

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6001–S6129

Measures Introduced: Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2152–2155, S.J. Res. 50 and 51, S. Res. 246, and S. Con. Res. 103.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 2614, to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–208)

H. Con. Res. 131, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the ocean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–209)

S.J. Res. 41, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capital. (S. Rept. No. 105–210)

S. 1683, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Senate Chamber Photograph: Senate agreed to S. Res. 246, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate. Page S6115

International Year of the Ocean: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 131, acknowledging 1998 as the International Year of the Ocean and expressing these sense of the Congress regarding the ocean, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Federal Reports Elimination Act: Senate passed S. 1364, to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful Federal reports, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Collins (for Levin/McCain) Amendment No. 2570, to provide for additional reports. Pages S6226–27

Indian Mineral Leasing: Senate passed S. 2069, to permit the mineral leasing of Indian land located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in any case in which there is consent from a majority interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S6127

Universal Tobacco Settlement Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1415, to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 2420), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Gramm Modified Amendment No. 2686 (to Amendment No. 2437), to eliminate the marriage penalty reflected in the standard deduction, to ensure the earned income credit takes into account the elimination of such penalty, and to provide a full deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals. (By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 154), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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Rejected:

Daschle Amendment No. 2688 (to Amendment No. 2437), to provide a deduction for two-earner married couples, and to allow self-employed individuals a 100-percent deduction for health care insurance costs. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 155), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S6031–33

Pending:

Gregg/Leahy Amendment No. 2433 (to Amendment No. 2420), to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers.

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Gregg/Leahy Amendment No. 2434 (to Amendment No. 2433), in the nature of a substitute.

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Gramm Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith, with Amendment No. 2436, to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers, and to eliminate the marriage penalty reflected in the standard deduction and to ensure the earned income credit takes into account the elimination of such penalty. **Page S6001**

Daschle (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2437 (to Amendment No. 2436), relating to reductions in underage tobacco usage. **Page S6001**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No.153), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 2440). **Page S6001-02**

A vote on a third cloture motion will occur Thursday, June 11, 1998.

U.S. Holocaust Assets Commissions Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1900, to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6127-29**

Messages From the House: **Page S6034**

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Measures Placed on Calendar: **Pages S6034-35**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6054-S6111**

Authority for Committees: **Page S6111**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—155) **Pages S6001-02, S6031, S6033**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9:45 p.m., on Thursday, June 11, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6129.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine economic issues facing the red meat industry, including production, price and profit prospects for cattle, hog and sheep producers, and trends in export markets, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; David C. Nelson, Credit Suisse First Boston, New York, New York; Richard Kjerstad, South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation, Huron, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; George Swan, Rogerson, Idaho, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Donna Reifschneider, Smithton, Illinois, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Lorin Moench Jr., American Sheep Industry Association, Englewood, Colorado; Leland Swenson, National Farmers Union, Aurora, Colorado; J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia; and Herman Schumacher, Herried, South Dakota.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr., Linda W. Cropp, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer, District of Columbia Public Schools, and Camille Barnett, Chief Management Officer, City of the District of Columbia, all of the District of Columbia.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

YEAR 2000 READINESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings to examine federal efforts to promote Year 2000 readiness in the securities industry, the capital markets, and their underlying industries, including the Securities and Exchange Commission's guidance as to what public companies should consider when disclosing information about their Year 2000 readiness, after receiving testimony from Laura

S. Unger, Commissioner, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Steven L. Hock, Triaxsys Research, Missoula, Montana; Edward Yardeni, Deutsche Bank Securities, and Ed Bankole, Moody's Investors Service, both of New York, New York; and Lynn A. Stout, Georgetown University Law Center, and Matthew J. Schlesinger, McKenna & Cuneo, both of Washington, D.C.

AUTHORIZATION—FCC

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on proposed legislation to reform and authorize funds for the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on the implementation of the schools and libraries program designed to connect schools and libraries to broadband technology, after receiving testimony from William E. Kennard, Chairman, and Susan Ness, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, Michael Powell, and Gloria Tristani, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

CAMBODIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States policy strategy on democracy in Cambodia and the outlook for the election scheduled for July 26, 1998, after receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Stephen Heder, University of London, London, England; Sidney Jones, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York; and Janet E. Heininger, American University, of Washington, D.C.

U.S. INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information resumed hearings to examine the need for a national strategy and proactive policies to protect the critical infrastructures of the United States, focusing on the role of the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center, receiving testimony from Michael A. Vatis, Deputy Assistant Director, and Chief, National Infrastructure Protection Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

Also, committee met to receive a briefing on the Presidential Decision Directive (PDD-63) aimed at countering attacks on U.S. critical infrastructure, and

the Department of Defense exercise known as "Eligible Receiver" which simulated an attack on government computers to test the security of their system from Richard Clarke, Senior Director, National Security Council; and certain officials of the National Security Agency, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

PACIFIC NW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT/INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights approved for full committee consideration the following measures:

S.J. Res. 35, granting the consent of Congress to the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement; and

S. 1134, granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

INDIAN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' school facility improvement program, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, and Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; Thomas E. Atcitty, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Jon Whirlwind Horse, Dakota Area Consortium of Tribal Schools, Inc./Loneman School Corporation, Oglala, South Dakota; and Lorraine P. Edmo, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee resumed hearings on the investigation of the impacts to United States national security from advanced satellite technology exports to China and Chinese efforts to influence United States policy, receiving testimony from Katherine V. Schinasi, Associate Director, Defense Acquisitions Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4025–4034, were introduced. Pages H4478–79

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2742, to provide for the transfer of public lands to certain California Indian Tribes, amended (H. Rept. 105–575); and

H. Res. 465, providing for consideration of H.R. 2888, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex crimes against children (H. Rept. 105–576). Page H4478

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Solomon to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4333

Recess: The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Page H4333

Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Kim Dae-Jung, President of the Republic of South Korea: It was made in order that the proceedings conducted during the recess be printed in the Record. Pages H4333–36

Bankruptcy Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 3150, to amend title 11 of the United States Code by a recorded vote of 306 ayes to 118 noes, Roll No. 225. Pages H4354–S4443

Rejected the Conyers motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith with amendments that revise the needs-based bankruptcy section to exclude support of a child, alimony, or support paid to a spouse or former spouse and adds a section for protection against reaffirmation agreements adversely affecting child support (rejected by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 270 noes, Roll No. 224). Pages H4440–42

Agreed To:

The Gekas amendment that ensures that a debtor who is disqualified from obtaining relief under chapter 7 by virtue of the bill's need-based formula is not disqualified from relief under chapter 11; makes revisions relating to debt counseling and financial management provisions; limits amount of a debtor's homestead to prevent manipulation of the provision to the disadvantage of homeowners; adds safeguards to fee examiner appointments and creditor's committee membership; revises section to accord more protection to recording artists; and clarifies that the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judi-

cial Conference of the United States will establish rules and forms for small business debtors; Pages H4394–97

The Boucher amendment that expands the definition of "household goods" to include personal property that is necessary for the support of a dependent child; and moves child support, alimony, and marital dissolution obligations from seventh priority to first priority during bankruptcy proceedings; Pages H4398–H4400

The Shaw amendment, as modified, that requires credit card companies who obtain payments from parents who owe past-due child support to distribute the payment to parents and children who are entitled to priority under the bill; Pages H4400–02

The Gekas amendment that prohibits the conversion of non-exempt assets into exempt homestead property within 1 year of filing for bankruptcy (agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 221); Pages H4404–06, H4438–39

The Velázquez amendment that requires the Executive Office of U.S. Trustees and Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to conduct a study of the causes of small business bankruptcies; Pages H4407–08

The Baldacci amendment that directs the Comptroller General to conduct a study of the impact on the nation's bankruptcy rate due to the extension of credit to students enrolled in post-secondary education programs who are claimed as dependents for tax purposes by their parents or legal guardians; Pages H4408–09

Rejected:

The Nadler amendment that sought to modify the small business subtitle; restore the right to count debt as disposable income; strike paperwork and bureaucratic burdens and rigid deadlines which are not otherwise imposed on larger businesses; and strike provisions which allow a creditor to violate the automatic stay; prohibit a small business from filing a new petition for two years after a case was dismissed; and require a successor entity to bring forward a plan capable of confirmation in order to file the case (rejected by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 219); Pages H4397–98, H4436–37

The Delahunt amendment that sought to authorize the Judicial Conference of the United States to reduce disbursements to unsecured nonpriority creditors payable in Chapter 13 cases to cover the increased costs to the courts and the U.S. Trustees Office of implementing and administering the means testing system (rejected by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 220); Pages H4402–03, H4437–38

The Paul amendment that sought to reorder tax priorities for debt repayment to repay local governmental units first, then state governmental units, then Federal governmental units; **Pages H4403–04**

The Scott amendment that sought to eliminate Section 212 and maintain current law relating to recording artists and the discharge of obligations under service contract agreements with recording companies (rejected by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 222); and

Pages H4406–07, H4439

The Nadler amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to delete the one size fits all means test; strengthen procedure under current law for dismissal of a case for abuse of chapter 7; restore existing priorities among creditors; protect alimony and child support; revise small business subtitle to be consistent with recommendations of the National Bankruptcy Conference and the Small Business Administration; and ensure that government including the IRS cannot harass debtors (rejected by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 288 noes, Roll No. 223).

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make corrections and conforming changes to the bill. **Pages H4442–43**

H. Res. 462, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 251 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 218. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 236 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 217.

Pages H4338–54

Earlier, a point of order was raised against the rule under Section 425 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, regarding unfunded mandates. Pursuant to Section 426 of the Congressional Budget Act, the House agreed to consider H. Res. 462, by a yea and nay vote of 248 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 216.

Pages H4339–43

Constitutional Amendment to Limit Campaign Spending: The House completed debate on H.J. Res. 119, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit campaign spending. The record vote on final passage was postponed, and consideration of the joint resolution will resume on June 11.

Pages H4443–65

Res. 442, the rule that is providing for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to on May 21.

Sales Incentive Compensation Act: The House completed debate on H.R. 2888, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt from the minimum wage recordkeeping and overtime compensation requirements certain specialized employees.

Pages H4466–75

Agreed To:

The Fawell amendment that specifies that employee sales that are predominantly to persons or entities to whom the employee's position has made previous sales or the position does not involve initiating sales contacts; and **Page H4474**

The Andrews amendment that specifies that an employee, rather than the position, has detailed understanding of the needs of those to whom the employee is selling and the employee exercises discretion in offering a variety of products and services.

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Vote Postponed:

The Owens amendment that seeks to require the employee's consent to work any hours in excess of 40 in any workweek or 8 in any day was debated and a recorded vote was postponed. **Pages H4474–75**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2888, in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the rule, after the legislative day of today, June 10, no further debate or amendments to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order. **Page H4466**

H. Res. 461, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H4465–66**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4335.

Referrals: S. 1531, to deauthorize certain portions of the project for navigation, Bass Harbor, Maine was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H4478**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4479–80.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4342–43, H4353, H4353–54, H4437, H4437–38, H4438, H4439, H4439–40, H4441–42, and H4442. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:12 a.m. on Thursday, June 11.

Committee Meetings

METHYL BROMIDE PHASE OUT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the phase out of methyl bromide. Testimony was heard from Representatives Thomas, Heger and Miller of Florida; Paul Stolpman, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Keith Pitts, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKET REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the regulation of the over-the-counter derivatives market. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; John D. Hawke, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; Richard Lindsey, Director, Division of Market Finance, SEC; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full Committee action the Energy and Water Development Appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative Appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the Military Construction Appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

SECURITIES LITIGATION UNIFORM STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1689, Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1997.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: The Future of the Domain Name System. Testimony was heard from George Strawn, Division Director, Division of Advanced Networking Infrastructure and Research, NSF; J. Beckwith Burr, Acting Associate Administrator, Telecommunications and Information and Director of the Office of International Affairs, National

Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2869, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to exempt safety and health assessments, audits, and reviews conducted by or for an employer from enforcement action under such Act; H.R. 2661, Sound Scientific Practices Act; H.R. 2873, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; and H.R. 3725, Postal Service Health and Safety Promotion Act.

YEAR 2000 PROBLEM—STATUS UPDATE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the Status Update on the Year 2000 Problem. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO: Joel Willemsen, Director; and Jack L. Brock, Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems; John Callahan, Assistant Secretary, Management and Budget, Department of Health and Human Services; Marshall Smith, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Education; William Curtis, Special Assistant for the Year 2000, Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence, Department of Defense; and Howard Lewis, Jr., Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Postal Service held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: William J. Henderson, Postmaster General and CEO; and Karla W. Corcoran, Inspector General; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO.

CHINA—FORCED ABORTION AND STERILIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Forced Abortion and Sterilization in China: The View from the Inside. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2893, to amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to provide for appropriate study and repatriation of remains for

which a cultural affiliation is not readily ascertainable; and H.R. 3903, to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastings of Washington; Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Stewardship and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SEXUAL PREDATOR PUNISHMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3494, Child Protection and Sexual Predator Punishment Act of 1998. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for consideration of only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying this resolution, which 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, 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 waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to reduce votes 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 Representatives McCollum, Franks of New Jersey, Bachus, Bass, Foley, Gutknecht, Kelly, Salmon, Riley, Jackson-Lee, Lampson and Sherman.

OVERSIGHT—ROLE OF SCIENCE IN MAKING EFFECTIVE DECISIONS

Committee on Science: Held an oversight hearing on The Role of Science in Making Effective Decisions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY—DRUG INTERDICTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Drug Interdiction and other matters relating to the National Drug Control Pol-

icy. Testimony was heard from Rear Adm. Ernest R. Riutta, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Operations, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Gregory K. Williams, Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Robert Brown, Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Joseph W. Maxwell, Acting Executive Director, Air Interdiction, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS; COURT OF VETERANS' APPEALS ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held an oversight hearing on the Board of Veterans' Appeals and the Court of Veterans Appeals and to review H.R. 3212, Court of Veterans Appeals Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals; Richard B. Standefer, Acting Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of various veterans' organizations.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Fred Hitz, Inspector General, CIA; Eleanor Hill, Inspector General, Department of Defense; Michael Bromwich, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Fred Kaiser, Specialist in National American Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Kate Martin, Director, Center for National Security Studies.

Joint Meetings

MONETARY POLICY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine monetary policy and the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D575)

H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. Signed June 9, 1998. (P.L. 105-178)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development, Production and Regulation, to hold oversight hearings on the federal oil valuation regulations of the Minerals Management Service, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Recreational Fee Demonstration program, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine the causes of the trade deficit and its implications for the United States economy; to be followed by a hearing on the nominations of Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Commissioner of Customs, James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Enforcement, and Elizabeth Bresee, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine Chinese missile proliferation, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of E. William Crotty, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda, to the Commonwealth of Dominica, to Grenada, to St. Kitts and Nevis, to Saint Lucia, and to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, John O'Leary, of Maine, to be Ambassador to Chile, and Arthur Louis Schechter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the service aspects of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Employment and Training, to hold hearings to examine child labor issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1102-03 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the Forest Service timber sale program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing and markup of the following bills: H.R. 4005, Money Laundering Deterrence Act of 1998; and H.R. 1756, Money

Laundering and Financial Crimes Strategy Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to mark up H.R. 4017, Energy Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on reauthorization of the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the National Assessment Governing Board, 10:45 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Institutional Review Boards (IRBs): A System in Jeopardy, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Reconstructing Sierra Leone, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Modernization of U.S. Customs: Implications On Trade, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 3682, Child Custody Protection Act, 9 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the United States Judicial Conference, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and the Federal Judicial Center; and to hold a hearing on H.R. 3578, Protecting American Small Business Trade Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the FBI's implementation of a national instantcheck system for screening prospective gun buyers, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up the following: H.R. 2837, Naturalization Reform Act of 1997; H.R. 371, Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 1997; and private immigration bills, 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on the Fiscal Year 1999 National Defense authorization request on Critical Infrastructure Protection-Information Assurance, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the impact of the spiny dogfish harvest on striped bass, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Program for Thursday: After the recognition of six Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:15 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1415, Universal Tobacco Settlement Act, with a third vote on a motion to close further debate on the modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to occur thereon at 12 noon.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3494, Child Protection and Sexual Predator Punishment Act of 1998 (structured rule, one hour general debate);

Vote on H.J. Res. 119, Proposing an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution Limiting Campaign Spending;

Vote on H.R. 2888, Sales Incentive Compensation Act; and

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