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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7833 and H7879.

Referrals: S. 542 to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Far Horizons*; S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Vortice*; and S. 880, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Dusken IV* were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Page H7909

Amendments: Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7911–13.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7834, H7835, H7840, H7841–42, H7848–49, H7849–50, H7850–51, H7851, H7852, H7852–53, H7862, H7868, H7868–69, H7872, H7877, H7877–78, H7879–80, H7885–86, and H7889. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2534, Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization Act of 1997.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER—FEDERAL AGENCY PAYMENTS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury's proposed rules regarding the management of federal agency payments through the use of Electronic Funds Transfer. Testimony was heard from John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; John Dyer, Acting Principal Deputy Commissioner, SSA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1411, amended, Prescription

Drug User Fee Reauthorization and Drug Regulatory Modernization Act of 1997; and H.R. 2469, amended, Food and Nutrition Information Reform Act of 1997.

FEDERAL WORKPLACE—EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service concluded hearings on Employment Discrimination in the Federal Workplace, Part II. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady and Herger; Ronald Stewart, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

PFIESTERIA AND FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Pfiesteria and Food Safety: The Federal and State Response. Testimony was heard from Terry Garcia, Acting Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH; Fred Shank, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA; and Richard J. Jackson, M.D., Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Robert H. Wayland, III, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; Parris N. Glendening, Governor, State of Maryland; David Bruton, M.D., Secretary, Health and Human Services, State of North Carolina; Randolph Gordon, M.D., Commissioner, Department of Health, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2232, amended, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997; and H.R. 2358, Political Freedom in China Act of 1997.

OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING—MONITORING ROLE OF CONGRESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Role of Congress in Monitoring Administrative Rulemaking. Testimony was heard from Senator Brownback; Representatives Hayworth and Kelly; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1063, to amend the Webb-Kenyon Act to allow any State, territory, or possession of the United States to bring an action in Federal court to enjoin violations of that Act or to enforce the laws of such State, territory, or possession with respect to such violations; and H.R. 1534, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Riggs and Ehrlich; John Dwyer, Acting Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION ESTABLISHMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2376, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Chenoweth; Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Sally Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

LAND CONVEYANCE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 434, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, NM, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, NM. Testimony was heard from Representative Redmond; Janice McDougle, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Forest Service, USDA; and David Sanchez, Mayor, Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Everglades National Park and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians in Florida. Testimony was heard from Representative Diaz-Balart; Edward B. Cohen, Deputy Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Domain Name System, Part I. Testimony was heard from Joseph Bordogna, Acting Deputy Director, NSF; Larry Irving, Assistant Sec-

retary, Communication and Information, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue September 30.

PROMOTING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Promoting Technology Transfer by Facilitating Licenses to Federally-Owned Inventions. Testimony was heard from John G. Mannix, Associate General Counsel (Intellectual Property), NASA; and public witnesses.

YEAR 2000 COMPUTER COMPLIANCE ISSUES-IMPACT ON VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Year 2000 (Y2K) computer compliance issues and their impact on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Information Resources Management, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; D. Mark Catlett, Acting Assistant Secretary, Management, Acting Chief Information Officer, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Tom Shope, Acting Director, Division of Electronics and Computer Science, Office of Science Technology, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Judy D. Moore, Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Meredith Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor; J. Mark Iwry, Chief Benefits Tax Counsel, Department of the Treasury; Jay Angoff, Director, Department of Insurance, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—SSA'S DISABILITY REVIEWS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held an oversight hearing on the SSA's progress in conducting continuing disability reviews. Testimony was heard from Susan Daniels, Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability, SSA; and Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Conferees on Wednesday, September 24, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House- passed versions of H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 1710, amended, Medical Device Regulatory Modernization Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, oversight hearing on the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department and the Booz-Allen MOC, 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 188, urging the executive

branch to take action regarding the acquisition by Iran of C-802 cruise missiles; H.R. 967, to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences, programs, and activities and to provide that certain Chinese officials shall be ineligible to receive visas and be excluded from admission to the United States; H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997; H.R. 2358, Political Freedom in China Act of 1997; and H.R. 2386, United States-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider a resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9:15 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, to continue hearings on the Recommendations of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service with regard to taxpayer protections and rights, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 11 a.m., H-144, Capitol.

Conferees, on H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 12 noon, H-140, Capitol.