

provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf, Obey and Sabo.

### THIRD INTERNATIONAL MATH AND SCIENCE STUDY

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on Science, Math, Engineering and Technology-Third International Math and Science Study. Testimony was heard from Rodger W. Bybee, National Academy of Science; and public witnesses.

### FOCUS ON WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing with Focus on Women Business Enterprises. Testimony was heard from Jane Butler, Acting Associate Administrator, Financial Assistance, SBA; and public witnesses.

### GSA LEASING PROGRAM AND POLICY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 GSA Leasing Program and General GSA Leasing Policy. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

### VA MEDICAL CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the prevention of adverse events in the provision of VA medical care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; John Mather, M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; and the following Directors of VA Medical Centers: Elwood Headley, M.D., Boston; T. C. Doherty, Miami; and Bill Valentine, Muskogee.

### MISCELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT; RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AUTHORITIES ACT 1997

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2622, Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1997; and H.R. 2621, amended, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act of 1997.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

*Conferees* on Tuesday, October 7, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation

and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1078)

H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Signed October 7, 1997. (P.L. 105-55)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* to hold hearings to examine the President's use of the line item veto on the 1998 Military Construction Appropriations bill, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on the Financial Accounting Standards Board and its proposed derivatives accounting standard, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to resume hearings to examine 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 public health goals, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold hearings on the nomination of M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings on the feasibility of using bonding techniques to finance large-scale capital projects in the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine the outlook and consequences of a new United Nations climate change treaty as the United States prepares for the December convention in Kyoto, Japan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the pros and cons of NATO enlargement, 2 p.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 mark up H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, S. 1189, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants, S. 474, to enforce regulations prohibiting the interstate or foreign transmission of gambling information against certain