

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)