

Tuesday, September 30, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Continuing Appropriations and Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report.

House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2203, Energy and Water Development Appropriations for FY 1998.

House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2378, Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations for FY 1998.

House passed H.R. 2267, Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 1998.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10185–S10244

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1237–1241. Page S10229

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998". (S. Rept. No. 105–91)

S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–92)

S. 1158, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–93)

H. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–94)

S. Res. 126, authorizing supplemental expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Page S10229

Measures Passed:

Continuing Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 261), Senate passed H.J.

Res. 94, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1998, clearing the measure for the President. Page S10204

Energy Policy and Conservation Extension: Senate passed H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S10243–44

Lott (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1270, in the nature of a substitute. Page S10243

Michigan Land Transfer: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 394, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. Page S10244

Hood Bay Land Exchange Act: Senate passed H.R. 1948, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, clearing the measure for the President. Page S10244

Committee Supplemental Funds: Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, authorizing supplemental expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Page S10244

District of Columbia Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1156, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Wyden Amendment No. 1250, to establish that it is the standing order of the Senate that a Senator who objects to a motion or matter shall disclose the objection in the Congressional Record.

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By 69 yeas to 27 nays, 1 answering present (Vote No. 263), Byrd Amendment No. 1267, to prohibit alcoholic beverage advertisements on billboards, signs, posters, and other forms of advertising in certain publicly visible locations in the District of Columbia where children are likely to walk to school or play.

Pages S10214–16, S10222

By 69 yeas to 27 nays, 1 answering present (Vote No. 263), Byrd Amendment No. 1268, to increase the number of ABC inspectors in the District of Columbia and focus enforcement on sales to minors.

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By 69 yeas to 27 nays, 1 answering present (Vote No. 263), Byrd Amendment No. 1269, to require the General Accounting Office to study the effects of the low rate of taxation on alcohol in the District of Columbia.

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Pending:

Coats Modified Amendment No. 1249, to provide scholarship assistance for District of Columbia elementary and secondary school students.

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Graham/Mack/Kennedy Amendment No. 1252, to provide relief to certain aliens who would otherwise be subject to removal from the United States.

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Mack/Graham/Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 1253 (to Amendment No. 1252), in the nature of a substitute.

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Withdrawn:

Jeffords Amendment No. 1266, to provide for a regional education and workforce training system in the metropolitan Washington area, to improve the school facilities of the District of Columbia, and to fund such activities in part by an income tax on nonresident workers in the District of Columbia.

Pages S10212–14

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 260), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Coats Modified Amendment No. 1249, listed above.

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U.S. District Courts Arbitration: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 996, to provide for the authorization of appropriations in

each fiscal year for arbitration in the United States district courts, clearing the measure for the President.

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Energy and Water Development Appropriations—Conference Report: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 262), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S10217–22

Department of the Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, on Wednesday, October 1, 1997.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the notice of the continuation of the Iran emergency; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–70).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kathryn Linda Haycock Proffitt, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

William H. Twaddell, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Communications:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—263)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 1, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10244.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Laura S. Unger, of New York, and Paul R. Carey, of New York, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Dennis Dollar, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Edward M. Gramlich, of Virginia, and Roger Walton Ferguson, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Ellen Seidman, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Dollar was introduced by Senators Lott and Cochran.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, of the District of Columbia, and Gloria Tristani, of New Mexico, each to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Furchtgott-Roth was introduced by Senator Thurmond and Representative Bliely, Mr. Powell was introduced by Senators Warner and Robb, and Ms. Tristani was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman.

FAST TRACK TRADE AUTHORITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the Administration's proposal to renew fast track trade negotiating authority, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce; and Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the economic impact and analysis of a proposed climate change treaty on labor, electricity supply, and manufacturing, after receiving testimony from Cecil E. Roberts, United Mine Workers of America, and William A. Niskanen, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Murray Weidenbaum, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri; Ronald L. McMahan, Resource Data International, Inc. and Financial Times Energy, Boulder, Colorado; Richard Sandor, Centre Financial Products Limited, Chicago, Illinois;

and Irving Mintzer, Global Business Network, Silver Spring, Maryland.

AUTHORIZATION—ENDANGERED SPECIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1180, authorizing funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, with amendments.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from former Vice President Walter F. Mondale; and former Senator Kassebaum.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, October 7.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Richard Conway Casey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, James S. Gwin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Dale A. Kimball, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Algenon L. Marbley, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and Charles J. Siragusa, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Fisher was introduced by Representatives Campbell and Berman, Mr. Gilman was introduced by Senators Thompson and Frist and Representative Ford, Ms. Sotomayor, and Messrs. Casey and Siragusa were introduced by Senator D'Amato, Messrs. Gwin and Marbley were introduced by Senators DeWine and Glenn, and Mr. Kimball was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL SET-ASIDES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine the use of racial and ethnic preferences in federal procurement programs, focusing on the constitutionality of Department of Transportation proposed regulations to modify the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program for highway and transit projects, and a related Supreme Court decision in *Adarand v. Peña*, after receiving testimony from Senator McConnell; Representatives Scott and

Canady; Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Valery J. Pech, Adarand Constructors, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado; Janet Schutt, Schutt-Lookabill Contractors, Indianapolis, Indiana; George R. LaNoue, University of Maryland Graduate School, Baltimore; Eugene Volokh, UCLA Law School, Los Angeles, California; and Mark Tushnet, Georgetown University Law Center, and Michael Carvin, Cooper & Carvin, both of Washington, D.C.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, focusing on the need to prevent young peo-

ple from using tobacco products and other public health goals, receiving testimony from Louis W. Sullivan, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, former Secretary of Health and Human Services; Ronald M. Davis, Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention/Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, Michigan, former Director, Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control, Department of Health and Human Services; Washington State Attorney General Christine O. Gregoire, Olympia, on behalf of State Attorneys General; David S. Rosenthal, Harvard University Medical School, on behalf of the American Cancer Society, and Gregory N. Connolly, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, both of Boston, Massachusetts; and Stanley M. Chesley, Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the Castano Plaintiffs Litigation Committee.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2578–2588; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 161–162, were introduced. Pages H8264–65

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 1839, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles, amended (H. Rept. 105–285 part 1);

Revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year (H. Rept. 105–286). Page H8264

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Thune to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8163

Journal Vote: By a yea-and-nay vote of 360 yeas to 56 nays, Roll No. 466, agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, September 29. Pages H8165–66, H8170–71

Recess: The House recessed at 9:24 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H8165

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Velazquez motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 132 yeas to 285 nays, Roll No. 465. Page H8170

Energy and Water Development Conference Report: By a yea and nay vote of 404 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 468, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2203, making appropriations for en-

ergy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Pages H8173–84

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 254, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by a yea and nay vote of 415 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 467. Pages H8171–72

Export-Import Bank Reauthorization: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 1370, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Consideration will resume at a later date. Pages H8188–H8207

Agreed To:

The Evans amendment that directs the Export-Import Bank to give preference to U.S. firms seeking assistance for activities in China to those that have adopted and adhered to a code of conduct for their international operations (agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 182 noes, Roll No. 472); Pages H8200–02, H8204–05

The LaFalce amendment that renames the Export-Import Bank as the "American Export Bank" (agreed to by a recorded vote of 362 yeas to 56 noes, Roll No. 473). Page H8205–07

Rejected:

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to require community work requirements for members of Boards of Directors of firms receiving assistance from the Export-Import Bank. Pages H8202–03

Rejected the McDermott motion to rise by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 470; and

Pages H8199–H8200

Rejected the DeLauro motion to rise by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 471.

Pages H8203–04

Agreed to H. Res. 255, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 423 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 469.

Pages H8184–88

Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations: By a yea and nay vote of 220 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 474, the House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

Pages H8207–16

Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Iran: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–137).

Page H8216

Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations: By a yea and nay vote of 227 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 476, the House passed 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. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on September 24, 25 and 26.

Pages H8216–44

Rejected the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pages H8243–44

On demand for a separate vote, agreed to the Hyde amendment that allows any defendant who prevails in a federal prosecution an opportunity to recover attorney fees unless the government establishes that it was substantially justified in initiating and prosecuting the case, by a voice vote. The amendment was agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on September 25 by a recorded vote of 340 ayes to 84 noes, Roll No. 443.

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Rejected:

The Mollohan amendment that sought to retain the full \$381.8 million appropriated for Census 2000; strike committee-reported language fencing all but \$100 million until enactment of authorizing legislation and prohibit the use of the un-fenced \$100 million for activities relating to sampling; prohibit the use of any 1998 funds to make irreversible plans for the use of sampling or other statistical method in taking the census for purposes of congressional apportionment; and create a board of observers

for a fair and accurate census (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 475).

Pages H8217–39

On September 24, agreed to H. Res. 239, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill.

Pages H7755–59

Subpoena Enforcement In The Case of Dornan v. Sanchez: By a yea and nay vote of 219 yeas to 203 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 478, the House agreed to H. Res. 244, as amended pursuant to the rule, demanding that the Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California file criminal charges against Hermandad Mexicana Nacional for failure to comply with a valid subpoena under the Federal Contested Elections Act.

Pages H8253–62

Agreed to H. Res. 253, the rule that provided for consideration of the resolution by a yea and nay vote of 221 yeas to 202 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 477. Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to amend the rule.

Pages H8244–53

Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Scarborough motion to adjourn by a yea and nay vote of 206 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 479.

Page H8262

Suspensions: On Monday, September 29, the House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following bills by voice vote:

Clint and Fabens, Texas Independent School Districts Conveyance: H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District.

Page H8063

Child Support Incentive Act: H.R. 2487, amended, to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the child support enforcement program and thereby increase the financial stability of single parent families including those attempting to leave welfare.

Page H8084

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8166, H8200, and H8229.

Referrals: S. 459, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations, was referred to the committee on Resources.

Page H8263

Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8170, H8170–71, H8172, H8183, H8188, H8199–H8200, H8203–04, H8204–05, H8206–07, H8215–16, H8238–39, H8243–44, H8252–53, H8261–62, and H8262–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:34 a.m. on Wednesday, October 1.

Committee Meetings

OPM's REPORT ON IMPROPER HIRING PRACTICES AT NCUA

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review OPM's Report on Improper Hiring Practices at the National Credit Union Administration. Testimony was heard from Janice Lachance, Acting Director, OPM; and the following officials of the National Credit Union Administration: Norman D'Amours, Chairman; Shirlee Bowne, Vice-Chairman; and Yolanda Wheat, Board Member.

OVERVIEW—NIH PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on an Overview of National Institutes of Health Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Harold E. Varmus, M.D., Director; Francis Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute; Donald Lindberg, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine; David Lipman, M.D., National Library of Medicine; Richard Hodes, M.D., Director, National Institutes of Aging; Zach Hall, M.D., Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE COMPETITION AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Regina M. Keeney, International Bureau Chief, FCC; Jack A. Gleason, Associate Administrator, International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Public and Private School Choice. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW—FEDERAL EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing to Review the Federal Employees Compensation Act

(FECA). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Shelby Hallmark, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Worker's Compensation Programs; and Charles Masten, Inspector General; and Mike Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported amended the following bills: 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 H.R. 1962, Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1997.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2386, United States-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act.

The Committee also reconsidered its earlier action and ordered reported amended 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

ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARD ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the Administration's Policy Toward Asia. Testimony was heard from Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT—SEEKING RESULTS FROM JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on Seeking Results from the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Norman J. Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and Stephen R. Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 1534, amended, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997; H.R. 1967, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide that the distribution before January 1, 1978, of a phonorecord shall not for any purpose

constitute a publication of the musical work embodied therein; H.R. 2265, amended, No Electronic Theft (NET) Act; and the Copyright Term Extension Act.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on issues surrounding use of fire as a management tool and its risks and benefits as they relate to the health of the National Forests and the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BLM'S GRAZING REDUCTIONS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Grazing Reductions and other issues on BLM lands. Testimony was heard from Maitland Sharpe, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research continued hearings on Domain Name System (Part 2). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA'S EFFORTS TO CLOSE FLIGHT SERVICE STATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on FAA's efforts to close and consolidate flight service stations and to consider H.R. 1454, to prohibit the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration from closing certain flight service stations. Testimony was heard from Representative Riggs; Ronald E. Morgan, Director, Air Traffic, FAA, Department of Transportation; Nancy Flemming, Mayor, Eureka, California; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1703, amended, Department of Veterans Affairs Employment Discrimination Prevention Act; and H.R. 2571, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998.

FAST TRACK TRADE AUTHORITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the implementation of Fast Track Trade Authority. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gephardt, Kolbe, Visclosky, Blumenauer, Dooley of California and Moran of Virginia; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

GULFLINK BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Meet in executive session to hold a briefing on Gulflink. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

Conferees on Monday, September 29, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of 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.

AUTHORIZATION—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, and to authorize funds for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the results of a nationwide study by the National Cancer Institute of radioactive fallout from nuclear testing in the 1950s, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jacques S. Gansler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on the nomination of William E. Kennard,

of California, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 9 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Atoll as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway, and H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation relating to tax provisions for the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1997, proposed legislation providing fast track trade negotiating authority, and proposed legislation providing special tariff treatment for certain Caribbean Basin countries, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine recent events in Algeria, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine Congress' constitutional role in protecting religious liberty, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine voluntary initiatives to expand health insurance coverage, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, closed business meeting, concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on the nomination of Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 2 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the USDA's Government Performance and Results Act statement, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Financial Accounting Standard's Board (FASB) accounting rules for derivatives, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Printing Flaws on the Redesigned \$50 Bills, 1 p.m., 2222 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on the Implementation of the Clean Air Act National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Revisions for Ozone and Particulate Matter, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to markup H.R. 2535, Emergency Student Loan Consolidation Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Contracting Out—Successes and Failures," 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Threat from International Organized Crime and Global Terrorism, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, to markup H. Con. Res. 130, concerning the situation in Kenya; to be followed by a hearing on the Africa Crisis Response Initiative, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on marijuana referenda movement in America, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Department of the Army reports on and corrective actions related to recent cases of sexual misconduct and related matters, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on security of Russian nuclear weapons, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following measures: 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; H.R. 1567, Eastern Wilderness Act; H.R. 1856, Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997; H.R. 2000, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions; H.R. 2259, King Cove Health and Safety Act of 1997; and H.R. 2402, Water-Related Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Shuttle Safety, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on allegations of cost overruns and delays in the FAA's wide area augmentation system (WAAS), 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to markup H.R. 2195, Laogai Slave Labor Products Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Wednesday, October 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 2378, Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon, and resume consideration of S. 1156, D.C. Appropriations, 1998.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, October 1

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1757, State Department Authorization Act;

Vote on 14 suspensions postponed from Monday, September 29, and

Consideration of H.R. 1127, National Monument Fairness Act of 1997 (modified closed rule, 1 hour of debate).



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