

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2204, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1299-1303, S. Res. 137, and S. Con. Res. 54 and 55. **Page S10882**

Measures Passed:

Production of Senate Documents: Senate agreed to S. Res. 137, to authorize testimony, production of documents, and representation of employees of the Senate in the cases of *United States v. Tara LaJuan Edwards* and *United States v. Robbin Tiffani Stoney*.

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ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment (the modification being a substitute for the text of the bill), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1312, to provide for a continuing designation of a metropolitan planning organization.

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Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1313 (to language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment, as modified), of a perfecting nature.

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Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1314 (to Amendment No. 1313), of a perfecting nature.

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Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions.

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Lott Amendment No. 1317 (to instructions of the motion to recommit), to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs.

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Lott Amendment No. 1318 (to Amendment No. 1317), to strike the limitation on obligations for administrative expenses.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the modified committee amendment and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, October 23, 1997.

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A second motion was entered to close further debate on the modified committee amendment and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could also occur on Thursday, October 23, 1997.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, October 22, 1997.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

George W. Black, Jr., of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2001.

Brian Dean Curran, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Timberlake Foster, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Richard Conway Casey, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2000.

Dale A. Kimball, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Thomas M. Foglietta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Italy.

Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Stephen W. Bosworth, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Paul R. Carey, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2002.

Laura S. Unger, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2001.

James E. Hall, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2002. Pages S10905–06, S10909

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 12 noon, on Wednesday, October 22, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10907.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee held hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic and the impact of enlargement on Department of Defense readiness, receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; and William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

AIRLINE DEREGULATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held oversight hearings to review the status of competition in the airline industry as a result of airline deregulation and its related impact on consumers, focusing on certain restrictions to free market competition among airlines in America, receiving testimony from Patrick V. Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, and Jeff Griffith, Planning Director, Air Traffic Operations, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Fred C. Allvine, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Steven A. Morrison, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts; and Jay U. Sterling, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FINANCIAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regu-

latory Relief concluded oversight hearings to review the condition of the banking and thrift industries, including the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund, focusing on the trend of consolidation and integration among banks, thrifts, and other financial services providers, developments that pose risks to insured institutions, and computer compliance in the Year 2000, after receiving testimony from Andrew C. Hove, Jr., Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Nicolas Retsinas, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury.

EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the economic and monetary union in Europe and its implications for the United States economy, receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Giovanni Ravasio, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium; and C. Randall Henning, American University and the Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, October 23.

DOMESTIC CRUISE AND SHIP TRADE INDUSTRIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on S. 803, to permit the transportation of passengers between United States ports by certain foreign-flag vessels and to encourage United States-flag vessels to participate in such transportation, S. 668, to provide an exemption to United States coastwise passenger trade laws for Alaska, and related issues, after receiving testimony from Senators Thurmond and Murkowski; Helen Hill, Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Charleston, South Carolina; Peter Blute, Massachusetts Port Authority, Boston; Thomas Garrett, Alaska Division of Tourism, Juneau; Michael A. Spinelli, American Society of Travel Agents, Lowell, Massachusetts; David F. Lauth, Cruising America Coalition, El Cajone, California; and Frank Pecquex, Maritime Trades Department/AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Steven J. Green, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Lange Schermerhorn, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Brenda Schoonover, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Togo, and William H. Twaddell, of

Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Green was introduced by Senators Mack, Graham, and Breaux.

NORTH KOREAN MISSILE PROLIFERATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine threats posed by North Korea's efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction and to export both ballistic missile systems and production technology, after receiving testimony from Col. Joo-Hwal Choi, formerly of the North Korea Ministry of the People's Army, and Young-Hwan Ko, formerly of the North Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs, both of the Research Institute for North Korean Affairs, Seoul.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings to examine the recommendations of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission to reform the federal bankruptcy code, after receiving testimony from Brady C. Williamson, Madison, Wisconsin, M. Caldwell Butler, Woods Rogers and Hazelgrove, Roanoke, Virginia, Edith Hollan Jones, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Houston, Texas, Robert E. Ginsberg, Chicago, Illinois, Jay Alix, Jay Alix & Associates, Southfield, Michigan, James I. Shepard, Fresno, California, Babette A. Ceccotti, Cohen, Weiss & Simon, New York, New York, and John A. Gose, Preston Gates & Ellis, Se-

attle, Washington, all on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission.

WORKPLACE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1124, to revise certain provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to modify the definition of religion to include all aspects of religious observance, practice, and belief, after receiving testimony from Senator Kerry; Richard Foltin, American Jewish Committee, on behalf of the Coalition for Religious Freedom in the Workplace, and Lawrence Z. Lorber, Verner Liipfer Bernhard McPherson & Hand, both of Washington, D.C.; Roberto Corrada, University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado; Kathleen Pielech, East Tauton, Massachusetts; Patricia Reed, Berkely, Massachusetts; Aston A. Beadle, Columbia, Maryland; John Kalwitz, South Bend, Indiana; and Anjum Smith, Quinton, Virginia.

MISSISSIPPI SIOUX JUDGMENT FUND

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 976, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, after receiving testimony from Michael Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Andrew Grey, Sr., Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Agency Village, South Dakota; Michael Abourezk, Abourezk Law Firm, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Ambrose McBride, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Fort Thompson, South Dakota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2675–2689; 1 private bill, H.R. 2690; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 97, H. Con. Res. 171, and H. Res. 272–273, were introduced. Pages H8927–28

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on October 14, 1997, H.R. 2616, to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools, amended (H. Rept. 105–321);

H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, amended (H. Rept. 105–290 part 2);

H.R. 2535, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the consolidation of student loans

under the Federal Family Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program, amended (H. Rept. 105–322);

H.R. 1534, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution, amended (H. Rept. 105–323);

H.R. 764, to make technical corrections to title 11, United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 105-324);

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. Rept. 105-325);

H.R. 1085, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations," amended (H. Rept. 105-326);

H.R. 134, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain Water Storage Project, amended (H. Rept. 105-327);

H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center, amended (H. Rept. 105-328);

H.R. 1856, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a volunteer pilot project at one national wildlife refuge in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region, amended (H. Rept. 105-329);

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, amended (H. Rept. 105-330);

H.R. 1962, to provide for the appointment of a Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President, amended (H. Rept. 105-331);

H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, amended (H. Doc. 105-332);

H. Res. 269, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 97, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998 (H. Doc. 105-333);

H. Res. 270, providing for consideration of H.R. 2247, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to

authorize appropriations for Amtrak (H. Doc. 105-334); and

H. Res. 271, providing for consideration of H.R. 1534, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution (H. Rept. 105-335).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Constantine Nicholas Dombalis of Richmond, Virginia.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon.

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Presidential Messages—Line Item Veto: Read the following messages from the President that were transmitted to the Clerk:

Defense Appropriations Line Item Veto: Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130), cancels the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority contained in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1998 (P.L. 105-56; H.R. 2266)—referred to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-155);

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Treasury Line Item Veto: Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130), cancels the dollar amount of discretionary budget authority contained in the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1998 (P.L. 105-61; H.R. 2378)—referred to the Committees on the Budget, Government Reform and Oversight, and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-156); and

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Energy, Water Development Line Item Veto: Message wherein he, in accordance with the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104-130), cancels the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority contained in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1998 (P.L. 105-62; H.R. 2203)—referred

to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-157).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Student Loan Consolidation: H.R. 2535, amended, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the consolidation of student loans under the Federal Family Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program;

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Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building: H.R. 681, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, California, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building;"

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Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building: H.R. 282, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, New York, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building;"

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David B. Champagne Post Office Building: H.R. 2013, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building;"

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Douglas Applegate Post Office Building: H.R. 2129, to designate the United States Post Office located at 150 North 3rd Street in Steubenville, Ohio, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office;"

Pages H8854-55

Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility: H.R. 2564, to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, as the "Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility;"

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Reduction of Carbon Dioxide Re National Forest Management: H. Con. Res. 151, amended, 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. Agreed to amend the title;

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Grand Teton Study Concerning Grazing Use: H.R. 708, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton

National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges. Agreed to amend the title;

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Conservation of Asian Elephants: H.R. 1787, amended, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants;

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Stability of Coral Reef Ecosystems: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems;

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Mark Twain National Forest Missouri: H.R. 1779, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements;

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Dairy Indemnity Program: H.R. 1789, to reauthorize the dairy indemnity program;

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Census of Agriculture: H.R. 2366, to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture;

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Internationally Adopted Children Immunization Exemption: H.R. 2464, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt internationally adopted children under age 10 from the immunization requirement (passed by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 516). Agreed to amend the title;

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Executive Office of the President CFO: H.R. 1962, to provide for the appointment of a Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President (passed by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 517). Agreed to amend the title; and

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Office of National Drug Control Policy Authorization: H.R. 2610, amended, to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to extend the authorization until September 30, 1999, to expand the responsibilities and powers of the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

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Bill Re-Referred: H.R. 1249, to redesignate the Federal building located at 107 Federal Building, in Terre Haute, Indiana, as the "John T. Myers Federal Building", which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, was re-referred to

the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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Presidential Veto Message—Partial Birth Abortion Ban: Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions. Agreed to refer the bill and the veto message to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-158).

Pages H8891-92

Coast Guard Authorization: The House passed H.R. 2204, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard.

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Agreed To:

The Gilchrist en bloc amendment that makes various technical and clarifying changes; establishes a Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee; clarifies the liability of persons engaging in oil spill prevention and response activities; conveys the Ocracoke Coast Guard Station to the State of North Carolina; and conveys Coast Guard property in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan to the American Legion in Sault Sainte Marie.

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The Upton amendment that requires the maintenance of foghorns at certain ports in Michigan and Indiana; and

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The Stupak amendment that conveys the Eagle Harbor Light Station to the Keweenaw County Historical Society.

Pages H8901-02

The House agreed to H. Res. 265, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 223 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 515.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H8835.

Referrals: S. 595, to designate the United States Post Office building located at Bennett Street and Kansas Expressway in Springfield, Missouri, as the "John Griesemer Post Office Building;" S. 916, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building;" and S. 985, to designate the Post Office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office" were referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8929-30.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8889-90,

H8890-91, and H8891. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOLLAR COIN ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on H.R. 2637, United States \$1 Coin Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Davis of Virginia and Kolbe; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Phillip Diehl, Director, U.S. Mint; and Nancy Killefer, Assistant Secretary, Management/Chief Financial Officer; Theodore Allison, Assistant, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 655, Electric Consumers' Power to Choose Act of 1997, and also the following bills: H.R. 338, Ratepayer Protection Act; H.R. 1230, Consumers Electric Power Act of 1997; H.R. 1359, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a means to support programs for electric energy conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and universal and affordable service for electric consumers; and H.R. 1960, Electric Power Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Elizabeth Anne Moler, Deputy Secretary; and James J. Hoecker, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and a public witness.

Hearing continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held an oversight hearing on Implementation of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PL-104-67). Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

EEOC REVIEW

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing to review the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1522, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund. Testimony was heard from Bob Stanton, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; John M. Fowler, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; H. Alexander Wise, Jr., Historic Preservation Officer and Director, Department of Historical Resources, State of Virginia; John Keck, Preservation Officer, State Historic Preservation Office, State of Washington; Brenda Barrett, Director, Bureau of Historic Preservation, State of Pennsylvania; Edward M. Norton, Vice President, Law and Public Policy, National Trust for Historic Preservation; and public witnesses.

AMTRAK REFORM AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 2247, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1997, providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, which shall be considered as read. The rule provides for the consideration of the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and an amendment to be offered by Representative Oberstar. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the amendment to be offered by Representative Oberstar may be offered only after the disposition of the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce a vote 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 Chairman Shuster, Representatives Quinn, LaTourette, Thune, Oberstar, Wise, Menendez, and Moran of Virginia.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 1534, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read. The rule makes in order a further amendment in the nature of a substitute if offered by Representative Conyers or his designee. The rule provides that the further amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for thirty minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule provides that if the further amendment is rejected or not offered, then no other amendment shall be in order except the amendment printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report may only be offered by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for thirty minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Coble, Gallegly, Campbell, Scott, and Vento.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS EXTENSION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.J. Res. 97, Continuing Appropriations Extension for fiscal year 1998, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rohrabacher, Deal of Georgia, and Bilbray.

TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE AIRCRAFT NOISE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Technology to Reduce Aircraft Noise. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FAA, Department of Transportation: James Erickson, Director, Office of Environment and Energy; and Wesley L. Harris, Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee; Robert E. Whitehead, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics and Space Transportation Technology, NASA; and public witnesses.

CHINESE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Chinese Nuclear Proliferation. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine Israel's economic future and its impact on United States relations, focusing on economic and defense trends in the Middle East, including the ramifications of the peace process, after receiving testimony from Martin Sherman, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel; Eliyahu Kanovsky, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel; Col. Yoash Tsiddon-Chatto, Petah Tikvah, Israel; Talia Einhorn, Israeli Center for Academic Studies, Ramat Aviv, Israel; and Robert Z. Lawrence, Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East/Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, to continue hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to require U.S. corporations to fully disclose all information concerning their Year 2000 remediation efforts and potential liabilities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nu-

clear Safety, to hold hearings on S. 1084, to establish a research and monitoring program for the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter and to reinstate the original standards under the Clean Air Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on certain issues with regard to the proposal to grant NATO membership to Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, focusing on their qualifications, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to resume 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, to hold hearings on the nomination of Bill Lann Lee, of California, to be Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings to examine Federal efforts to prevent juvenile crime, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to consider S. 1294, to allow for the consolidation of student loans under the Federal Family Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program, S. 1237, to further improve the safety and health of working environments, and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings to examine small business and fundamental tax law reform issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

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Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review law enforcement efforts to combat international money laundering occurring through "black-market peso brokering", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power to continue hearings on H.R. 655, Electric Consumers' Power to Choose Act of 1997, and also the following bills: H.R. 338, Ratepayer Protection Act; H.R. 1230, Consumers Electric Power Act of 1997; H.R. 1359, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a means to support programs for electric energy conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and universal and affordable service for electric consumers; and H.R. 1960, Electric Power Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to markup H.R. 2614, Reading Excellence Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, to markup the following

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1974 to extend certain authorizations; H.R. 755, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1966 to allow individuals to designate any portion of their income tax overpayments, and to make other contributions, for the benefit of units of the National Park System; H.R. 1309, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, CO, and the Water Supply and Storage Co to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas; H.R. 1567, Eastern Wilderness Act; H.R. 1739, BWCAW Accessibility and Fairness Act of 1997; H.R. 1842, to terminate further development and implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative; and H.R. 2283, Arches National Park Expansion Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; H.R. 2646, Educational Savings Accounts for Public and Private Schools Act of 1997; and H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997, 11:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the SBA's 7(a) and 504 loan programs and their effectiveness in serving economically distressed and disadvantaged areas, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to markup of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, ISTEA legislation.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 97, Making Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998 (closed rule, 1 hour of debate);

Consideration of H.R. 1534, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997 (modified closed rule, 1 hour of debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 2247, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1997 (modified closed rule, 1 hour of debate).

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