

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.

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### 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.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, to hold hearings on the nominations of Wyche Fowler Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Barbara K. Bodine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Robin Lynn Raphael, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, and Johnny Young, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain, 10 a.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*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*, to resume hearings concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 2 p.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*, to hold hearings to examine intelligence issues with regard to China, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1782-83 in today's Record.

### House

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on financial privacy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1270, amended, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997; 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, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on the Shutdown of the Consolidation Loan Process in the William D. Ford Direct Student Loan Program, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Needle Exchange, Legal-

ization, and the Failure of the Swiss Heroin Experiments, 5 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on United States Policy Toward Nigeria, 3:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing regarding the First Amendment and Restrictions on Issue Advocacy, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the Criminal Asset Forfeiture Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to continue oversight hearings on Royalty-In-Kind for Federal oil and gas production, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on U.S.-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H. Con. Res. 151, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its public domain national Forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in actively managing its public domain national forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, to hold a hearing on MIR Safety, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs strategic plan required by the Government Performance and Results Act, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to mark up Child Support Incentives legislation, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*, to hold hearings to examine religious intolerance in Europe, 10 a.m., SD-G50.