

Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and reduce the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question. **Page H7456**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Proviso relating to aggregate overtime limitation of \$30,000; **Page H7465**

Section 413 relating to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act; **Page H7467**

Section 518 relating to certain historic U.S. origin firearms imports; and **Pages H7471-72**

Section 519 relating to expanding the Global Package Link Service. **Page H7472**

Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Page H7480**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7367 and H7380-81.

Referrals: S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein, was referred to the Committee on Science and S. Con. Res. 45, commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement, was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H7527**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7528-29.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7367-68, H7371-72, H7452, H7479-80, and H7480-81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FORAGE IMPROVEMENT LEGISLATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review forage improvement legislation. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Maitland Sharp, Assistant Director, Renewable Resource and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee

action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

FHA MULTIFAMILY RESTRUCTURING—TAX CONSEQUENCES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on Tax Consequences of FHA Multifamily Restructuring. Testimony was heard from Kenneth J. Kies, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 1411, Drug and Biological Products Modernization Act of 1997; H.R. 2469, Food and Nutrition Information Reform Act; and H.R. 1710, Medical Device Regulatory Modernization Act of 1997.

ASIA-U.S. DEMOCRACY PROGRAM PROMOTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Democracy Program Promotions in Asia. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERVIEW—U.S. POLICY TOWARD MEXICO AND CANADA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on an Overview of U.S. Policy toward Mexico and Canada. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1544, amended, Federal Agency Compliance Act; H.R. 2440, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code; and H.R. 2464, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt international adopted children under age 10 from the immunization requirement.

COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property concluded hearings 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 public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 131, amended, expressing

the sense of Congress regarding the ocean; H.R. 134, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain water storage project; H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act; H.R. 1476, Miccosukee Settlement Act of 1997; H.R. 1805, Auburn Indian Restoration Amendment Act; H.R. 1849, amended, Oklahoma City National Memorial Act of 1997; H.R. 2007, amended, 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; H.R. 2233, amended, Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1997; and H.R. 2314, Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Federal Indian Services Restoration Act of 1997.

HOUSE ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 5 to 3, a modified closed rule on H. Res. 168, to implement the recommendations of the bipartisan House Ethics Reform Task Force, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between Representative Livingston and Representative Cardin. The rule provides that no amendments will be in order except those printed in the Rules Committee report, which may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a member designated in the report, will be debatable for the time specified in the report, and will not be subject to amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Livingston, Dreier, Shays, Hostettler, Cardin, Pelosi, Hamilton, Menendez and Barrett of Wisconsin.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2429, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program through fiscal year 2000; and H.R. 860, Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 1997.

OSHA'S PROPOSED REVISION—INJURY AND ILLNESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on OSHA's proposed revision on occupational injury and illness recording and reporting requirements. Testimony was heard from Greg Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RESTRUCTURING THE IRS

Committee on Ways and Means: Concluded hearings to examine the recommendations of the National Commission on Restructuring the IRS with regard to Ex-

ecutive Branch governance and Congressional oversight of IRS. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Donald C. Alexander and Sheldon S. Cohen, both Commissioners; and C. Morgan Kinghorn, Chief Financial Officer; Kenneth J. Kies, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to resume hearings to examine the implications for farmers of the recently proposed tobacco settlement, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on the nominations of Robert L. Mallett, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer and an Assistant Secretary, both for the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on the international space station program, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the nominations of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary, Michael Telson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Mary Anne Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Dan Reicher, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary for Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy, Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation, and John C. Angell, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, all of the Department of Energy, 9 a.m., SD-366.