

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8087-S8160*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2296-2306. **Page S8135**

#### Measures Passed:

**Tropical Forest Conservation Act:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2870, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1758, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Roberts (for Helms) Amendment No. 3148, to make technical and clarifying corrections.

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Subsequently, S. 1758 was placed back on the Senate Calendar.

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**Congressional Gold Medal:** Senate passed H.R. 3156, to present a congressional gold medal to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Agriculture Appropriations, 1999:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2159, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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#### Adopted:

Cochran Amendment No. 3128, to provide additional funding for the Agricultural Research Service, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, and the Rural Community Advance-

ment Program, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Protection Act by eliminating the surcharge on the administrative fee for fiscal year 1999, and to restrict the Wetlands Reserve Program's new acreage enrollment in fiscal year 1999.

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Cochran/Bumpers Amendment No. 3129, to make a technical correction.

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Cochran/Bumpers Amendment No. 3130, to transfer funding for credit sales of acquired property to subsidize the cost of additional farm ownership loans.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 3131, to establish a personnel management demonstration project in the Department of Agriculture.

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Cochran (for D'Amato/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 3132, to extend for one year existing housing programs administered by the Rural Housing Service.

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Cochran (for Graham) Amendment No. 3133, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a review of methyl bromide alternatives research.

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Cochran (for Gramm/Hutchison) Amendment No. 3134, to express the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Agriculture should take certain actions to provide timely assistance to Texas agricultural producers that are experiencing worsening drought conditions.

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Cochran (for Lugar) Amendment No. 3135, to amend the Wetlands Reserve Program by exempting thirty year easements from payment limitations, and to clarify the interpretation of "Maximum Extent Practicable" regarding the Wetlands Reserve Program enrollment goal.

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Cochran (for Lugar) Amendment No. 3136, to make technical corrections to the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998.

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Cochran (for Robb) Amendment No. 3137, to reform agricultural credit programs of the Department of Agriculture.

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**Pending:**

Daschle (for Harkin/Daschle) Modified Amendment No. 3127, to express the sense of the Senate that emergency action is necessary to respond to the economic hardships facing agricultural producers and their communities. **Pages S8093–94, S8100–23, S8128**

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

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 198), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Daschle Amendment No. 2729, to reform and structure 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. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S8091–92**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Amendment No. 3127, listed above, on Wednesday, July 15, 1998, with a vote on a motion to table the amendment to occur thereon. **Page S8129**

**Agriculture Export Relief:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2282, to amend the Arms Export Control Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8152**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the Comprehensive National Energy Strategy; referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM–142). **Page S8133**

Transmitting the annual report on Federal Advisory Committees for fiscal year 1997; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–143). **Page S8133**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations: Bill Richardson, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of Energy. **Page S8160**

**Messages From the President:** **Page S8133**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S8133**

**Communications:** **Pages S8134–35**

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**Additional Statements:****Pages S8149–52**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—199) **Pages S8092, S8128**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 15, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8159–60.)

**Committee Meetings**

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

**APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION/TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; and

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, United States Postal Service, Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2279, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2002 for programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 268, to promote air safety and restore or preserve natural quiet in national parks by establishing minimum flight altitudes and prohibiting overflights below such minimum altitudes in any national park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1353, to provide assistance and slots with respect to air carrier service between high density airports and airports that do not receive sufficient air service, and to improve jet aircraft service to underserved markets, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**PUERTO RICO**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee resumed hearings on H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, and S. 472, to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, receiving testimony from Puerto Rico Attorney General Jose A. Fuentes-Agostini, Puerto

Rico Speaker of the House of Representatives Edison Mislá Aldarondo, Anibal Acevedo Vila and Jorge Adolfo de Castro Font, both of the Popular Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Fernando Martín, Puerto Rican Independence Party, Hermenegildo Ortiz Quinones, Accion Democratica Puertorriquena, Arturo J. Guzman, Institute for the Development, Equality and Advancement of Puerto Rico (I.D.E.A. of Puerto Rico, Inc.), and Marco Antonio Rigau, all of San Juan, Puerto Rico; Mayor William Miranda Marin, Caguas, Puerto Rico; Miriam J. Ramirez de Ferrer, Puerto Ricans in Civic Action, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Joaquin A. Marquez, Puerto Rican American Foundation, Arlington, Virginia; Jose Rivera, Republican National Hispanic Assembly, and Charles J. Cooper, Cooper, Carin & Rosenthal, both of Washington, D.C.; David Matta, National Puerto Rican Bar Association, Flushing, New York; and Diego Hernandez, former Admiral, United States Navy.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

## WATER AND POWER

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 1515, to amend laws relating to the Garrison Diversion Unit, North Dakota of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Program, to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, to deauthorize certain project features and irrigation service areas, and to enhance natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat, after receiving testimony from Senator Conrad; Representative Pomeroy; North Dakota Governor Edward T. Schafer, and North Dakota State Senator Joel Heitkamp, North Dakota State Representative John Dorso, and Jim Miller, Wildlife Society, all of Bismarck, North Dakota; Mayor Bruce W. Furness, Fargo, North Dakota; Jack Olin, North Dakota Water Users Association, Dickinson; Russell Mason, Three Affiliated Tribes, Newtown, North Dakota; Norman Haak, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Oakes, North Dakota; Daniel P. Beard, National Audubon Society, Washington, D.C.; and Patricia Storhoff, Nome, North Dakota;

S. 2111, to establish the conditions under which the Bonneville Power Administration and certain Federal agencies may enter into a memorandum of agreement concerning management of the Columbia/Snake River Basin, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to appoint an advisory committee to make recommendations regarding activities under the memorandum of understanding, after receiving testimony

from Jack Robertson, Deputy Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; Oregon Governor John A. Kitzhaber, Salem; David J. Hayes, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Glenn Vanselow, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, Vancouver, Washington; Craig Smith, Northwest Food Processors Association, Jeff Curtis, Trout Unlimited, Robert G. Walton, Public Power Council, and Ted Strong, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, all of Portland, Oregon; and

S. 2117, authorizing grants for the planning and construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System in South Dakota, after receiving testimony from Terry Haggart, Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., Perkins County, South Dakota; and Brad Wheeler, Wheeler Manufacturing, South Dakota;

Testimony was also received on S. 1515 and S. 2117 (both listed above) from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

## AUTHORIZATION—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings on S. 1647, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2002 for the Economic Development Administration, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary, and Phillip A. Singerman, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, both of the Department of Commerce; Robert W. Burchell, Center for Urban Policy Research/Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey; R. Scott Fosler, National Academy of Public Administration, Washington, D.C.; and Pulaski County Judge Floyd G. Villines, former Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Eric P. Thompson, Lower Savannah Council of Governments and the National Association of Development Organizations, Aiken, South Carolina, both on behalf of the Coalition for Economic Development.

## JAPAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine Japan's role in the international trading system and the prospects for market liberalization and economic reform, focusing on United States-Japan trade and economic relations and the state of Japan's economy, receiving testimony from Mitsuhiro Fukao, Keio University, Yasuo Kanzaki, Nikko Research Center, Ltd., Akio Mikuni, Mikuni & Co., Ltd., and Robert Alan Feldman, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter (Japan), all of Tokyo, Japan; Robert D. Hormats, Goldman Sachs (International), and Roger M. Kubarych, Kaufman & Kubarych Advisors, both of

New York, New York; and L. William Seidman, CNBC Business News, W. Henson Moore, American Forest and Paper Association, and Alan F. Holmer, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### KOREAN PENINSULA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States policy toward North Korea, focusing on the efforts of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) and the Agreed Nuclear Framework to increase stability in Korea,

after receiving testimony from Rust M. Deming, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Desaix Anderson, Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), New York, New York; and Robert Gallucci, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of L. Britt Snider, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 4195–4215, and 1 private bill, H.R. 4216, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on June 25, H.R. 1756, to amend chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, to require the development and implementation by the Secretary of the Treasury of a national money laundering and related financial crimes strategy to combat money laundering and related financial crimes, amended (H. Rept. 105–608, Part 1);

Filed on July 8, H.R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–609);

Filed on July 8, H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–610);

Filed on July 8, H.R. 4005, to amend title 31 of the United States Code to improve methods for preventing financial crimes, amended (H. Rept. 105–611, Part 1);

H.R. 872, to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers, amended (H. Rept. 105–549, Part 2);

H.R. 1728, to provide for the development of a plan and a management review of the National Park System and to reform the process by which areas are considered for addition to the National Park System, amended (H. Rept. 105–612);

H.R. 3460, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Latvia, amended (H. Rept. 105–613);

H.R. 2379, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 105–614);

H.R. 2787, to designate the United States courthouse located in New Haven, Connecticut, as the “Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse,” amended (H. Rept. 105–615);

H.R. 3223, to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the “J.J. ‘Jake’ Pickle Federal Building” (H. Rept. 105–616);

H.R. 3696, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the “James F. Battin Federal Courthouse” (H. Rept. 105–617);

H.R. 3982, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the “Terry Sanford Federal Building,” amended (H. Rept. 105–618);

S. 1800, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 85 Marconi Boulevard in Columbus, Ohio, as the “Joseph P. Kinneary United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 105–619);

H.R. 2544, to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally owned inventions, amended (H. Rept. 105–620, Part 1);

H.R. 3267, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study and construct a project to reclaim the Salton Sea (H. Rept. 105–621, Part 1);

H. Res. 498, providing for consideration of H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105-622);

H. Res. 499, providing for consideration of H.R. 3682, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions (H. Rept. 105-623);

H. Res. 500, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3267, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study and construct a project to reclaim the Salton Sea (H. Rept. 105-624); and

H.R. 3249, to provide for the rectification of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees, amendment (H. Rept. 105-625, Part 1).

Pages H5490-91

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Johnson of Connecticut to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Address by the President of Romania:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 15, 1998, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting His Excellency Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**National Science Foundation Authorization Act:** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1273, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H5417-24

**Technology Transfer Commercialization Act:** H.R. 2544, amended, to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally owned inventions;

Pages H5424-28

**Homeowners Protection Act:** S. 318, amended, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required as condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction and to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board;

Pages H5428-37

**Enforcement of Child Custody and Visitation Orders:** H.R. 4164, to amend title 28, United States

Code, with respect to the enforcement of child custody and visitation orders;

Pages H5437-39

**Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and Courthouse:** H.R. 2379, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

Pages H5439-42

**Designating the J.J. "Jake" Pickle Federal Building:** H.R. 3223, to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building";

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**Designating the Dick Cheney Federal Building:** H.R. 3453, to designate the Federal Building and Post Office located at 100 East B Street, Casper, Wyoming, as the "Dick Cheney Federal Building"; and

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**Arms Export Control Act:** S. 2282, amended, to amend the Arms Export Control Act.

Pages H5446-51

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nethercutt to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolution on July 14.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**National Energy Strategy:** Message wherein he transmitted his National Energy Strategy—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and

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**Federal Advisory Committees:** Message wherein he transmitted the Twenty-sixth Annual Report on Federal Advisory Committees, covering fiscal year 1997—referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

Pages H5151-52

**Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act:** The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office.

Pages H5452-86

Agreed to Fossella amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that prohibits noncitizens from making contributions to Federal elections (agreed to by a recorded vote of 282 ayes to 126 noes, Roll No. 276).

Pages H5469-75

Rejected the Doolittle amendment, as modified, to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute, that specifies that express advocacy shall not apply to communications in printed form or posted on the Internet that provide information on the voting record or positions on issues taken by Federal office holders or candidate for Federal office (rejected

by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 275.

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Pending:

Wicker amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that prohibits the use of White House meals or accommodations for political fundraising;

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Stearns amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that bans campaign contributions that prohibits noncitizens from making contributions to candidates for Federal, state, or local election; and

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Pickering amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that prohibits the use of willful blindness as defense against a charge of violating the foreign contribution ban.

Pages H5482-86

Earlier, agreed to the Thomas motion to limit debate to 40 minutes on each of the following amendments to the Shays amendment: Representatives Fossella, Wicker, Stearns, Pickering, and DeLay.

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H. Res. 442 and H. Res. 458 the rules that are providing for consideration of the bill were agreed to on May 21 and June 18 respectively.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on pages H5409-10.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5494-97.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5468 and H5475. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

### ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED CONTRACTING REGULATIONS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on "The Administration's Proposed Contracting Regulations: 'Good Government' or 'Blacklisting'?" Testimony was heard from Edward DeSeve, Controller and Acting Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Cornelia Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 4007 and S. 1379, Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act. Testimony was heard from Senator DeWine; William Z. Slany, Historian, Department of State; Lewis J. Bellardo, Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration; former Representative Elizabeth Holtzman of New York; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*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, GAO; G. Martin Wagner, Associate Administrator, Governmentwide Policy, GSA; Ruth L. Kirschstein, Deputy Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Jim Solit, Committee Management Officer, Department of Energy; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 4019, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LETHAL DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 4006, Lethal Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from John A. Kitzhaber, Governor, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

### CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for consideration in the House of H.R. 3682, Child Custody Protection Act, with 2 hours of debate. The rule provides that the Judiciary Committee amendment now printed in the bill will be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady, Ros-Lehtinen, Watt of North Carolina and Jackson Lee of Texas.

### SONNY BONO MEMORIAL SALTON SEA RECLAMATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3267, Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation

Act. The rule waives all points of order against consideration in the House. The rule provides, in lieu of the Resources Committee amendment, that an amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for an amendment to be offered by Representative Miller of California or his designee printed in the Congressional Record, which shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and the opponent. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Radanovich, Lewis of California and Miller of California.

### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee). The rule waives points of order against section 628 for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriation bill).

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time 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.

### Joint Meetings

#### TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1998

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to hold oversight hearings on the practice of automated teller machine (ATM) surcharging, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to hold hearings on S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by providing the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to continue hearings on H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, and S. 472, to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Nikki Rush Tinsley, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, 11 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on European Affairs,* to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to continue oversight hearings to examine activities of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business,* to hold hearings to examine the impact of new home health care regulations on small business agencies, 9:45 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Indian Affairs,* business meeting, to mark up S. 1905, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, S. 391, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, and to resume consideration of S. 109, to provide Federal housing assistance to Native Hawaiians; to be followed by a hearing on S. 2097, to encourage and facilitate the resolution of conflicts involving Indian tribes, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to resume 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, 3 p.m., SH-216.

*Special Committee on Aging,* to hold hearings to examine how an increase in the retirement age will affect the solvency of the Social Security system, the impact on workers, and how employers may adjust to an increase in the number of older workers, 1:30 p.m., SD-628.

**House**

*Committee on Appropriations*, to mark up the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, to continue mark up of H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electronic Commerce: The Energy Industry in the Electronic Age, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Pension Fairness for NBA Pioneers, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Washington Convention Center Authority, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to continue hearings on "The Kyoto-Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans?" (Part V), 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Combating International Crime in Africa, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to mark up H.R. 4111, to provide for outlet modifications to Folsom Dam, a study for reconstruction of the Northfork American River Cofferdam, and to transfer to the State of California all right, title, and interest in and to the Auburn Dam, 11 a.m., and to hold oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Department of Veterans and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; and H.R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on the Science of Risk Assessment: Implications for Federal Regulation, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Wednesday, July 15

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the recognition of four Senators for speeches, Senate will stand in recess until 11 a.m., after which Senate will resume consideration of S. 2159, Agriculture Appropriations.

*(Senate and House will hold a joint meeting to receive an address by His Excellency Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania, at 10 a.m.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Wednesday, July 15

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 3682, Child Custody Protection Act (closed rule, two hours of general debate);

Consideration of H.R. 3267, Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act (modified closed rule, one hour of debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 4104, Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999 (open rule, one hour of general debate).

NOTE.—The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. and recess immediately to receive in Joint Meeting, the President of Romania.

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