

Agreed To:

The Goodling amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to develop, plan, implement, or administer any national testing program in reading or mathematics (agreed to by a recorded vote of 295 ayes to 125 noes, Roll No. 398); and

Pages H7324–47, H7349–50

The Hoekstra amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to pay the expenses of an election officer appointed by a court to oversee an election for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 399).

Pages H7347–51

The bill is being considered pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 31. Pages H6667–69

Presidential Message—Export Expansion: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his legislative proposal entitled the “Export Expansion and Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act of 1997”—referred to the Committees on Ways and Means and Rules and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–130).

Pages H7351–52

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7365.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7315–16, H7319–20, H7322, H7322–23, H7323–24, H7349–50, and H7350–51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

EPA’S NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review EPA’s National Ambient Air Quality Standards and the potential effects on U.S. agriculture. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell and Klink; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESERVE’S PAYMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Federal Reserve’s payment system. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Reserve System: Alice M. Rivlin, Vice Chairwoman, Board of Governors; Thomas McFarland, Manager, Transportation Operations; Thomas Hunt, Senior Systems Analyst and Charles Fazio, Transportation Analyst, all with the

Interdistrict Transportation System, Federal Reserve of Boston; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; and H.R. 2165, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 2472. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Anne Moler, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Charter Schools. Testimony was heard from Cornelia Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Approved the following: Committee on Science Reserve Fund Request; Information Security Policy; and Pension Forfeiture.

FAST TRACK LEGISLATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Fast Track: On Course or Derailed? Necessary or Not? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2281, WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act; and H.R. 2180, On-Line Copyright Liability Limitation Act. Testimony was heard from Bruce Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner, Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE APPOINTMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the implications to public domain national forests should a measure be enacted to require the appointment of the Chief of the Forest Service by the President, by

and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Testimony was heard from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 351, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make appropriate improvements to a county road located in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, and to prohibit construction of a scenic shoreline drive in that national lakeshore; H.R. 1714, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site; H.R. 2136, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, at fair market value, certain properties in Clark County, Nevada, to persons who purchased adjacent properties in good faith reliance on land surveys that were subsequently determined to be inaccurate; and H.R. 2283, Arches National Park Expansion Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stupak, Bishop and Cannon; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Mat Millenbach, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service; Ed Norton, Vice President, Law and Public Policy, National Trust for Historic Preservation; and a public witness.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RESTRUCTURING THE IRS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing to examine the recommendations of the National Commission on Restructuring the IRS with regard to Executive Branch governance and Congressional oversight of IRS. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Commission on Restructuring the IRS: Senators Kerrey, Co-Chair; and Grassley, Commissioner; Representative Portman, Co-Chair; Fred T. Goldberg, Jr., Josh S. Weston and James W. Wetzler, all Commissioners; Representatives Cardin, Coyne and Hoyer; Robert A. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—INTELLIGENCE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 858, to authorize funds 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on S. 1115, to improve one-call notification process, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine future technologies such as high-definition television, digital television and multiplexing, and the transition process from analog, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1158, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regarding the Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, and S. 1159, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regarding the Kake Tribal Corporation public interest land exchange, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to mark up S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on proposed legislation providing fast track trade authority, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the International Telecommunication Union Constitution and Convention (Treaty Doc. 104-34), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1164, to state a policy of the United States that engages the People's Republic of China in areas of mutual interest, promotes human rights, religious freedom, and democracy in China and enhances the national security interests of the United States with respect to China, 2 p.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 with the *Committee on Indian Affairs,* to examine incidences of criminal gang activity within Indian country, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine antitrust and competition issues in the telecommunications industry, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.