

Tuesday, September 15, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10331–S10391*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2469–2476 and S. Res. 276 and 277. Page S10383

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 2432, to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–334) Page S10383

**Interior Appropriations, 1999:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2237, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S10335–78, S10391

Adopted:

Enzi Amendment No. 3592, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from promulgating certain regulations relating to Indian gaming and to prohibit the Secretary from approving class III gaming without State approval. Pages S10356–71

Rejected:

Bumpers Amendment No. 3591, to strike provisions requiring a report from the National Academy of Sciences reviewing the adequacy of existing Federal and State environmental regulations applicable to exploration and mining on Federal lands. (By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 268), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10337–56

Ashcroft Amendment No. 3593, to eliminate funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and to transfer available funds for the operation of the National Park System. (By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 269), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10371–78

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 3581, to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers. Page S10335

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 16, 1998. Page S10391

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—269) Pages S10355–56, S10378

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 16, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10391.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Vice Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, for appointment to the grade of Admiral, and to be Commander-in-Chief of United States Pacific Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, and Norman Y. Mineta, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Eugene A. Conti, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy, and Peter J. Basso, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Brown was introduced by Senator Warner and Representative Sherrod Brown, Mr. Hammerschmidt was introduced by Senators Warner and Hutchinson, Mr. Mineta was introduced by Senators Warner and Boxer, Mr. Conti was introduced by Senator Sarbanes and

Representative Price, and Mr. Basso was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

### COASTWISE TRADE LAWS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings on S. 2390, to permit ships built in foreign countries to engage in coastwise in the transport of certain products, receiving testimony from Clyde J. Hart, Jr., Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Donald R. Quartel, Jones Act Reform Coalition, Dean Kleckner, American Farm Bureau Federation, Thomas A. Danjczek, Steel Manufacturers Association, and Cynthia L. Brown, American Shipbuilding Association, all of Washington, D.C.; William B. Saunders, Murphy Family Farms, Rose Hill, North Carolina; Donald T. Bollinger, Bollinger Shipyards, Inc., Lockport, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Shipyard Association; Thomas A. Allegretti, American Waterways Operators, Arlington, Virginia; and James R. Barker, Interlake Steamship Company/Mormac Marine Group, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Maritime Cabotage Task Force.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### TREATIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Argentine Republic, signed at Buenos Aires on June 10, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-18), Extradition Treaty between the United States and Barbados, signed at Bridgetown on February 28, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-20), Extradition Treaty between the United States and France, signed at Paris on April 23, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-13), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, signed at Washington on October 1, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-10), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Poland, signed at Washington on July 10, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-14), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Zimbabwe, signed at Harare on July 25, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-33), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Austria, signed at Washington on January 8, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-50), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Cyprus, signed at Washington on June 17, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-16), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of India, signed at Washington on June 25, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-30), Protocol to the Extradition Treaty between the United States and the United Mexican States of May 4, 1978, signed at Washington on November 13, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-46), Third Supplementary Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Kingdom of Spain, signed at Madrid on March 12, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-15), Extradition Treaty between the United States and Trinidad and Tobago, signed at Port of Spain on March 4, 1996 (Treaty

Doc. 105-21), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Treaty Doc. 105-19), Treaty between the United States and Australia on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on April 30, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-27), Treaty between the United States and the Federative Republic of Brazil on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Brasilia on October 14, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-42), Agreement between the United States and Hong Kong on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, with Annex, signed in Hong Kong on April 15, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-6), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Latvia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on June 13, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-34), Treaty between the United States and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on March 13, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-11), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Poland on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on July 10, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-12), Treaty between the United States and Barbados on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Bridgetown on February 28, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-23), Treaty between the United States and the Czech Republic on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on February 4, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-47), Treaty between the United States and the State of Israel on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Tel Aviv on January 26, 1998, and a related exchange of notes (Treaty Doc. 105-40), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Lithuania on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on January 16, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-41), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Venezuela on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Caracas on October 12, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-38), Treaty between the United States and Trinidad and Tobago on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Port of Spain on March 4, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-22), Treaty between the United States and Saint Kitts and Nevis on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Basseterre on September 18, 1997, and a related exchange of notes (Treaty Doc. 105-37), Treaty between the United States and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, and a related Protocol, signed at Kingstown on January 8, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-44), Treaties between the United States and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 105-24), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Estonia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on April 2, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-52), and the Agreement between the United States and Hong Kong for the Transfer of Sentenced Persons

signed at Hong Kong on April 15, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-7), after receiving testimony from Jamison Selby-Borek, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; and Mark M. Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

## RUSSIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine policy options for the United States with regard to the current economic and political situation in Russia, after receiving testimony from Stephen Sestanovich, Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Richard Pipes and Marshall I. Goldman, both of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Thomas Graham, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.

## TELECOMMUNICATION CONSOLIDATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded

hearings to examine the impact of consolidation within the telecommunications industry, focusing on the proposed merger between Bell Atlantic and GTE, after receiving testimony from William T. Esrey, Sprint Corporation, Westwood, Kansas; Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; Charles R. Lee, GTE Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut; Clark E. McLeod, McLeodUSA, Incorporated, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Ivan G. Seidenberg, Bell Atlantic Corporation, New York, New York.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 3412, to amend and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 3853, to encourage businesses to adopt drug-free workplace programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4566-4568, 4570-4576; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 536, 539, were introduced.

Pages H7802-03

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

H.R. 2108, to dispose of certain Federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, and to assist the local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, amended (H. Rept. 105-714);

H.R. 1481, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Restoration Study Report, amended (H. Rept. 105-715);

H.R. 2812, to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (H. Rept. 105-716);

H.R. 4079, to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California (H. Rept. 105-717);

H.R. 3445, to establish the Commission on Ocean Policy, amended (H. Rept. 105-718 part 1);

H.R. 4569, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105-719);

H. Res. 537, providing for consideration of H.R. 4300, to support enhanced drug interdiction efforts

in the major transit countries and support a comprehensive supply eradication and crop substitution program in source countries (H. Rept. 105-720); and

H. Res. 538, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4550) to provide for programs to facilitate a significant reduction in the incidence and prevalence of substance abuse through reducing the demand for illegal drugs and the inappropriate use of legal drugs (H. Rept. 105-721).

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

Page H7693

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Page H7697

**Private Calendar:** Agreed that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with today.

Page H7698

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

Page H7700

**Agriculture Appropriations:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to 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, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Skeen, Walsh, Dickey, Kingston, Nethercutt, Bonilla, Latham, Livingston, Kaptur, Fazio, Serrano, DeLauro, and Obey.

Pages H7700-08

Agreed to the Kaptur motion to instruct conferees to agree with the provisions of the Senate amendment which provide funding for agricultural disaster assistance and reserve inventories, including the designation of such funds as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, and with no offsetting reductions as provided in the Senate amendment (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 331 yeas to 66 nays, Roll No. 430). **Pages H7700-08**

**Defense Appropriations:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young of Florida, McDade, Lewis of California, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Istook, Cunningham, Livingston, Murtha, Dicks, Hefner, Sabo, Dixon, Visclosky, and Obey.

**Pages H7708-11, H7781**

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to reduce, within the scope of the conference, the maximum amount possible from appropriations for low priority congressionally-directed projects not requested in the FY 1999 Defense Department budget request and apply those funds to alleviate high priority military readiness needs for spare parts, quality of life programs, training exercises, retention bonuses, and requirement incentives (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 348 yeas to 61 nays, Roll No. 431).

**Pages H7708-11, H7780**

Agreed to close portions of the conference when classified information is under consideration (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 432).

**Page H7781**

**Legislative Branch Appropriations:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Walsh, Young of Florida, Cunningham, Wamp, Latham, Livingston, Serrano, Fazio, Hoyer, and Obey.

**Pages H7711-12**

Agreed to the Serrano motion to instruct conferees to bolster the Capitol police force by concurring in the Senate amendments that restore \$4.197 million of reductions passed by the House for Capitol Police salaries and Capitol Police general expenses.

**Pages H7711-12**

**Transportation Appropriations:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Wolf, DeLay, Regula, Rogers, Packard, Callahan, Tiahrt, Aderholt, Livingston, Sabo, Torres, Olver, Pastor, Cramer, and Obey.

**Pages H7712-14, H7781-82**

Agreed to the Sabo motion to instruct conferees to disagree to a provision in the Senate bill that

amends the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to allow helicopters unrestricted access to wilderness areas in Alaska (agreed to by a recorded vote of 249 yeas to 161 noes, Roll No. 433).

**Pages H7712-14, H7781-82**

**VA, HUD Appropriations:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to 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, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Lewis of California, DeLay, Walsh, Hobson, Knollenberg, Frelinghuysen, Neumann, Wicker, Livingston, Stokes, Mollohan, Kaptur, Meek of Florida, Price of North Carolina, and Obey

**Pages H7714-16, H7782-83**

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on the House position providing a total of \$17,361,395,998 for the Department of Veterans Affairs medical account (agreed to by a recorded vote of 405 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 434).

**Pages H7714-16, H7782-83**

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

**Speed Trafficking Life in Prison Act:** H.R. 3898, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to conform penalties for violations involving certain amounts of methamphetamine to penalties for violations involving similar amounts cocaine base;

**Pages H7716-19**

**Sense of Congress Regarding Marijuana:** H.J. Res. 117, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medicinal use (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 310 yeas to 93 nays, Roll No. 435). Agreed to amend the title;

**Pages H7719-26, H7783-84**

**National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:** S. 2073, amended, to authorize appropriations for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 280 yeas to 126 nays, Roll No. 436). Agreed to amend the title;

**Pages H7726-45, H7784**

**Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 4382, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for mammography quality standards (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 401 yeas with 1 voting "nay", Roll No. 437);

**Pages H7745-50, H7784-85**

**Glacier Bay National Park Boundary Adjustment Act:** H.R. 3903, amended, to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska;

**Pages H7750-53**

**Establishing the Commission on Ocean Policy:** H.R. 3445, amended, to establish the Commission on Ocean Policy;

**Pages H7753-58**

**Collection of Fees in National Park System:** H.R. 2993, amended, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units;

Pages H7758-60

**Sale of Idaho School Land:** H.R. 4166, to amend the Idaho Admission Act regarding the sale or lease of school land;

Pages H7760-61

**Memorial Honoring Mahatma Gandhi in D.C.:** H.R. 4284, to authorize the Government of India to establish a memorial to honor Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia;

Pages H7761-64

**Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act:** H.R. 2795, amended, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glendo Reservoir;

Pages H7764-65

**Construction at Folsom Dam, California:** H.R. 4079, amended, to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California;

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**Designating Freeman Hankins Post Office Building:** H.R. 4002, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5300 West Jefferson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Freeman Hankins Post Office Building";

Pages H7771-73

**Designating Max Weiner Post Office Building:** H.R. 4003, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2037 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Weiner Post Office Building";

Pages H7773-74

**Commending Pope John Paul II Visit to Cuba:** H. Res. 362, amended, commending the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Cuba; and

Pages H7774-77

**Sense of Congress Regarding Extradition Treaty with Mexico:** H. Res. 381, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should renegotiate the extradition treaty with Mexico so that the possibility of capital punishment will not interfere with the timely extradition of criminal suspects from Mexico to the United States.

Pages H7777-79

**Congratulating Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals:** Considered by unanimous consent, the House agreed to H. Res. 520, congratulating Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals for breaking the Major League Baseball single season home run record.

Pages H7766-68

**Congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs:** Considered by unanimous consent, the House agreed to H. Res. 536, congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for tying the current major league record for home runs in one season.

Pages H7768-71

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7803-10.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of the House today and appear on pages H7707-08, H7780, H7781, H7781-82, H7782-83, H7783, H7784, and H7784-85. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TURMOIL

**Committee on Banking and Financial Services:** Continued hearings on International Economic Turmoil. Testimony was heard from Thomas Kneir, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### PORTALS INVESTIGATION

**Committee on Commerce:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payments of fees to those representatives. Testimony was heard from Peter Knight, Wunder, Knight, Levine and Forscey.

Hearings continue September 17.

### DISARMING IRAQ: STATUS OF WEAPONS INSPECTIONS

**Committee on International Relations:** Held a hearing on Disarming Iraq: The Status of Weapons Inspections. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Martin Indyk, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Scott Ritter, former Weapons Inspector for the United Nations Special Commission.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO IN CRISIS

**Committee on International Relations:** Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Democratic Republic of Congo in Crisis. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Rice, Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on the Judiciary:** On September 14, the Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 4427, amended, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1998; H.R. 3046, amended, Police, Fire, and Emergency Prohibition Act of 1998; S. 1976, Crime Victims with Disabilities Awareness Act of 1998; H.R. 804, to amend part Q of title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that Federal funds made available to hire or rehire law enforcement officers are used in a manner that produces a net gain of the number of law enforcement officers who perform non-administrative

public safety services; and S. 2022, Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998.

#### **OVERSIGHT—FOREST ROADS MANAGEMENT AND OBLITERATION**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Roads Management and Obliteration. Testimony was heard from Robert Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG ELIMINATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate to be equally divided between Rep. Hastert, or his designee, and a Member opposed to H.R. 4300, Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act. The rule provides for a 3 hour time limit on the amendment process. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, and considers it as read. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule permits the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendment in the Congressional Record and considers them as read. The rule allows the Chair to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed votes, provided that the voting time on the first in a series of questions shall not be less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Hastert and Waters.

#### **DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate equally divided between Rep. Hastert, or his designee, and a Member opposed to H.R. 4550, Drug Demand Reduction Act of 1998. The rule provides for a 3 hour time limit on the amendment process. Prior to the consideration of any other amendment, the rule provides for the consideration of the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question or to amendment and shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides that, should that amendment be adopted, the bill, as amended, be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment. The rule permits the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendment in the Congressional Record and considers them as read. The rule allows the Chair to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for

electronic voting on any postponed votes, provided that the voting time on the first in a series of questions shall not be less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastert, Portman and Ramstad.

#### **METHANE HYDRATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on S. 1418, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Robert Kripowicz, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; William P. Dillon, Research Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 4377, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the membership of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to 17; H.R. 3511, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide additional exceptions to the imposition of civil money penalties in cases of payments to beneficiaries; and, as amended, a measure to refine the Medicare home health interim payment system.

#### **WELFARE, NONCITIZEN, AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action H.R. 4558, Welfare, Noncitizen, and Unemployment Insurance Technical Amendments Act of 1998.

#### **INTERETHNIC ADOPTION AMENDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Implementation of the Interethnic Adoption Amendments. Testimony was heard from Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark V. Nadel, Associate Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; former Senator Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 6, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1998**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine the extent of fatigue and its safety effects on the commercial motor carrier and railroad industries, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, to hold hearings on S. 1576, to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gasoline in certain areas within the State, focusing on the use of methyl tertiary-butyl ether in gasoline, 2 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism to hold joint hearings with the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, to examine anti-drug interdiction efforts, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the National Cancer Institute's management of radiation studies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine a General Accounting Office report on high performance computers, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and proposed reform issues, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*, to hold hearings to examine issues with regard to the proposed renovation of the United States Capitol dome and the Dirksen Senate Office Building, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on S. 2288, to provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of the Government's publications, 10 a.m., SR-301.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to examine anti-drug interdiction efforts, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing on the nomination of Montie R. Deer, of Kansas, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

**House**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, to continue hearings on International Economic Turmoil, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, joint hearing on the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth in Lending Act, and reforms to mortgage lending disclosure requirements, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce, and the Committee on Education and the Workforce*, joint hearing on Education and Technology Initiatives, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 4353, International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998, 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, 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 V1" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on the Spread of AIDS in the Developing World, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, hearing on the U.S. policy on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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