

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported three sundry measures, including the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2307-2316. Pages S8240-41

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2307, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. (S. Rept. No. 105-249)

S. 2176, to amend sections 3345 through 3349 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Vacancies Act") to clarify statutory requirements relating to vacancies in and appointments to certain Federal offices, and for other purposes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-250)

S. 2312, 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, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 105-251) Page S8240

Measures Passed:

Congressional Gold Medal: Senate passed S. 1283, to award Congressional gold medals to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred collectively as the "Little Rock Nine" on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the integration of the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, after agreeing to a committee amendment. Pages S8264-65

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 (for Brownback/Roberts) Amendment No. 3155, to amend the Arms Export Control Act to provide waiver authority on certain sanctions applicable to India or Pakistan. Page S8183

Dodd Amendment No. 3158, to exempt agricultural products, medicine, and medical equipment from U.S. economic sanctions. (By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 203), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S8214-28

Roberts Modified Amendment No. 3159 (to Amendment No. 3158), of a perfecting nature. Pages S8214-26

Torricelli Amendment No. 3160 (to Amendment No. 3158), to exclude the application of Amendment No. 3158 to any country that repeatedly provided support for acts of terrorism. (By 30 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 204), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S8226-27

Kerrey/Burns Amendment No. 3161, to ensure the continued viability of livestock producers and the livestock industry in the United States. (By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 205), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S8228-32

Graham Amendment No. 3162, to provide assistance to agricultural producers for losses resulting from drought or fire. Pages S8232-33

Cochran (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 3163, to make food safety competitive research program funds available for research on E.coli:0157H7. Pages S8233-36

Cochran (for DeWine/Hutchinson) Amendment No. 3164, to require the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to conduct assessments and take other actions relating to the transition from use of chlorofluorocarbons in metered-dose inhalers. Pages S8233-36

Cochran (for Harkin/Grassley) Amendment No. 3165, to provide for the construction of a Federal animal biosafety level-3 containment center.

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Cochran Amendment No. 3166, to provide additional funds for conservation operations.

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Cochran (for Kempthorne/Baucus) Amendment No. 3167, to provide funding for a secondary agriculture education program.

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Cochran (for Bryan) Amendment No. 3168, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to submit to Congress a report concerning the market access program.

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Cochran (for Graham/Mack) Amendment No. 3169, to provide additional funding for fruit fly exclusion and detection.

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Cochran (for Johnson/Burns) Amendment No. 3170, to require that beef or lamb be labeled as United States beef or lamb or imported beef or lamb.

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Rejected:

Daschle Amendment No. 3146, to provide a safety net for farmers and consumers regarding marketing assistance loans. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 200), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Lugar Amendment No. 3156, to provide a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions in order to ensure coordination of United States policy with respect to trade, security, and human rights. (By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 201), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Bryan Amendment No. 3157, to eliminate funding for the market access program for fiscal year 1999. (By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 202), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, July 16, 1998.

(During consideration of this measure on Tuesday, July 14, the Senate also took the following action):

Amendments adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 199), Modified Daschle (for Harkin/Daschle) 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.

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Bumpers/Cochran Amendment No. 3142, to clarify a budget request submission regarding spending based on assumed revenues of unauthorized user fees.

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Bumpers (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3143, to establish a pilot program to permit certain owners

and operators to hay and graze on land that is subject to conservation reserve contracts.

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Bumpers (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3144, to prohibit the previous shipment of shell eggs under the voluntary grading program of the Department of Agriculture and to require the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a report on egg safety and repackaging.

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Bumpers (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3145, to provide funding for completion of construction of the Alderson Plant Materials Center in Alderson, West Virginia.

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Bumpers (for Lieberman/Dodd) Amendment No. 3146, to clarify the eligibility of State agricultural experiment stations for certain agricultural research programs.

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Homeowners Protection Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 318, 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, to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, with an amendment, as follows:

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DeWine (for Santorum/Specter) Amendment No. 3171, to establish that certain provisions shall not apply to a nonprofit institution whose primary function is to provide health care educational services that files for bankruptcy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles R. Rawls, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Robert M. Walker, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

George McDade Staples, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—205)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 10:48 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8268.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ATM SURCHARGING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine a Federal Government study on the status of automated teller machine deployment and surcharge fees assessed by banks and thrift institutions, after receiving testimony from Susan S. Westin, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Jan Paul Acton, Assistant Director, Natural Resources and Commerce Division, Congressional Budget Office; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; Wayne A. Cottle, Dean Co-operative Bank, Franklin, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Community Bank League of New England; Raymond Curtin, Empire Federal Credit Union, Syracuse, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; Linda Echard, IBAA Bancard, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; Richard E. Bolton, Jr., Charter Bank, Waltham, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American Bankers Association and the Massachusetts Bankers Association; and John Ward, First American Bank, Elk Grove, Illinois, on behalf of the Consumer Bankers Association.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, after receiving testimony from Representative Eshoo; Andrew J. Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Scott Cooper, Hewlett-Packard Company, Washington, D.C.; Kirk LeCompte, PenOp, Inc., New York, New York; and Daniel Greenwood, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Information Technology Division, Boston.

PUERTO RICO

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee continued 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 Senators D'Amato and Lieberman; Representatives Velazquez, Serrano, and Gutierrez; Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner Carlos A. Romero-Barcelo; and Jeffrey L. Farrow, Co-Chair, The President's Interagency Group on Puerto Rico.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Nikki Rush Tinsley, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

U.S. BALTIC POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States policy towards the Republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, focusing on developments in these countries seven years after they regained their independence pending membership in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; Richard J. Krickus, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Andrejs Plakans, Iowa State University, Ames; and Toivo Raun, Indiana University, Bloomington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 389, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, with amendments;

S. 2228, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to modify termination and reauthorization requirements or advisory committees;

S. 314, to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1397, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2004 to establish a commission to assist in commemoration of the centennial of powered flight and the achievements of the Wright brothers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held oversight hearings on activities of the Department of Justice, receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Eric H. Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HOME HEALTH CARE

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine how the Health Care Financing Administration's interim payment system and surety bond regulations are affecting small home health care agencies, receiving testimony from Senators Grassley and Baucus; Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Carole Burkemper, Great Rivers Home Care, Inc., St. Peters, Missouri; Delia Young, Delia Young & Associates, Kansas City, Missouri; Marty C. Hoelscher, Superior Home Care, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah; Lynn Hardy, Duplin Home Care and Hospice, Kenansville, North Carolina; Bonnie Matthews, South Shore Health System, Braintree, Massachusetts, on behalf of the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association; and Bob Reynolds, Franey, Parr & Associates, Inc., Lanham, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 109, to provide Federal housing assistance to Native Hawaiians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN TRIBAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2097, to encourage and facilitate the resolution of conflicts involving Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Charles

R. Barnes, Acting Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; William C. Canby, Jr., United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Renny Fagan, Colorado Department of Revenue, Denver; R. Timothy Columbus, Collier, Shannon, Rill and Scott, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores and the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America, Phyllis C. Borzi, George Washington University Medical Center, and W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, all of Washington, D.C.; Billy Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, Washington; Apesanahkwat, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Keshena; and Philip S. Deloria, American Indian Law Center, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to examine the safeguards and monitoring process established to ensure that no prohibited technology transfers occur before, during, or after launches of United States commercial satellites on Chinese boosters, receiving testimony from David Tarbell, Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Department of Defense.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT AGE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine how an increase in the retirement age will affect the long-term solvency of the Social Security system and the United States economy, the labor market for older workers, and the Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income programs, receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; David A. Smith, AFL-CIO Public Policy Department, Gary Burtless, Brookings Institution, Paul R. Huard, National Association of Manufacturers, and Carolyn J. Lukensmeyer, Americans Discuss Social Security, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donna L. Wagner, Center for Productive Aging/Towson University, Towson, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4217–4234, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 502, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3980, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat illnesses of Persian Gulf War veterans, to provide authority to treat illnesses of veterans which may be attributable to future combat service, and to revise the process for determining priorities for research relative to the health consequences of service in the Persian Gulf War, amended (H. Rept. 105–626);

H.R. 4110, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to make various improvements in education, housing, and cemetery programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 105–627); and

H. Res. 501, providing for consideration of the bill (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. 105–628).

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

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Joint Meeting To Receive the President of Romania: The House and Senate met in a joint meeting to receive an address by His Excellency Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania. It was made in order that the proceedings during the recess be printed in the Record. Representatives Armev, Cox of California, Gilman, Bereuter, Solomon, Dunn, and Fox of Pennsylvania and Senators Mack, Coats, Lugar, Smith of Oregon, Daschle, and Biden were appointed as members of the committee to escort the President of Romania into the House Chamber by the Speaker and President pro tempore of the Senate, respectively.

Pages H5499–H5502

Tropical Forest Conservation Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to 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—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H5507–11

Child Custody Protection Act: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 276 yeas to 150 noes, Roll No. 280.

Pages H5521–40

Rejected the Scott motion to recommit the bill back to the committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that makes it illegal to use force or coerce a minor across State lines to obtain an abortion by a yeas and nay vote of 158 yeas to 269 nays, Roll No. 279.

Pages H5538–40

H. Res. 499, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 247 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 278. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas and nay vote of 252 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 277.

Pages H5511–21

Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act: The House passed 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, by a yeas and nay vote of 221 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 282.

Pages H5546–64

Agreed by unanimous consent to the Boehlert amendment that specifies that funding will not be derived from the land and water conservation fund.

Pages H5555, H5557–58

Rejected the Miller of California amendment in the nature of a substitute that authorizes a study of alternatives for restoring the Salton Sea by a yeas and nay vote of 202 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 281.

Pages H5555–64

H. Res. 500, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 105–624 was considered as adopted.

Pages H5540–46

Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations Act: The House completed general 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. Consideration will resume on July 16.

Pages H5573–81

H. Res. 498, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 201 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 284. Earlier, agreed to order the

previous question by a yea and nay vote of 231 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 283.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H5502.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5594–H5635.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5520, H5520–21, H5539–40, H5540, H5563–64, H5564, H5572, and H5572–73. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full committee action the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Relations appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: The Energy Industry in the Electronic Age. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NBA PIONEERS—PENSION FAIRNESS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Pension Fairness for NBA Pioneers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Washington Convention Center Authority. Testimony was heard from Andrew Brimmer, Chair-

man, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Marion Barry, Mayor; and Linda Cropp, Chairman, City Council; Gloria Jarmon, Director, Health, Education, and Human Services Accounting and Financial Management Issues, GAO; Rick Hendricks, Director, Project Development, National Capital Division, GSA; and Terry Golden, Chairman, Washington Convention Center Authority.

KYOTO PROTOCOL

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs continued hearings on "The Kyoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans?" (Part V). Testimony was heard from John C. Horsley, Associate Deputy Secretary and Director, Office of Intermodalism, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

AFRICA—COMBATING INTERNATIONAL CRIME

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Combating International Crime in Africa. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Tom Kneir, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI; and Michael Horn, Chief, Foreign Operations, DEA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; OVERSIGHT—ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported amended 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.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the Endangered Species Act. Testimony was heard from Michael Anable, Deputy State Land Commissioner, Land Department, State of Arizona; Renne Lohofener, Assistant Regional Director, Region 2, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Peter Coppelman, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Eleanor S. Towns, Regional Forester, USDA; and public witnesses.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on 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, 1998. The rule waives section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) of the Congressional Budget Act against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriation bill) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill and clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill as amended, except as otherwise specified in the rule.

The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 12, which may be offered only by Representative Leach or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 40 minutes 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 amendment numbered 12.

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 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 Lewis of California, Tiahrt, Leach, Lazio of New York, Kelly, Stokes, Obey, Kennedy of Massachusetts, Engel and Gutierrez.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Representatives Regula, Johnson of Connecticut, Stearns, Greenwood, Yates and Gutierrez, but action was deferred on H. R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

OVERSIGHT—SCIENCE OF RISK ASSESSMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on the Science of Risk Assessment: Implications for Federal Regulation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES—YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Impact of the Year 2000 (Y2K) Computer Problem on Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from Fred Hochberg, Deputy Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Environmental Protection and Compliance Programs. Testimony was heard from Capt. Thomas H. Gilmour, USCG, Director, Field Activities, Office of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

U.S.-JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States-Japan Trade Relations. Testimony was heard from Representatives Levin, Bereuter and Graham; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D733)

H.R. 651, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-189)

H.R. 652, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-190)

H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-191)

H.R. 1184, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek Hydroelectric Project in the State of Washington. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-192)

H.R. 1217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-193)

S. 2282, to amend the Arms Export Control Act. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-194)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JULY 16, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on the nomination of Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the General Accounting Office's investigation of the Universal Service, Schools and Libraries program, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 155, to redesignate General Grant National Memorial as Grant's Tomb National Monument, S. 1408, to establish the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, S. 1718, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property, and S. 1990, to authorize expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine tax and trade issues related to the internet, including related provisions of S. 442 and H.R. 4105, proposed Internet Tax Freedom Acts, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Hugh Q. Parmer, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development, and Mary Beth West, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Space, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of John Bruce Craig, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Theodore H. Kattouf, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Elizabeth Davenport McKune, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, and David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of James Howard Holmes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Steven Robert Mann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkmenistan, Richard Nelson Swett, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Denmark, and Melissa Foelsch Wells, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, 4 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1315-16 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on streamlining bank regulatory oversight, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 2281, Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 2710, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Early Childhood Interventions: Public-Private Partnerships, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S. and Russia: Assessing the Relationship, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, to mark up H. Res. 459, commemorating 50 years of relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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