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-3), S. Con. Res. 39, expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors, and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: July 28, to hold hearings on the nominations of George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, and Janice R. Lachance, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2 p.m., SD-342.

July 28, Full Committee, closed business meeting, to discuss certain issues relating to the special investigation on campaign financing, 4:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

July 29, 30 and 31, Full Committee, to resume 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: July 28, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings on the 1996 bombing at the Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, and the FBI's interrogation of Richard Jewell in connection with the bombing, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

July 28, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings on S. 474, to prohibit gambling on the Internet, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the copyright infringement liability of on-line and Internet service providers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 29, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to resume hearings to examine issues with regard to the constitutional role of federal judges to decide cases and controversies, focusing on the problem and impact of judicial activism, whereby federal judges' decisions are based on policy preferences, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 30, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the terms and parameters of the proposed Global Tobacco Settlement which will mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed and distributed in America, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 31, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to review annual refugee admissions, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the status of educational opportunities for low-income children, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: July 30 and 31, business meeting, to consider the status of the investigation into the contested Senate election in Louisiana, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 30, business meeting, to mark up S. 569, to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 to provide for retention by an Indian tribe of exclusive jurisdiction over child custody proceedings involving Indian children and other related requirements; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Trustee's strategic plan to reform the management of Indian trust funds, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 29 and 30, closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: July 28, to hold hearings to examine the amount of fraud in the home health care system and ways to identify and deter fraud, waste and abuse in health care, 1 p.m., SD-562.

House Chamber

Monday: Consideration of 11 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1855, Establishing a Moratorium on Large Fishing Vessels in Atlantic Herring and Mackerel Fisheries;

2. H. Con. Res. 124, Sense of Congress Regarding Acts of Illegal Aggression by Canadian Fishermen with Respect to Pacific Salmon Fishery;

3. H. Con. Res. 98, Authorizing the use of the Capitol for the Safe Kids Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check;

4. H.R. 2005, Death on the High Seas Act;

5. H.R. 1596, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1997;

6. H.R. 1953, To Clarify State Authority to Tax Compensation Paid to Certain Employees;

7. H. Con. Res. 75, Sense of Congress that States Should Work More Aggressively to Attack the Problem of Repeat Criminals;

8. H.R. 103, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1997;

9. H.R. 1109, To Eliminate the Special Transition Rule for Issuance of a Certificate of Citizenship for Children of a U.S. Citizen Born Abroad;

10. H.R. 1348, Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997; and

11. Concur in Senate Amendment to H.R. 1866, Charitable Donation Antitrust Immunity Act; and

Consideration of H.R. 2209, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (modified closed rule).

The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour Debate. No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday and the balance of the week: Consideration of H.R. 2159, Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998 (unanimous consent agreement);

Consideration of H.R. 2266, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2267, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2264, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act of 1997 Conference Report (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 Conference Report (subject to a rule).

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 30, to review the U.S. Forest Service's Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan, 10:00 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 28, to consider the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 3:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, July 29, hearing on Government Performance And Results Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review the Department of the Treasury's Proposed Regulations for Money Service Businesses, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, July 28 and 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearings on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Problems with the Fixed-Price Contract to Clean Up Pit 9, 1:00 p.m., 2123 Rayburn on July 28 and 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn on July 29.

July 30, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10:00 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Title VI of the Clean Air Act and the Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, 10:00 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

August 1, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Operation of the Superfund Program, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, July 29, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, to continue hearings on H.R. 6, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing to review the Davis-Bacon Act, 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 31, full Committee, hearing on "Literacy: A Review of Current Federal Programs", 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, July 29, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 29, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing of Statistical Proposals, 2:00 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Agency Mistakes in Federal Retirement: Who Pays the Price?", 9:00 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on "FDA Oversight: Blood Safety and the Implications of Pool Sizes in the Manufacture of Plasma Derivatives", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, July 30, hearing on the Threat to the United States from Emerging Infectious Diseases, 10:00 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 29, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the EPA's rulemaking on National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particular Matter and Ozone, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Crime, to continue oversight hearings on the activities of the FBI, focusing on the Olympic Park bombing and the investigation of Richard Jewell, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to consider a motion to request a report by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on a private bill, time to be announced, Rayburn Room, Capitol.

Committee on National Security, July 29, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Reserve Component issues resulting from the Quadrennial Defense Review, 2:00 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 30, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption Act, and its impact on U.S. national security, 10:00 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, July 29, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 2007, to amend the Act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow use of the project distribution system to transport water from sources other than the project; followed by a markup of the following bills: H.R. 2007, and H.R. 134, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain Water Storage Project, and for other purposes, 2:00 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 30, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1948, the Hood Bay Land Exchange Act of 1997, 11:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 31, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Royalty-In-Kind for Federal oil and gas production, 2:00 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 31, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans hearing on H.R. 1787, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; to be followed by a markup of pending business, 10:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 31, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service Strategic Plan under the Government Performance and Results Act, 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 31, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to markup the following bills: S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds; H.R. 1567, to provide for the designation of additional wilderness lands in the eastern United States; H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center; and H.R. 708 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain lands within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, WY, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, July 28, to consider the following: H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 7 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, July 28, Subcommittee on Technology, to markup H.R. 1903, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1997, 4 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 29, full Committee, to markup the following bills: H.R. 1903, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1997; H.R. 922, Human Cloning Research Prohibition Act of 1997; and H.R. 2249, to reauthorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1997 for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 30, hearing on Demanding Results: Implementing the Government Performance and Results Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on S. 417, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and the Conservation Act through September 30, 2002, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 30, to markup the "AMTRAK Reform and Privatization Act of 1997", 10:00 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Relations between the U. S. and France, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, July 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate may consider S. 830, Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act.

At 3 p.m., Senate will begin a period of morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.).

At 5 p.m., Senate will consider S. 1048, Transportation Appropriations, 1998.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, July 28

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Consideration of 11 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1855, Establishing a Moratorium on Large Fishing Vessels in Atlantic Herring and Mackerel Fisheries;

2. H. Con. Res. 124, Sense of Congress Regarding Acts of Illegal Aggression by Canadian Fishermen with Respect to Pacific Salmon Fishery;

3. H. Con. Res. 98, Authorizing the use of the Capitol for the Safe Kids Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check;

4. H.R. 2005, Death on the High Seas Act;

5. H.R. 1596, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1997;

6. H.R. 1953, To Clarify State Authority to Tax Compensation Paid to Certain Employees;

7. H. Con. Res. 75, Sense of Congress that States Should Work More Aggressively to Attack the Problem of Repeat Criminals;

8. H.R. 103, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1997;

9. H.R. 1109, To Eliminate the Special Transition Rule for Issuance of a Certificate of Citizenship for Children of a U.S. Citizen Born Abroad;

10. H.R. 1348, Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997; and

11. Concur in Senate Amendment to H.R. 1866, Charitable Donation Antitrust Immunity Act; and

Consideration of H.R. 2209, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (modified closed rule).

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