

*Monday, September 22, 1997*

# *Daily Digest*

## Senate

### ***Chamber Action***

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

### ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### **MISSILE PROLIFERATION**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the availability of long range ballistic missile technology throughout the world, after receiving testimony from William R. Graham, former Science Advisor to President Reagan and former Deputy Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and W. Seth Carus, National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

#### **MICRO-CAP STOCK FRAUD**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine the incidence and extent of fraud in the micro capital and penny stock markets in the United States and certain efforts to combat such fraud, receiving testimony from Arthur Levitt, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Joseph P. Borg, Alabama Securities Commission, Montgomery, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.; Barry R. Goldsmith, NASD Regulation, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Helen Sprecher, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Louis Poggi, Pembroke,

New Hampshire; and Emile Murnan, St. Louis, Missouri.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

#### **BANKRUPTCY CODE'S EFFECT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM/BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIPS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on proposed legislation to amend Section 548 of Title II of the United States Code (Bankruptcy Code) to exempt certain contributions to religious or other charitable organizations from being subject to recovery by trustees in bankruptcy proceedings, and to review the need for additional federal bankruptcy judgeships, after receiving testimony from Judge David R. Thompson, Chairman, Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System, Judicial Conference of the United States; Richard M. Stana, Acting Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Kenneth D. Whitehead, Falls Church, Virginia, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education, on behalf of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights; Stephen Paul Goold, Crystal Evangelical Free Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Richard E. Flint, Pearson & Price, Corpus Christi, Texas; Steven T. McFarland, Christian Legal Society's Center for Law and Religious Freedom, Annandale, Virginia; Douglas Laycock, University of Texas Law School, Austin; Todd J. Zywicki, Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson; Donald S. Bernstein, Davis, Polk & Wardwell, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Conference.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7603**

**Amendments:** Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7604–05.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7603.

**Referrals:** S. 1198, to amend the Immigration and Nationality act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, business meeting, to mark up S. 1193, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, and S. 1196, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers, and to consider the nominations of W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary, and Robert L. Mallett, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, to hold hearings on S. 1180, to authorize funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, 9:30 a.m., SD406.

*Committee on Finance*, to hold hearings to examine the practices and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service, 9 a.m., SD106.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, to hold hearings on the nominations of Corinne Claiborne Boggs, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, R. Nicholas Burns, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas M. Foglietta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Italy, and

Mark Robert Parris, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, 10 a.m., SD419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH216.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to hold hearings to examine Federal antitrust policy in the healthcare marketplace, 10 a.m., SD226.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs*, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Special Committee on Aging*, to hold hearings to examine screening and treatment options for prostate cancer, 10 a.m., SD628.

#### NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1816–17 in today's Record.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing to review fast-track authority, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, to consider revised Section 302(b) budget allocations for fiscal year 1998, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Adequacy of Access to Investigative Drugs for Seriously Ill Patients, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Review of the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on State Approaches to Protecting Private Property Rights, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 2458, Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Water and Power, joint oversight hearing on the proposal to drain Lake Powell or reduce its water storage capability, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: 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; and the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 5 p.m., H 313 Capitol.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to markup the following: H.R. 2487, Child Support Incentive Act of 1997; a measure to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding income; a measure to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives; and

H.R. 2444, Disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on August 11, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-34, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### **Joint Meetings**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 23

**Senate Chamber**

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will resume consideration of S. 830, FDA Modernization and Accountability Act, with a closure vote to occur thereon.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 23

**House Chamber**

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of 1 Corrections Day bill, H.R. 2343, Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board Abolishment Act;

Consideration of 14 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2414, 50 states Commemorative Coin Program Act;
2. H.R. 2261, Small Business Programs Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1997;
3. S. 996, to provide for the authorization for arbitration in United States District Courts;
4. H.R. 2027, regrading Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit;

5. H.R. 1683, the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offenders Registration Improvements Act;

6. H.R. 643, designating the Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse;

7. H.R. 824, designating the Howard T. Markey National Courts Building;

8. S. 1000, designating the Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse;

9. H.R. 994, designating the Kika de la Garza U.S. Border Station;

10. H.R. 29, designating the Ronald H. Brown Federal Building;

11. H.R. 1948, Hood Bay Land Exchange Act;

12. S. 871, Oklahoma City National Memorial Act of 1997;

13. H.R. 1460, allowing the election of the delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot; and

14. Agree to Senate amendment to H.R. 1420, the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act;

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2160, Agriculture Appropriations for FY 1998 (rule waiving points of order);

Motion to go to conference on H.R. 2264, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY 1998;

Motion to go to conference on H.R. 2378, Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations Act for FY 1998; and

Motion to go to conference on H.R. 2107, Interior Appropriations Act for FY 1998.

*Note:* No votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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Berman, Howard L., Calif., E1815  
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