

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment: The House passed H.R. 2367, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1997, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute; and agreed to amend the title.

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Deny Veterans Benefits for Capital Offense Convictions: The House passed S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses. Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute; and agreed to amend the title.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of November 3.

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Meeting Hour—November 4: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 on Tuesday, November 4.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agree to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of November 5.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9803.

Referrals: S. 1149, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for increased education funding and S. 1024, to make chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code permanent, were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9831–32 and H9832. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DRAFT REPORT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 2675, Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act.

The Committee also approved, as amended, a draft report entitled: "Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: VA, DOD Continue to Resist Strong Evidence Linking Toxic Causes to Chronic Health Effects".

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Management Practices in State and Local Government: Lessons for the Federal Government. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on House Oversight: Continued hearings on Campaign Finance Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman, Fowler, Dreier, Farr and Tierney.

Hearings continue November 6.

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. Con. Res. 22, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the discrimination by the German Government against members of minority religious groups, particularly the continued and increasing discrimination by the German Government against performers, entertainers, and other artists from the United States associated with Scientology; H. Con. Res. 152, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the multiparty peace talks regarding Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process; H. Res. 273, amended, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo; H. Res. 282, congratulating the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary; H. Con. Res. 172, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia; H. Res. 231, amended, urging the President to make clear to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the commitment of the American people in support of democracy and religious and economic freedom for the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and H. Con. Res. 156, amended, expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country.

The Committee also adopted a Committee resolution honoring the life and service of the late Representative Walter H. Capps of California.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Conferees on Thursday, October 30, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1172)

H.J. Res. 75, to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope. Signed October 30, 1997. (P.L. 105-67)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 3 through 8, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, with a vote to occur thereon, and may consider the motion to proceed to S. 1269, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act For Public and Private Schools, and vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to S. 1269, Fast Track/Trade Agreements.

On *Thursday*, Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act, with a vote to occur thereon. Also, during the week, Senate may resume consideration of S. 1156, D.C. Appropriations, 1998, S.J. Res. 37, Amtrak Strike Prohibition, consider the conference reports on S. 830, FDA Modernization and Accountability Act, S. 858, Intelligence Authorization, H.R. 2264, Labor/HHS, and further conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, November 4, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 4, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings on mandating year 2000 disclo-

sure by publicly-traded companies; to be followed by a full committee business meeting to consider certain nominations, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: November 4, to hold hearings to examine options for funding social security benefits in the 21st century, 2 p.m., SD-608.

November 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Federal pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 4, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

November 4, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the necessity of Federal involvement in the Next Generation Internet, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the environmental consequences of global warming scenarios, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: November 4, to hold hearings on the nominations of Curt Herbert Jr., of Mississippi, and Linda Key Breathitt, of Kentucky, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: November 4, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the status of Federal transportation programs in the absence of a multi-year reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

November 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 627, authorizing funds for programs of the African Elephant Conservation Act, and S. 1287, 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, 2 p.m., SD-406.

November 5, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the General Services Administration proposal to construct or otherwise acquire a facility to house the headquarters of the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: November 5, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to restructure the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and to examine the recommendations of the IRS Restructuring Commission, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 4, business meeting, to mark up S. 759, to provide for an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity, S. Con. Res. 48, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran, and S.Con.Res. 58, expressing the concern of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law, and to consider pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how the American public views NATO enlargement, 10 a.m., SD-419.

November 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine commercial activities of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA), 10 a.m., SD-419.