

adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, for morning-hour debate. **Page H7247**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 17.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7201.

**Referral:** S. 1161, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7264.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7222, H7231, H7232, H7232–33, H7233, and H7245–46.

There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OF FOOD BANKS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review food banks and the participation of the private sector in the delivery of food assistance. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baker and Cooksey; Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Met but took no action on pending legislation.

Adjourned subject to call.

### OSHA'S REINVENTION PROJECT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing to examine OSHA's Reinvention Project. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### RURAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources continued oversight hearings on the Need for Better Focus in the Rural Health Clinic Program (RHC) Part II. Testimony was heard from Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Service Quality and Public Health, GAO; Claude

Earl Fox, Acting Administrator, Health Resource Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Committee favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 217, recognizing the important contributions made by Americans of Austrian heritage; H. Con. Res. 139, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States Government should fully participate in EXPO 2000 in the year 2000, in Hanover, Germany, and should encourage the academic community and the private sector in the United States to support this worthwhile undertaking; and H. Con. Res. 137, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the urgent need for an international criminal tribunal to try members of the Iraqi regime for crimes against humanity.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 872, amended, Biomaterials Access Assurance Act of 1997; and H.R. 2440, to make technical corrections to Section 10 of title 9, United States Code.

### ELECTRONIC THEFT ACT; ELECTRIC COPYRIGHT PIRACY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2265, No Electronic Theft (NET) Act, and also on electronic copyright piracy. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office of the United States, Library of Congress; Kevin Di Gregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General (Criminal Division), Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### CELLULAR TELEPHONE FRAUD

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on cellular telephone fraud. Testimony was heard from Michael C. Stenger, Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Department of Justice: John Navarrete, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI; and Anthony R. Bocchichio, Assistant Administrator, Operational Support Division, DEA; and public witnesses.

### OCEAN SENSE OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION; NATION'S FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full

Committee action amended H. Con. Res. 131, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the ocean.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing to review the management of our Nation's fisheries by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Testimony was heard from Rolland Schmitten, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

#### OVERSIGHT—AFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY AGREEMENTS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the affect of international forestry agreements on U.S. Forest Service decision-making. Testimony was heard from Rafe Pomerance, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment and Development, Department of State; and the following officials of the Forest Service, USDA: Michael Dombeck, Chief; and Valdis Mezainis, Director, Office of International Programs; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action amended the following measures: H.R. 2400, Water-Related Technical Corrections Act of 1997; and H.R. 1400, Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project Authorization Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1400 and H.R. 2398, Small Reclamation Water Resources Project Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Packard and Hefner.

#### PREPARING FOR EL NINO

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Preparing for El Nino. Testimony was heard from J. Michael Hall, Director, Office of Global Programs, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Michael Armstrong, Associate Director, Office of Mitigation, FEMA; I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA; Douglas Wheeler, Secretary, State Resources Agency, State of California; and public witnesses.

#### SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology approved for full Committee action H.R. 2429, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program through fiscal Year 2000.

#### SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY ASSISTANCE ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction and the Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a joint hearing on H.R. 96, Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Solomon; Johnnie Albertson, Associate Administrator, Small Business Development Centers, SBA; and public witnesses.

#### VETERANS' LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2367, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1997; H.R. 2206, amended, Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act of 1997; and S. 923, amended, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses.

#### NAFTA—ADMINISTRATION'S COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Administration's comprehensive review of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Testimony was heard from Representatives Levin, Kaptur, Kolbe, Velazquez and Reyes; Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; JayEtta Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session and ordered reported amended H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* meeting, to discuss the nomination of William F. Weld, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Mexico, 11:30 a.m., SD-419.