

Tuesday, October 21, 1997, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H8808**

Extension of Remarks: Agreed that for today, all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the record entitled "Extension of Remarks". **Page H8808**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8806.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8739-40, H8740-41, H8741, H8782-83, H8802-03, H8804-05, and H8805-06. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:30 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 169, adjourned at 9:15 p.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21 for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing on the review of the Agricultural economic outlook. Testimony was heard from Keith J. Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL LABORATORY SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Assessing the Department of Energy's Management of the National Laboratory System. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: John C. Layton, Inspector General; and Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research; and a public witness.

INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

CHARTER SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997.

TRUTH IN EMPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 758, Truth in Employment Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

"CONDUIT PAYMENTS TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE"

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on "Conduit Payments to the Democratic National Committee". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1129, amended, Microcredit for Self Reliance Act of 1997; H. Res. 245, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of a free and fair referendum on self-determination for the people of Western Sahara; H. Con. Res. 130, amended, concerning the situation in Kenya; and H. Con. Res. 121 expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran.

NORTHERN IRELAND—HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE PROCESS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights and the Peace Process in Northern Ireland. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 2592, Private Trustee Reform Act and the Executive Office of U.S. Trustee's assessment of post-confirmation fees in Chapter 11 cases. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Joseph Patchan, Director and Kevyn D. Orr, Deputy Director, both with the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees; W.

Clarkson McDow, Jr., Region 4 and Ellen B. Vergos, Region 8, both U.S. Trustees; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2603, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Settlement Encouragement Act; and H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Peter R. Steenland, Senior Counsel, Alternative Dispute Resolution, U.S. Department of Justice; D. Brock Hornby, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Maine; Philip M. Pro, U.S. District Court, Chairman, Committee on Judges, Judicial Conference; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the need for additional Federal District Court judges. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Kovachevich, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Middle District, Florida; and Julia Smith Gibbons, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Chair, Committee on Judicial Resources.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act; and H.R. 1753, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000.

OVERSIGHT—PFIESTERIA IMPACT ON OUR FISHERY RESOURCES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Pfiesteria and Its Impact on our Fishery Resources. Testimony was heard from Terry D. Garcia, Acting Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Wayne McDevitt, Secretary, Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, State of North Carolina; John Griffin, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; Christophe A.G. Tulou, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills; H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, WY; H.R. 1811, Columbia River Habitat Protection and

Recreational Access Act of 1997; and H.R. 1477, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a portion of the Columbia River as a recreational river. Testimony was heard from Representatives Murray, Cubin, Hastings of Washington and Dicks; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Mat Millenbach, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Thomas Dwyer, Deputy Regional Director, Pacific and Northwest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dan Berkovitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Planning, and Budget, Department of Energy; the following officials of the State of Washington: Dorothy Perkins, Representative; and Clyde Ballard, Speaker; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2204, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997. The rule waives section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the fiscal year which ends in the calendar year in which the bill is reported) against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (relating to germaneness) and section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the fiscal year which ends in the calendar year in which the bill is reported) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule further allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Gilchrest.

COUNTDOWN TO KYOTO

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment continued hearings on Countdown to Kyoto Part II: The Economics of the Global Climate

Change Agreement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Marc Chupka, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs; and Joseph J. Romm, Acting Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and public witnesses.

FAA—FOREIGN REPAIR STATION RULES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on H.R. 145, to terminate the effectiveness of certain amendments to the foreign repair station rules of the Federal Aviation Administration. Testimony was heard from Representative Borski; Guy S. Gardner, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2644, United States-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act; H.R. 2645, Tax Technical Corrections Act of 1997; and H.R. 2646, amended, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

HEALTH CARE WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Health Care Waste, Fraud and Abuse. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy, Office of the Inspector General; and Linda Ruiz, Director, Program Integrity Group, Office of Financial Management, Health Care Financing Administration; Charles L. Owens, Chief, Financial Crimes Section, FBI, Department of Justice; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems, GAO; and a public witness.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1088)

H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Signed October 8, 1997. (P.L. 105-56)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1997

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 13 through 18, 1997

Senate Chamber

Senate will not be in session.

Senate Committees

No committee meetings are scheduled.

House Chamber

House will not be in session.

House Committees

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 14 and 15, hearings on the Invalidated 1996 Teamster Election, 1 p.m., on October 14 and 9:30 a.m., on October 15, 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 15, oversight hearing on the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 16, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding focusing on the anatomy of a Colombian drug trafficking operation in the United States, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.