

Thursday, September 17, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 128, making continuing appropriations for FY 1999.

House passed H.R. 4569, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10451–S10549*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2489–2496, and S. Res. 279 and 280. Pages S10517–18

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–335)

H.R. 3303, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice; to amend title 28 of the United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3494, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex crimes against children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 256, to refer S. 2274 entitled “A bill for the relief of Richard M. Barlow of Santa Fe, New Mexico” to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon.

S. 1637, to expedite State review of criminal records of applicants for bail enforcement officer employment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1727, authorize the comprehensive independent study of the effects on trademark and intellectual property rights holders of adding new a generic top-level domains and related dispute resolution procedures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2392, to encourage the disclosure and exchange of information about computer processing problems and related matters in connection with the transition to the Year 2000, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S10517

**Measures Passed:**

**Continuing Appropriations:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 128, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S10499–S10501

**Puerto Rico/U.S. Citizens:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 279, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the right of the United States citizens in Puerto Rico to express their desires regarding their future political status. Pages S10501–08

**Indian Health Service Organization:** Senate passed S. 1770, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S10533–34

**Four Corners Monument Tribal Park:** Senate passed S. 1998, to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park. Pages S10534–35

**Trademark Law Treaty:** Senate passed S. 2193, to implement the provisions of the Trademark Law Treaty, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S10535–36

Santorum (for Hatch/Leahy) Amendment No. 3601, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S10535–36

**Printing Senate Document:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 280, directing the printing as a Senate document of a compilation of material entitled “History of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee”. Page S10536

**U.S. Policy/Tibet:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 103, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the recommendations of the International Commission of Jurists on Tibet and on United States policy with regard to Tibet, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2281, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2037, as passed by the Senate.

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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 Hatch, Thurmond, and Leahy.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 2037 was vitiated and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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**Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorizations:** Senate passed H.R. 3874, to amend the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, and to extend certain authorities contained in those Acts through fiscal year 2003, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2286, Senate companion measure.

Pages S10537–44

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 Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, Harkin, and Leahy.

Pages S10538, S10544

Subsequently, S. 2286 was returned to the Senate Calendar.

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**Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1301, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S10452–57, S10459–73, S10508–09

Adopted:

Grassley/Durbin Amendment No. 3595 (to Amendment No. 3559), relating to credit card disclaimers, reaffirmation agreements, and miscellaneous bankruptcy changes.

Pages S10452, S10509

Subsequently, the amendment was modified by unanimous-consent.

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Reed Amendment No. 3596 (to Amendment No. 3559), to prohibit creditors from terminating or re-

fusing to renew an extension of credit because the consumer did not incur finance charges. (By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 273), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S10455–57, S10459–60

By a unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. 276), Hatch Amendment No. 3600 (to Amendment No. 3559), to provide for protection of retirement savings.

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Rejected:

D'Amato Amendment No. 3597 (to Amendment No. 3559), to limit fees charged by financial institutions for the use of automatic teller machines. (By 72 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 275), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S10460–66, S10472–73

Dodd Amendment No. 3598 (to Amendment No. 3559), to amend the Truth in Lending Act with respect to extensions of credit to consumers under the age of 21. (By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 274), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Lott (for Grassley/Hatch) Amendment No. 3559, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S10452, S10455–57, S10459–73

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and an amendment to be proposed thereto, on Tuesday, September 22, 1998.

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**Partial-Birth Abortion Ban—Veto Message:** Senate began consideration of the veto message accompanying H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

Pages S10474–99, S10509–10

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the veto message on Friday, September 18, 1998, with a vote on the question, "Shall the bill pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding", to occur thereon at 9:30 a.m.

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**Child Custody Protection Act:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of 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, on Friday, September 18, 1998.

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

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–158).

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**Messages From the President:**

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**Messages From the House:**

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Record Votes:	Four record votes were taken today. (Total—276)                      Pages S10459, S10472–73, S10509

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:21 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., on Friday, September 18, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10544–45.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings to examine United States policy regarding the transfer of satellite and missile technology to China, focusing on United States space infrastructure, receiving testimony from Representative Weldon; John D. Holum, Acting Under Secretary of State for International Security Affairs; Franklin C. Miller, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Threat Reduction; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Katherine V. Schinasi, Associate Director, Defense Acquisitions Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; and Paul Wolfowitz, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies/Johns Hopkins University, Paul Freedenberg, Baker & Botts, and Henry Sokolski, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gregory H. Friedman, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, and T. J. Glauthier, of California, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Energy, and Charles G. Groat, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Groat was introduced by Senator Breaux.

### PARKS/HISTORIC SITES/RECREATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1175, to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission for 10 additional years, S. 1641, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study alternatives for establishing a national historic trail to commemorate and interpret the history of women's rights in the United States, S. 1960, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, S. 2086, to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument, S. 2133, to designate former United States Route 66 as "America's Main Street" and authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance, S. 2239, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument, S. 2240, to establish the Adams National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, S. 2241, to provide for the acquisition of lands formerly occupied by the Franklin D. Roosevelt family at Hyde Park, New York, and for other purposes, S. 2246, to amend the Act which established the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by modifying the boundary, S. 2247, to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the U.S. Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service, S. 2248, to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a state or political subdivision, when required by state law, S. 2285, to establish a commission, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention, to further protect sites of importance in the historic efforts to secure equal rights for women, S. 2297, to provide for the distribution of certain publications in units of the National Park System under a sales agreement between the Secretary of the Interior and a private contractor, S. 2309, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, S. 2401, to authorize the addition of the Paoli Battlefield site in Malvern, Pennsylvania, to Valley Forge National Historical Park, H.R. 2411, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, after receiving testimony from Destry Jarvis, Assistant Director, External Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

## FEDERAL BUILDINGS POLICY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded hearings on the proposed General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Program request for fiscal year 1999, the proposed Judicial Conference of the United States courthouse construction request for fiscal year 1999, and S. 2481, to improve the process of constructing, altering, and acquiring public buildings, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Judge Norman H. Stahl, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; A. Peter Burleigh, Acting United States Representative to the United Nations, on behalf of the United States Mission to the United Nations; Judge Michael A. Ponsor, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts; and Judge B. Avant Edenfield, United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

## STATE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations concluded joint hearings with the Committee on the Budget's International Affairs Task Force to examine management and budget operations of the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Bonnie R. Cohen, Under Secretary for Management, David G. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, and Patrick Kennedy, Assistant Secretary for Administration, all of the Department of State; Benjamin F. Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; and Nicholas A. Rey, former United States Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kenneth Prewitt, of New York, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Robert M. Walker, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Prewitt was introduced by Senator Moynihan, and Mr. Walker was introduced by Senator Byrd.

## BUSINESS MEETING

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

The nominations of Robert Bruce King, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, William B. Traxler, Jr., of South

Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Richard M. Berman, Alvin K. Hellerstein, Colleen McMahan, and William H. Pauley, III, each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, H. Dean Buttram, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Donovan W. Frank, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Inge Prytz Johnson, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Thomas J. Whelan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Robert Bruce Green, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, Scott Richard Lassar, to be United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and James A. Tassone, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida;

H.R. 3303, to authorize funds for the Department of Justice, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2392, to encourage the disclosure and exchange of information about computer processing problems and related matters in connection with the transition to the Year 2000, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1727, to authorize the comprehensive independent study of the effects on trademark and intellectual property rights holders of adding new generic top-level domains and related dispute resolution procedures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1637, to expedite State review of criminal records of applicants for bail enforcement officer employment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3494, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex crimes against children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. Res. 256, to refer S. 2274 entitled "A bill for the relief of Richard M. Barlow of Santa Fe, New Mexico" to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon.

## ADVANCES IN TEACHING

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the extent of learning disabilities and implications for developing and enhancing teacher training opportunities, after receiving testimony from M. Susan Burns, Study Director, Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children, National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences; MacLean Gander, Landmark College, Putney, Vermont; Sally L. Smith, Lab

School of Washington, Washington, D.C.; and Kettner Grizwold, Kensington, Maryland.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* On Wednesday, September 16, committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, September 23.

## YEAR 2000 READINESS: PENSIONS AND MUTUAL FUNDS

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Year 2000 readiness of the securities industry, focusing on pensions and mutual funds, after receiving testimony from Laura S. Unger, Commissioner, U.S. Securities

and Exchange Commission; Alan D. Lebowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Program Operations/Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; Matthew P. Fink, Investment Company Institute, Washington, D.C.; Donald Kittell, Securities Industry Association, and James A. Wolf, Corporate Management Information Systems, on behalf of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and College Retirement Equities Fund, both of New York, New York; Eugene F. Maloney, Federated Investors, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Vincent P. Brown, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento; Bert E. McConnell, Fidelity Investments, and John R. Towers, State Street Corporation, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Thomas M. Rowland, Capital Group Companies, Inc., Los Angeles, California; and Michael A. Waterford, DST Systems, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 4590–4596, were introduced. **Page H8035**

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

H.R. 4017, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and the Energy Conservation and Production Act, amended (H. Rept. 105–727);

Report on the Refusal of Attorney General Janet Reno to Produce Documents Subpoenaed by the Government Reform and Oversight Committee (H. Rept. 105–728); and

H. Res. 544, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 105–729).

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Thomas Pappalas of Reading, Pennsylvania. **Page H7925**

**Continuing Resolution:** The House passed H.J. Res. 128, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, by a yeas and nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 445.

**Pages H7931–37**

H. Res. 541, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution, was agreed to earlier by voice vote. **Pages H7930–31**

**Foreign Operations Appropriations:** The House passed H.R. 4569, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yeas and nays vote of 255 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 449. **Pages H7946–H8013**

**Agreed To:**

The Wolf amendment, numbered 5 and printed in H. Rept 105–725, that establishes a National Commission on Terrorism to examine national counterterrorism policies and recommend ways to be more effective in protecting Americans; **Pages H7977–78**

The Porter amendment, numbered 32 and printed in the Congressional Record, that strikes section 579 which repeals section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act prohibiting direct U.S. government assistance to Azerbaijan (agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 182 noes, Roll No. 447); **Pages H7985–H8000**

The Tiahr amendment, numbered 1 and printed in H. Rept. 105–725, that specifies the definition of "voluntary family planning project" and establishes criteria for the voluntary family planning projects supported by U.S. financial aid; **Pages H8001–04, H8012**

The Livingston amendment, numbered 4 and printed in House Report 105–725, that deletes the contingency funding authority in section 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act and reduces by \$15 million the authority of section 614 of the Foreign Assistance Act; **Pages H8004–05**

**Rejected:**

The Kennedy of Massachusetts substitute amendment to the Torres amendment that eliminates funding for the School of the Americas (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 212 noes), Roll No. 448; and **Pages H8008–12**

The Torres amendment, numbered 17 and printed in the Congressional Record, that decreases funding for the Economic Support Fund by \$14 million and decreases International Military Education and Training by \$1.4 million. **Pages H8005–13**

Points of Order sustained against:

The Pelosi amendment, numbered 28 and printed in the Congressional Record, that increases the U.S. quota in the International Monetary Fund, the dollar equivalent of 10,622,500,000 Special Drawing Rights, to remain available until expended; and

**Pages H7978–85**

The Torres amendment, numbered 19 and printed in the Congressional Record, that prohibits any funding to be used for programs at the United States Army School of the Americas located at Fort Benning, Georgia. **Page H8001**

H. Res. 542, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 229 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 446.

**Pages H7937–45**

**Dollars to the Classroom Act:** The House agreed to H. Res. 543, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 3248, to provide dollars to the classroom by a voice vote. **Pages H8013–17**

**Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Iran:** Read a message from the President wherein he submitted his report to Congress on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–312). **Pages H8017–19**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8035.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7936–37, H7945, H8000, H8012, and H8013. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### YEAR 2000 PREPARATIONS

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on Preparing for the Year 2000: Financial Institutions, Customers, Telecommunications, and Power. Testimony was heard from Edward W. Kelley, Jr., member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie Williams, Acting Comptroller; and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; Nor-

man D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills; H.R. 3610, amended, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1998; and H.R. 4081, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas.

### 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 current or former employees of the following law firms: Wunder, Diefenderfer, Cannon and Thelen or Wunder, Knight, Levine, Thelen and Forscey.

### CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3783, Child Online Protection Act.

### YEAR 2000 PROBLEM—LABOR AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Review of the Management of the Year 2000 Problem by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Marshal Smith, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education; the following officials of the Department of Labor: James E. McMullen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management; and Patricia A. Dalton, Deputy Inspector General; Joel Willemsen, Director, Information Resources Management, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### 2000 CENSUS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Census held a hearing on "Oversight of the 2000 Census: Serious Problems with Statistical Adjustment Remain". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NATIONAL ID CARD

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural

Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "A National ID Card: Big Government at its Worst or Technological Efficiency?" Testimony was heard from Brian Flaherty, member, House of Representatives, State of Connecticut; Richard D. Holcomb, Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

#### U.S. AND RUSSIA; RUSSIA IN CRISIS

*Committee on International Relations:* Concluded hearings on the United States and Russia, Part II: Russia in Crisis. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary, Department of State; George P. Shultz, former Secretary of State; and public witnesses.

#### INDEPENDENT COUNSEL COMMUNICATION—RELEASE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, AND MATERIALS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Met in executive session to begin consideration of the release of certain documents, records, and materials received by the Committee from the Independent Counsel on September 9, 1998.

Will continue tomorrow.

#### NO SECOND CHANCES FOR MURDERERS, RAPISTS, OR CHILD MOLESTERS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 4258, No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Salmon; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action H.R. 4337, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Maryland for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 4248, Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Promotion Act; and H.R. 4517, Neotropical Migratory Bird Habitat Enhancement Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Cunningham; Daniel M. Ashe, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service—Backcountry Airstrip Management. Testimony was heard from David Alexander, Supervisor, Payette National Forest, Forest Service, USDA; Bart Welsh, Administrator, Division of Aeronautics, State of Idaho; and public witnesses.

#### STANDING RULES OF THE HOUSE— AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

*Committee on Rules:* Held a hearing on proposals to amend the standing rules of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Solomon; Representatives Shaw, Morella, Paul, Davis of Virginia, Hostettler, Tiahrt, Danner, Norton, Menendez and Weygand.

#### SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order on Wednesday, September 23, 1998. Any matter to be considered under suspension will be announced from the House floor at least two hours prior to consideration. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on any suspension considered under this resolution.

#### OVERSIGHT—INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held an oversight hearing on Industrial Biotechnology: A Solution for the Future? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### RAILROAD RETIREMENT TIER II BENEFITS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 52, urging that the railroad industry, including rail labor, management and retiree organizations, open discussions for adequately funding an amendment to the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to modify the guaranteed minimum benefit for widows and widowers whose annuities are converted from a spouse to a widow or widower annuity. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Railroad Retirement Board: Jerome F. Keever, Management Member; David Lucci, Counsel to the Labor Member; and Cherryl T. Thomas, Chair; and public witnesses.

#### ESTABLISH PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT; TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 4578, to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Protect Social Security Account into which the Secretary of the

Treasury shall deposit budget surpluses until a reform measure is enacted to ensure the long-term solvency of the OASDI trust funds; and H.R. 4579, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1998.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1998**

**Senate**

No meetings are scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on The State Children's Health Insurance Program: A Progress Report, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Spectrum Management Oversight, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, executive, to continue consideration of the release of certain documents, records, and materials received by the Committee from the Independent Counsel on September 9, 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4558, Welfare, Noncitizen, and Unemployment Insurance Technical Amendments Act of 1998; 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 H.R. 4567, Medicare Home Health Care Interim Payment System Refinement Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China*, executive, to consider pending business, 8 a.m., H-122 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

8:30 a.m., Friday, September 18

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, September 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will resume consideration of the veto message to accompany H.R. 1122, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, with a vote to occur thereon, following which Senate will consider S. 1645, Child Custody Protection Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of H. Res. 544, providing for consideration of suspensions; and Consideration of H.R. 3248, Dollars to the Classroom Act (structured rule, 1 hour of general debate).

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

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