

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

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**Amendments:** Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7730–31.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7654, H7655, H7655–56, H7710–11, H7711, H7711–12, H7712–13, H7713, H7714, and H7714–15. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FAST TRACK AUTHORITY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing to review fast track authority. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

### BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Approved revised Section 302(b) budget allocations for fiscal year 1998.

### INVESTIGATIVE DRUGS—SERIOUSLY ILL PATIENTS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Adequacy of Access to Investigative Drugs for Seriously Ill Patients. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NLRB REVIEW

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Review of the National Labor Relations Board. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS—STATE APPROACHES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on State Approaches to Protecting Private Property Rights. Testimony was heard from Richard Russman, Senator, State of New Hampshire; Chip Campsen, Representative, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

### COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 2458, Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Robert

Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—DRAIN LAKE POWELL

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a joint oversight hearing on the proposal to drain Lake Powell or reduce its water storage capability. Testimony was heard from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Michael S. Hacskeylo, Acting Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy; Ted Stewart, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah; Rita P. Pearson, Director, Department of Water Resources, State of Arizona; Jim Lochhead, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on 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, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides for the adoption of the amendment printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI. The rule provides for, prior to the consideration of any other amendment, the consideration of the amendment numbered 1 in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report which may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment. The rule provides for consideration of the amendments printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, except for the amendment numbered 1, which may only be offered by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified and shall not be subject to further amendment or to a demand for a division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment numbered 2 in part 2 of the Rules Committee report. The rule waives points of order against the amendments numbered 1 and 3 in part 2 of the Rules Committee report for failure to comply with clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill)

of rule XXI. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration. The rule also allows the Chairman to postpone recorded votes and to reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided voting time on the first in any series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote a rule waiving all points of order against the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walsh and Serrano.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2513, 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 company income and to provide for the nonrecognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives; and H.R. 2487, Child Support Incentive Act of 1997.

## Joint Meetings

### AMERICAN LEGION

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Anthony G. Jordan, American Legion, Washington, D.C.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to oversight hearings on the operation of the Federal Housing Finance Board, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the impact of new Environ-

mental Protection Agency air quality standards on manufacturers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* to continue hearings on S. 1180, to authorize funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 2443, to designate the Federal Building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building", in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Finance,* to continue hearings to examine the practices and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service, 9 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan, and Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*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 Labor and Human Resources,* business meeting, to mark up the proposed Workforce Investment Partnership Act, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to consider H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on issues relating to debit cards and unsolicited loan checks, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on Protecting the Future of Social Security, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce,* to markup H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 3:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Necessary Federal and State Roles, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* to consider the following: granting of immunity to certain witnesses; H.R. 1962, Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1997; H.R. 404, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to State and local governments of certain surplus property for use for law enforcement or public safety purposes; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight,* to consider Contested Election in the Forty-sixth District of California and other pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.