

Thursday, July 16, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Agriculture Appropriations, 1999.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8269–S8423*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2317–2324. **Page S8382**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: H.R. 1085, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations".

S. Res. 207, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

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

S. 1645, 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2192, to make certain technical corrections to the Trademark Act of 1946.

S. 2193, to implement the provisions of the Trademark Law Treaty.

S.J. Res. 35, granting the consent of Congress to the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement. **Page S8381**

### Measures Passed:

**Agriculture Appropriations, 1999:** By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 209), Senate passed H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2159, Senate companion measure, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

**Pages S8269–73, S8275–81, S8283–85, S8287–93, S8297–S8330**

Adopted:

By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 206), Grassley Amendment No. 3172, to express the sense of the Senate concerning appropriate actions to be taken to alleviate the economic effect of low commodity prices. **Pages S8269–73, S8275–81**

Conrad/Dorgan Amendment No. 3173, to provide funds for and improve the reserve inventories program. **Pages S8288–92**

By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 207), Harkin Amendment No. 3175, to provide funding for programs of the Food Safety Initiative. **Pages S8297–S8306**

Robb Amendment No. 3177, to waive the statute of limitations barring certain discrimination complaints against the Department of Agriculture. **Pages S8307–09**

Cochran (for Brownback) Amendment No. 3178, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to improve the Census of Agriculture by eliminating redundant questions and removing penalties. **Pages S8309–14**

Cochran (for Levin) Amendment No. 3179, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to use certain funds to carry out a tree assistance program and to clarify the eligibility of certain producers for assistance under the program. **Pages S8309–14**

Cochran (for Kerrey/Roberts) Amendment No. 3180, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to assist the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture to conduct a study to guide the development of future Federal agricultural policies. **Pages S8309–14**

Cochran (for Graham) Amendment No. 3181, to require country of origin labeling of perishable agricultural commodities imported into the United States and to establish penalties for violations of the labeling requirements. **Pages S8309–14**

Cochran (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 3182, to express the sense of the Senate that unauthorized user fees submitted in the President's budget have resulted in shortfalls for specified programs. **Pages S8309–14**

Cochran (for Feingold/Jeffords) Amendment No. 3183, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish and maintain within the Department of Agriculture an Office of the Small Farms Advocate.

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Cochran (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3184, to limit the penalty for an inadvertent violation of a contract under the Agricultural Market Transition Act.

Pages S8309–14

Cochran (for Craig/Lugar) Amendment No. 3185, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to take into account newly developed renewable energy-based fuels and to equalize alternative fuel vehicle acquisition incentives to increase the flexibility of controlled fleet owners and operators.

Pages S8309–14

Cochran (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 3186, regarding rural housing service awards.

Pages S8309–14

Cochran (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3187, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a plan to Congress for the lifting of the ban on interstate distribution of state inspected meat.

Pages S8309–14

Cochran (for Coverdell/Cleland) Amendment No. 3188, to modify the prohibition on loan guarantees to borrowers that have received debt forgiveness.

Pages S8315–16

Cochran (for Coverdell/Cleland) Amendment No. 3189, to modify the factors that are used to determine whether applicants are eligible for farm credit loans.

Pages S8315–16

Cochran (for Coverdell/Cleland) Amendment No. 3190, to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from denying an emergency loan to a borrower by reason of the fact that the borrower lacks a particular amount of collateral for the loan if it is reasonably certain that the borrower will be able to repay the loan.

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Cochran (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3191, to include the bonus value of commodities in meeting a minimum commodity assistance requirement and to increase the amount appropriated for the WIC program.

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Dodd Amendment No. 3176, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure timely notification of recalls of certain drugs and devices.

Pages S8306–07, S8309, S8316–17, S8328–29

Dodd Modified Amendment No. 3192 (to Amendment No. 3176), of a perfecting nature.

Pages S8317, S8328–29

Cochran (for Baucus/Leahy/Sessions) Amendment No. 3194, to increase funding for certain programs of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 208), 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 Harkin/Reed Amendment No. 3193, to provide additional funding to conduct anti-tobacco activities by the Food and Drug Administration. 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.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Cochran, Specter, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Stevens, Bumpers, Harkin, Kohl, Leahy, Boxer, and Byrd.

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Subsequently, S. 2159 was returned to the Senate calendar.

**Japanese Market Barriers:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 88, calling on Japan to have an open, competitive market for consumer photographic film and paper and other sectors facing market access barriers in Japan, and the measure was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8420–21

Bond (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 3210, to make clarifying corrections.

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**Judicial Voluntary Services:** Senate passed S. 2143, to amend chapter 45 of title 28, United States Code, to authorize the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice to accept voluntary services, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Uranium Hexafluoride Disposition:** Senate passed S. 2316, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a plan to ensure that all amounts accrued on the books of the United States Enrichment Corporation for the disposition of depleted uranium hexafluoride will be used to treat and recycle depleted uranium hexafluoride, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S8421–23

Bond (for Ford) Amendment No. 3211, to express the sense of the Senate that sufficient funds are made available to implement a cleanup plan to be developed by the Secretary of Energy.

Pages S8421–22

**VA/HUD Appropriations:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2168, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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## Adopted:

Bond/Cleland/Mikulski Amendment No. 3195, to increase funds for VA homeless grant and per diem program. **Pages S8331–32**

Bond (for McCain) Amendment No. 3196, to require entities that operate homeless shelters to identify and provide certain counseling to homeless veterans. **Pages S8332–33**

Bond/Mikulski/Rockefeller Amendment No. 3197, to provide funds for the implementation of the Primary Care Providers Incentive Act. **Page S8333**

Bond (for Sarbanes/Mikulski) Amendment No. 3198, to provide for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. **Page S8334**

Reed Amendment No. 3203, to increase the funding for community development block grants. **Pages S8352–53**

Bond (for Ashcroft/Bond) Amendment No. 3207, to provide for the ineligibility for certain housing assistance of individuals convicted of manufacturing or producing methamphetamine. **Pages S8365–67**

Bond (for Snowe/Collins) Amendment No. 3208, to express the sense of the Senate that it should be the goal of the Department of Veterans Affairs to serve all veterans at health care facilities within 250 miles of their homes. **Pages S8367–68**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 3209, to make certain technical corrections, to ensure that Native American groups are eligible for HUD drug elimination grants, to continue the authority for the HUD (g)(4) auction program, to allow HUD to use data on multifamily housing developed by the Multifamily Housing Institute, to require all agencies under the bill to provide detailed salaries and expenses information, to authorize OSTP to conduct a study on methods for evaluating Federally-funded research and development, to provide for a 12-month notice to tenants before prepaying the mortgage of a preservation project, and to require HUD to improve its management of the FHA. **Pages S8372–74**

## Pending:

Wellstone/Murray/McCain Amendment No. 3199, to restore veterans tobacco-related benefits as in effect before the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. **Pages S8334–37**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3200, to provide land allotments for certain Native Alaskan veterans. **Page S8337**

Nickles Amendment No. 3202, to provide for an increase in FHA single family maximum mortgage amounts and GNMA guaranty fee. **Pages S8340–52**

Burns Amendment No. 3205, to provide for insurance and indemnification with respect to the development of certain experimental aerospace vehicles. **Pages S8361–62**

Sessions Amendment No. 3206, to increase funding for activities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration concerning science and technology, aeronautics, space transportation, and technology by reducing funding for the AmeriCorps program. **Pages S8363–65**

## Withdrawn:

Daschle Amendment No. 3063, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage. **Page S8330**

Feingold Amendment No. 3201, to provide grants to State educational agencies to enable agencies to determine the benefits of reducing class size on the educational performance of students. **Pages S8339–40**

Kerrey/Hagel Amendment No. 3204, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from implementing or enforcing the public water system treatment requirements related to the cooper action level of the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper until certain studies are completed. **Pages S8353–61, H8362–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure to S. 2168, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 2168, as passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof, and that the House bill, as amended, be passed. Also, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate as follows: Senators Bond, Burns, Stevens, Shelby, Campbell, Craig, Mikulski, Leahy, Lautenberg, Harkin, and Byrd. **Page S8374**

A further consent agreement was granted providing that upon passage by the Senate of the House measure, as amended, that the passage of S. 2168 be vitiated and the bill be indefinitely postponed. **Page S8374**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Friday, July 17, 1998, with votes to occur thereon.

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Treaty Doc. 105–43, Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, with one understanding, one declaration and three provisos. (Exec. Rept. No. 105–19) **Pages S8381–82**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years.

John Melvin Yates, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon. Page S8423

**Communications:** Pages S8380–81

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**Notices of Hearings:** Page S8413

**Authority for Committees:** Page S8413

**Additional Statements:** Pages S8413–20

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—209) Pages S8281, S8306, S8323, S8329

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 11:55 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, July 17, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8423.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received on the nomination from Col. Thomas A. Dyches, Detachment Commander, Fighter Reserve Associate Test, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, Daniel Moreno, Jr., Chief, Operations Systems Management, 482d Operations Squadron, Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, Brig. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, Lt. Col. William Vrstil, Lt. Col. Jack H. Connelly (Ret.), Lt. Col. David W. Eastis (Ret.), Maj. Allan F. Estis (Ret.), Maj. Thomas C. Massey (Ret.), and Brig. Gen. James L. Turner (Ret.), all of the U.S. Air Force Reserves; Lt. Col. Thomas E. Sawner, Air National Guard; and Rev. Walter Richardson, Miami, Florida.

### SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the operating procedures and internal controls of the Schools and Libraries Corporation to implement Federal Communication Commission orders to administer the universal service fund to improve the access of modern telecommunications services to schools and libraries, after receiving testimony from Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, and John P.

Finedore, Assistant Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, both of the General Accounting Office; and Ira Fishman, Schools and Libraries Corporation, Washington, D.C.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded 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 funds for the acquisition of real and personal property, and S. 1990, to authorize expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, after receiving testimony from Dennis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

Testimony was also received on S. 1408 (listed above) from Ruth J. Abram, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York, New York, and on S. 1718 (listed above) from Constance Evans, Weir Farm Trust, Wilton, Connecticut.

### INTERNET TAX REGULATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on proposals to regulate the taxation of the Internet by placing a moratorium on the ability of State and local governments to impose certain taxes on the Internet, including related provisions of S. 442 and H.R. 4105, receiving testimony from Senators Bumpers, Lieberman, and Wyden; Representative Cox; Joseph H. Guttentag, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Tax Affairs; John E. McPhee, Director, Office of Computers and Business Equipment, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and Francis J. Kelly, Charles Schwab & Company, Jill A. Lesser, America Online, Harley T. Duncan, Federation of Tax Administrators, Mark E. Nebergall, Internet Tax Fairness Coalition, Raymond C. Scheppach, National Governors' Association, and Mark A. Micali, Direct Marketing Association, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Hugh Q. Parmer, of Texas, to be Assistant Administrator for Humanitarian Response, Agency for International Development, 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, Fisheries and Space, 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, David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, William B. Milam, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Parmer was introduced by Senator Hutchison, Ms. West was introduced by Senator Campbell, Messrs. Craig and Kattouf were introduced by Senator Santorum, Mr. Swett was introduced by Senators Robert Smith and Gregg and Representatives Bass and Shays, and Ms. Wells was introduced by Senator Leahy.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Kim McLean Wardlaw, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Jose de Jesus Rivera, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona;

S. 1645, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2192, to make certain technical corrections to the Trademark Act of 1946;

S. 2193, to implement the provisions of the Trademark Law Treaty;

S.1134, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Northwestern Wildland Fire Protection Agreement to promote effective prevention, presuppres-

sion, and control of forest fires in the Northwestern wildland region of the United States and adjacent areas of Canada;

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

H.R. 1085, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations"; and

S. Res. 207, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Timothy B. Dyk, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Carl J. Barbier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, David R. Herndon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Gerald Bruce Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Nora M. Manella, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Jeanne E. Scott, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Patricia A. Seitz, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Dyk was introduced by Senator Kerry, Mr. Barbier was introduced by Senators Breaux and Landrieu and Representative Jefferson, Mr. Herndon and Ms. Scott were introduced by Senators Durbin and Moseley-Braun and Representative Shimkus, Ms. Pallmeyer was introduced by Senators Durbin and Moseley-Braun, Mr. Lee was introduced by Senators Warner and Robb, Ms. Manella was introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Ms. Seitz was introduced by Senators Graham and Mack and Representative Ramstad.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 4235–4261; 1 private bill, H.R. 4262; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 298–300 and H. Res. 503, were introduced. **Pages H5735–37**

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

H.R. 3633, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to place limitations on controlled substances brought into the United States from Mexico (H. Rept. 105–629, Pt. 1); and

Conference report on H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (H. Rept. 105–630).

**Pages H5724–27, H5735**

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

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Pierce Klemmt of Alexandria, Virginia.

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**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:** Read a letter from the Chairman wherein he transmitted resolutions approved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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**VA, HUD Appropriations:** The House agreed to H. Res. 501, the rule to provide for consideration of 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, by a yeas and nays vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 285. Earlier, agreed to the Linder amendment that corrects funding level for the Consumer Product Safety Commission and protects provisions relating to the FHA loan ceiling.

**Pages H5642–51**

**Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations Act:** The House passed 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, by a yeas and nays vote of 218 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 293.

**Pages H5651–H5723**

**Agreed To:**

The Maloney of New York amendment that increases funding for the Federal Election Commission by \$2.8 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 210 noes, Roll No. 287); **Pages H5663–69**

The Sanders amendment that increases funding for the National Personnel Record Center to manage veterans records; **Pages H5672–74**

The Northup amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to fund Postal Service participation in the Universal Postal Union (Earlier, a point of order was sustained against a similar Northup amendment regarding funds used for Postal Service participation in the Universal Postal Union); **Pages H5694, H5697–98**

The Wicker amendment that prohibits any funding to be expended by the Postal Service to initiate new nonpostal commercial activities or pack and send services; **Pages H5709–10**

The Lowey amendment that prohibits funding to enter into or renew a contract which includes a provision providing prescriptive drug coverage except where the contract also includes a provision for contraceptive coverage for Federal health plans (agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 290). **Pages H5694–97, H5718**

**Rejected:**

The Schumer amendment that sought to delete \$2 million in funding for in transit relief for certain rifle importers and increase ATF law enforcement funding by \$2 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 122 yeas to 301 noes, Roll No. 286);

**Pages H5658–60, H5668**

The DeLauro amendment that sought to strike section 514, relating to prohibition of FEHB plan coverage for abortions (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 288);

**Pages H5676–83, H5716–17**

The Hefner amendment that sought to strike section 628 dealing with the rates of basic pay for the statutory pay systems (rejected by a recorded vote of 79 yeas to 342 noes, Roll No. 289);

**Pages H5687–90, H5717–18**

The Sanders amendment that sought to prohibit any loan in excess of \$250 million to a foreign entity through the exchange stabilization fund (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 291);

**Pages H5698–H5709, H5718–19**

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to require any contract to include a term for coverage of abortifacients

(rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 292);

Pages H5719–21

**Point of Order Sustained Against:**

Saxton amendment that sought to stipulate that foreign states or agencies are not immune to U.S. property seizure or expropriation laws; and

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Morella amendment that sought to allow agencies to use appropriated funds to provide child care services for Federal employees.

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**Withdrawn:**

The Manzullo amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funding to enforce certain information reporting requirements relating to Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits.

Pages H5715–16

Points of Order were sustained against provisions in the bill relating to:

Domestic staff expenditures of the Executive Residence; p. 28, line 1 through 11.

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Emergency expenses related to Year 2000 conversion; p. 37, line 10, through p. 38, line 14.

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Expenses to meet unanticipated needs of the President; p. 38, line 15 through 19.

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Various new construction projects; p. 42, line 3, through p. 44, line 10.

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Sec. 401 through Sec. 407, Sec. 409 through Sec. 411, Sec. 505, Sec. 509 through Sec. 513, Sec. 515, Sec. 516, Sec. 602, Sec. 604, Sec. 605, Sec. 608 through Sec. 611, Sec. 615 through Sec. 618, Sec. 621 through Sec. 627, Sec. 629, Sec. 634, Sec. 635, Sec. 638, and Sec. 644 through Sec. 647.

Pages H5671–72, H5675–76, H5683–87, H5690–94

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of the bill.

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**Steve Schiff Auditorium:** The House passed H.R. 3731, to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Steve Schiff Auditorium” by a yea and nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 294.

Pages H5723–24

**Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board:** The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the House amendments 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 and to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H5637.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5738–39.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5650–51, H5668, H5669, H5716–17, H5717–18, H5718, H5718–19, H5721, H5722–23, and H5723–24. There were no quorum calls.

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

## Committee Meetings

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full Committee action the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS—RELIEVING REGULATORY BURDEN

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on proposals to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on the financial services industry and streamlining the regulatory process. Testimony was heard from Representatives Metcalf, Kelly and McCollum; Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller of the Currency; and Carolyn Buck, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

### REWARDING PERFORMANCE IN COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 2710, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Early Childhood Interventions: Public-Private Partnerships. Testimony was heard from Lincoln C. Almond, Governor, State of Rhode Island; and public witnesses.

### U.S. AND RUSSIA: ASSESSING THE RELATIONSHIP

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S. and Russia: Assessing the Relationship. Testimony was heard from Steve Sestanovich, Ambassador-at-Large, Office of the Special Adviser to the

Secretary For the Newly Independent States, Department of State; Paul Goble, Director, Communications Division, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc., USIA; and public witnesses.

#### U.S. AND KOREA—COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF RELATIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia approved for full Committee action H. Res. 459, commemorating 50 years of relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3891, Trademark Anticounterfeiting Act of 1998; and H.R. 4090, Public Safety Act Officer Medal of Valor Act of 1998.

The Committee also approved private immigration bills.

#### COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT TO THE U.S.

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on the findings and conclusions of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States: Donald Rumsfeld, Chairman; William R. Graham and Gen. George Lee Butler, USAF (Ret.), both members.

#### GREAT LAKES FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT; OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1481, Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1997.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Pilot Program to Control Non-Indigenous Species Nutria at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Maryland. Testimony was heard from Glenn Carowan, Refuge Manager, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Sarah Taylor-Rogers, Assistant Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—REGIONAL HAZE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Regional Haze. Testimony was heard from Janice McDougal, Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA; John Seitz, Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, EPA; Don Matlick, Director, Smoke Management, Department of Forestry, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3981, to modify the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument; H.R. 4109, to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park; H.R. 4141, to amend the Act authorizing the establishment of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area to modify the boundaries of the Area, and to provide for the protection of lands, waters, and natural, cultural, and scenic resources within the national recreation area; and H.R. 4158, National Park Enhancement and Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Representatives Bateman, Fox of Pennsylvania, Bartlett of Maryland and Borski; Destry Jarvis, Assistant Director, External Affairs, National Parks System, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2161, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Palmetto Bend Project to the State of Texas; H.R. 3677, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and Designated Lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District; H.R. 3706, Clear Creek Distribution System Conveyance Act; and H.R. 3715, Pine Ridge Project Conveyance Act.

#### TEENAGE PREGNANCY—SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on the social and economic costs of teenage pregnancy. Testimony was heard from Val Stevens, Senator, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

#### SBA'S PROPOSED NEW AUTOMATED LOAN MONITORING SYSTEM

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing with respect to the SBA's Proposed New Automated Loan Monitoring System. Testimony was heard from Joel Willemsen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; the following officials of the SBA: John L. Gray, Associate Deputy Administrator; and Lawrence E. Barrett, Chief Information Officer; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION REQUESTS; GSA IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the Status of the Court-house Construction Program, U.S. Mission to the United Nations Construction Request and comments on H.R. 2751, General Services Administration Improvement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Judge Norman Stahl, Chairman, Security and Facilities Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States; Judge Ann C. Williams, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Ambassador A. Peter Burleigh, Deputy Representative to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

### OVERSIGHT—STANDARDS FOR ADJUDICATING CLAIMS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Benefits held an oversight hearing on the standards for adjudicating claims presented by veterans suffering from hepatitis C, cerebral malaria and Persian Gulf illnesses. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Teresa Wright, M.D., Director, Gastroenterology, VA Medical Center San Francisco; John Booss, Director, Neurology; Robert Epley, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Nils Roberts Varney, Psychologist, VA Medical Center Iowa City; and representatives of various veterans organizations.

### ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF BALANCED BUDGET ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Administration's Plan to Delay Implementation of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator Collins; Representative Pappas; Nancy-Ann Min

DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing Systems, GAO; and public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1998

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services*, closed business meeting, to consider the nomination of Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief and Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development, to hold joint hearings to review a report on the Real Estate Settlements Procedure Act and the Truth in Lending Act from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Federal Reserve, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

#### House

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, hearing on H.R. 4062, Financial Derivatives Supervisory Improvement Act of 1998, 10 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 Oversight and Investigations, to mark up a report on "Education at a Crossroads: What Works and What's Wasted in Education Today", 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing addressing the civil application of the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) to nonviolent advocacy groups, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Counternarcotics, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Friday, July 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 2168, VA-HUD Appropriations, with votes to occur thereon, and consideration of S. 2137/H.R. 4112, Legislative Branch Appropriations.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, July 17

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of H.R. 4194, Departments of Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (Open Rule, One Hour General Debate).

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