

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).

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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.

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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.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing to review the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Government Performance Results Act Report, 3 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

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