

**Referrals:** S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Atoll as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway was referred to the Committee on Resources and S. 1324, to de-authorize a portion of the project for navigation, Biloxi Harbor, Mississippi was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call, Roll No. 576, five yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9999–H10000, H10040, H10046, H10062–63, H10079, H10079–80, H10092–93, H10093, H10101–02, and H10102–03. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997.

### FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Dallas Smith, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; and Ken Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and public witnesses.

### HOMELESS HOUSING PROGRAMS CONSOLIDATION AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 217, Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act.

### INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS STATUS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Status of International Global Climate Change Negotiations focusing on the upcoming global climate change agreement negotiations in Kyoto, Japan. Testimony was heard from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State.

### MOLTEN METAL TECHNOLOGY FUNDING

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Funding of Molten Metal Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—TEAMSTER'S ELECTION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Approved a motion to approve a Contract Agreement to provide services to the Committee in relation to the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

### CSRS-FERS OPEN SEASON—WHAT ARE THE MERITS?

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on "CSRS-FERS OPEN SEASON-What Are the Merits?". Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Service, OPM; Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Workforce and Management Issues, GAO; and Paul Van de Water, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, CBO.

### OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Testimony was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; G. Martin Wagner, Associate Administrator, Governmentwide Policy, GSA; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

### SOLDIERS WITHOUT BORDERS—CRISIS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on "Soldiers Without Borders: Crisis in Central Africa". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Bill Richardson, Ambassador to the United Nations; and Howard Wolpe, Special Envoy, Bureau of African Affairs; and public witnesses.

### ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing on The Antitrust Enforcement Agencies: The Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Competition of the Federal Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Joel Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

### INTERNET DOMAIN NAME TRADEMARK PROTECTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing

on the Internet Domain Name Trademark Protection. Testimony was heard from Bruce Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA NURSING RELIEF ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing H.R. 2759, Health Professional Shortage Area Nursing Relief Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Rush; Neil Sampson, Acting Associate Administrator, Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT POSED BY IRAN**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on the ballistic missile threat posed by Iran. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Lester Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 755, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate and 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, Colorado, and The Water Supply and Storage Company to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas; and H.R. 1567, amended, Eastern Wilderness Act.

#### **AMENDING HOUSE RULES—REPEAL EXCEPTION TO REQUIREMENT THAT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS BE OPENED TO ALL MEDIA**

*Committee on Rules:* Ordered reported, by a roll call vote of 7 to 2, H.Res. 301, Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to repeal the exception to the requirement that public committee proceedings be open to all media.

#### **EXPEDITED PROCEDURES**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported before November 10, 1997 providing for consideration

of a bill or joint resolution making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The waiver also applies to a special rule reported before November 10, 1997 providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The rule provides that the Speaker may entertain motions to suspend the rules at any time before November 10, 1997 provided that the object of the motion is announced from the floor at least one hour before the motion is offered and that the Speaker shall consult with the Minority Leader in scheduling legislation under this authority to suspend the rules.

#### **EXPEDITED PROCEDURES—REMAINDER OF FIRST SESSION OF 105TH CONGRESS**

*Committee on Rules:* Additionally, granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported before November 10, 1997 providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The waiver also applies to a special rule reported before November 10, 1997 providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The rule provides that the Speaker may entertain motions to suspend the rules at any time before November 10, 1997 provided that the object of the motion is announced from the floor at least one hour before the motion is offered and that the Speaker shall consult with the Minority Leader in scheduling legislation under this authority to suspend the rules. Finally, the rule provides that during the remainder of the First Session of the 105th Congress, the Speaker may not recognize a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader to offer from the floor, or to announce an intention to offer, a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House. Also, the rule provides that the Speaker may postpone consideration of any noticed resolution as a question of the privileges of the House prior to

the adoption of this resolution during the remainder of the First Session of the 105th Congress.

### INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION STATUS AND COST OVERRUNS

*Committee on Science*: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on International Space Station Status and Cost Overruns. Testimony was heard from Wilbur Trafton, Associate Administrator, Office of Space Flight, NASA; Allen Li, Associate Director, GAO; and a public witnesses.

### NONPROLIFERATION

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Nonproliferation. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on the Budget*, to hold hearings to examine Federal pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 1787, 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, and to consider other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, to hold hearings to examine commercial activities of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the United Nations, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the social impact of music violence, 12 Noon, SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Bill Lann Lee, of California, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Robert S. Warshaw, of New York, to be Associate Director, and Thomas J. Umberg, of California, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, both of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on review of agricultural

transportation issues, focusing on the current rail grain situation, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, hearing on GAO investigation of White House, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, hearing on the "White House Compliance with Committee Subpoenas," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight*, to continue hearings on Campaign Finance Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on the current status of negotiations between the Tibetan Government in Exile and the People's Republic of China, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the Fifth Summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Fast Track: The Debate Continues, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to markup H.R. 1909, *Civil Rights Act of 1997*, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on Department of Defense equipment modernization, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the review of NOAA's plan for The Management of U.S.S. *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to markup the following bills: H.R. 588, National Discovery Trails Act of 1997; H.R. 2411, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; and H.R. 2438, to encourage the establishment of appropriate trails on abandoned railroad rights-of-way, while ensuring the protection of certain reversionary property rights, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, hearing on H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act of 1997, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on the Countdown to Kyoto Part III: The Administration's Global Climate Change Proposal, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Role of Computer Security in Protecting the U.S. Infrastructure, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 2790, to prohibit the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration from closing flight service stations, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.