

Friday, September 25, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed the Wendell H. Ford National Air Transportation System Improvement Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10945–S11006

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 2520. Page S10986

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

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. (S. Rept. No. 105–347)

H.R. 3853, to promote drug-free workplace programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–348)

H.R. 2402, to make technical and clarifying amendments to improve management of water-related facilities in the Western United States, with amendments.

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.

H.R. 2623, to designate the United States Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Mississippi, as the “Ray J. Favre Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2798, to redesignate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 2419 West Monroe Street, in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Nancy B. Jefferson Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2799, to redesignate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 324 South Laramie Street, in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Reverend Milton R. Brunson Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3687, to authorize prepayment of amounts due under a water reclamation project contract for the Canadian River Project, Texas, with an amendment.

H.R. 3808, to designate the United States Post Office located at 47526 Clipper Drive in Plymouth, Michigan, as the “Carl D. Pursell Post Office”.

H.R. 3810, to designate the United States Post Office located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, New Jersey, as the “James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office”.

H.R. 3939, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3999, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4079, to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California.

H.R. 4166, to amend the Idaho Admission Act regarding the sale or lease of school land.

S. 736, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 744, to authorize the construction of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Fall River Water Users District, a non-profit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, with amendments.

S. 777, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for planning and construction of the water supply system, with amendments.

S. 991, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996.

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, with an amendment.

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, with an amendment.

S. 2041, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project for the reclamation and reuse of water.

S. 2086, to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2117, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, with amendments.

S. 2133, to designate former United States Route 66 as "America's Main Street" and authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2136, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Washington, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2140, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project.

S. 2142, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the facilities of the Pine River Project, to allow jurisdictional transfer of lands between the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2239, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas Monument.

S. 2240, to establish the Adams National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with amendments.

S. 2241, to provide for the acquisition of lands formerly occupied by the Franklin D. Roosevelt family at Hyde Park, New York.

S. 2246, to amend the Act which established the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes.

S. 2247, to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the U.S. Park Police in the per-

formance 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. 2257, to reauthorize the National Historic Preservation Act, with amendments.

S. 2284, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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. 2310, to designate the United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 2370, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Tall Timbers Village Square, United States Highway 19 South, in Thomasville, Georgia, as the "Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper Station".

S. 2401, to authorize the addition of the Paoli Battlefield site in Malvern, Pennsylvania, to Valley Forge National Historical Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2404, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings located in Coconut Grove, Opa Locka, Carol City, and Miami, Florida.

S. 2468, to designate the Biscayne National Park visitor center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center at Biscayne National Park, with an amendment.

S. 2500, to protect the sanctity of contracts and leases entered into by surface patent holders with respect to coalbed methane gas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Wendell H. Ford National Air Transportation System Improvement Act: By 92 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 288), Senate passed H.R. 4057, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu

thereof the text of S. 2279, Senate companion measure, as amended.

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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 McCain, Stevens, Gorton, Hollings, and Ford.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service Employees: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 2511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay employees of the Food Safety and Inspection Service working in establishments subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act for overtime and holiday work performed by the employees, and the measure was then passed.

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Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 4382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for mammography quality standards, clearing the measure for the President.

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Internet Tax Freedom Act—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, September 29, 1998.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Stephen W. Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Herbert Lee Buchanan III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Jeh Charles Johnson, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

Richard Danzig, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Navy.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of Chief of the Air Force Reserve, United States Air Force.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

42 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

George M. Langford, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Joseph A. Miller, Jr., of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Maxine L. Savitz, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Luis Sequeria, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Chang-Lin Tien, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

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Messages From the House:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—288)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:28 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, September 28, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11002–03.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY FORCES OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the world wide threat

and status of United States military forces and potential operational requirements from Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Maj. Gen. John Maher, Vice Director of Operations, and Rear Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, Director of Intelligence, all of the Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

Committee recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert C. Randolph, of Washington, to be Assistant Administrator for Asia and Near East Affairs, Agency for International Development, B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and Diane Edith Watson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1404, to establish a Federal Commission on Statistical Policy to study the reorganization of the Federal statistical system, to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency of Federal statistics by permitting limited sharing of records among designated agencies for statistical purposes under strong safeguards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

FOOD IMPORT SAFETY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine the safety of food imports, focusing on legislative, administrative and regulatory remedies, after receiving testimony from Timothy M. Hammonds, Food Marketing Institute, Stacey A. Zawel, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Dane T. Bernard, National Food Processors Association, Richard Levinson, American Public Health Association, Carol Tucker Foreman, Safe Food Coalition, and Robert Hahn, Public Voice for Food and Health Policy, all of Washington, D.C.; Nancy Nagle, United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Ruth Kava, American Council on Science and Health, New York, New York.

CAPITOL SECURITY

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee continued hearings in open and closed session to examine United States Capitol security issues, receiving testimony from Robert Gramling, Director for Corporate Audits and Standards Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Kenneth Lopez, Director of Security, Library of Congress; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Gregory S. Casey, Sergeant at Arms, United States Senate; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives; Gary Abrecht, Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police; and Joyce Doria and Jack Mayer, both of Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Falls Church, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4627–4645; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 130, H. Con. Res. 330, and H. Res. 555–556 were introduced. **Page H8931**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4321, to protect consumers and financial institutions by preventing personal financial information from being obtained from financial institutions under false pretenses amended (H. Rept. 105–701 Part 1);

Conference report on H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–746);

H.R. 3829, to amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to provide a process for agency employees to submit urgent concerns to Congress, amended (H. Rept. 105–747 Part 1);

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 (H. Rept. 105–748); and

Conference report on H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–749). **Pages H8657–H8719, H8842–H8929, H8930–31**

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

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C.

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Save Social Security Act: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 464.

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Rejected:

The Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that transfers 100 percent of the Social Security Trust Fund surplus to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be held in trust for the Social Security system and requires that Congress default on publicly traded debt obligations before it defaults on its obligations to the Social Security system (rejected by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 463).

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H. Res. 552, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 215 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 462. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 219 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 461.

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Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act: The House failed to pass H.R. 2621, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 243 noes with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 466.

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H. Res. 553, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, by agreed to by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 230 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 465.

Pages H8756–65

Late Reports: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. The Committee on Education and the Workforce received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 6, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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Consideration of Conference Reports: Agreed that it be in order on Monday, September 28, 1998, or any day thereafter to consider the conference reports on H.R. 4103, H.R. 4060, and H.R. 6; that all points of order be waived against each conference re-

port and its consideration; and that each be considered as read when called up for consideration.

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Order of Procedure: Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 4579 pursuant to H. Res. 552, notwithstanding the order of the previous question, it may be in order after 30 minutes of the 60 minutes provided for initial debate on the bill, as amended pursuant to the rule, for the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill until the following legislative day, on which consideration may resume at a time designated by the Speaker.

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Taxpayer Relief Act: The House completed 30 minutes of debate on H.R. 4579, to provide tax relief for individuals, families, and farming and other small businesses, to provide tax incentives for education, to extend certain expiring provisions. Consideration will resume Saturday, September 26, 1998.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H8657 and H8805.

Referral: S. 2071, to extend a quarterly financial report program administered by the Secretary of Commerce was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8731, H8731–32, H8755, H8755–56, H8765, and H8805. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL HYDROELECTRIC RELICENSING PROCESS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Federal Hydroelectric Relicensing Process. Testimony was heard from Senator Craig; Douglas Smith, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; John Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Robert Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest Service, Forest Service, USDA; Terry Garcia, Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM LAW— IMPLEMENTATION OF ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROVISIONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Implementation

of the Abstinence Education Provisions of the Welfare Reform Law. Testimony was heard from Peter Van Dyck, M.D., Acting Associate Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services; Claude Allen, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on American Worker Project: Retailers and Manufacturers Concerning the Garment Industry. Testimony was heard from Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Chairwoman, Standing Committee on Labor, State of New York; and Larry Martin, President, American Apparel Manufacturers Association.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology began consideration of the following bills: H.R. 4620, the Statistical Consolidation Act of 1998; H.R. 2635, Human Rights Information Act; H.R. 3032, Construction Subcontractors Payment Protection Enhancement Act of 1998; and H.R. 4614, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in New Castle, New Hampshire, to the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, and to require the release of certain restrictions with respect to land in such town.

Will continue September 28.

VA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on VA Oversight: The Impact of Restructuring on Health Care Quality. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health; Denis FitzGerald, M.D., Network Director, VISN-1; Bruce Woolette, D.D.S., Department of Dentistry and Jack Bachman, Department of Neurology, both with the Togus, Maine, VA Medical Center; and public witnesses.

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL COMMUNICATION—REDACTION OF AND WITHHOLDING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, AND MATERIALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and agreed to the redaction of and the withholding of certain documents, records, and materials received from the Independent Counsel, which would otherwise be required to be released on September 28, 1998.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: S.J. Res. 51, granting the consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact entered into between the States of Maryland and West Virginia; and H.R. 4572, to clarify that governmental pension plans of the possessions of the United States shall be treated in the same manner as State pension plans for purposes of the limitation on the State income taxation of pension income.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on S.J. Res. 51. Testimony was heard from Senator Sarbanes; Representative Bartlett of Maryland; and a public witness.

READINESS REALITIES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness, Subcommittee on Installations and Facilities, and the Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a joint hearing on readiness realities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Vice Adm. Herbert A. Browne, Jr., II, USN, Commander, 3rd Fleet, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command; and Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Forces Atlantic, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, Marine Expeditionary Force; and Gen. David A. Bramlette, (USA, Ret.), former Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China: Met in executive session to continue to receive briefings.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER

Conferees on Thursday, September 24, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 28 through October 3, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on S. 2176, Federal Vacancies Reform Act, at 5:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 442, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider further appropriations bills, and any legislative or executive items cleared for action, including conference reports, when available.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, September 29, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.*)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: September 29, to hold hearings to examine the status of United States military forces and their ability to successfully execute the National Military Strategy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues regarding plans for Department of Energy national security programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 29, Subcommittee on International Finance, to hold hearings to examine the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee's annual report and the National Export Strategy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 1, to hold hearings on S. 2494, to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

October 1, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 1, to hold hearings on the nominations of Eljay B. Bowron, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior, and Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Non-Proliferation and National Security, and David Michaels, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, both of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

October 1, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the Forest Service cabin fees, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 29, to hold hearings on H.R. 2863, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, and to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitats, 10 a.m., SD-406.

October 1, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on regional haze and mercury pollution, 2 p.m., SD-406.

October 2, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 29, to hold hearings on the nominations of R. Rand Beers, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and Simon Ferro, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States response to international parental abduction issues, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Frank E. Loy, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: October 1, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold oversight hearings to examine United States Postal Service activities, 2 p.m., SD-342.

October 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of John U. Sepulveda, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Joseph Swerdzewski, of Colorado, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 28, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings to review financial control failures at the Department of Defense, 1 p.m., SD-226.

October 1, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 3 p.m., SD-226.

October 2, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine the status of international antitrust cooperation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 30, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 2010, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: October 2, to hold hearings to examine general government emergency preparedness, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 2, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review H.R. 4128, to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to ensure that States and local governments can quickly and safely remove flood debris so as to reduce the risk and severity of subsequent flooding, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, September 28, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Protecting Consumers Against Cramming and Spamming, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on H.R. 4431, the HIV Partner Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Energy Security: What Will The New Millennium Bring? 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on The Medicare Choice Program After One Year, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Imported Drugs: U.S.—EU (European

Union) Mutual Recognition Agreement on Drug Inspections, 10 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on American Worker Project: Department of Labor—Financial Analysis and Management Accountability, 1:30 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Correcting Corruption: An Update on the Re-run of the 1996 Teamsters Election, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, September 28, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to continue consideration of the following bills: H.R. 4620, the Statistical Consolidation Act of 1998; H.R. 2635, Human Rights Information Act; H.R. 3032, Construction Subcontractors Payment Protection Enhancement Act of 1998; and H.R. 4614, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in New Castle, New Hampshire, to the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, and to require the release of certain restrictions with respect to land in such town, 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Combating Terrorism: The Status of the Defense Department Domestic Preparedness Program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on the District of Columbia's Year 2000 Compliance Challenges, 1:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, September 28, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, meeting on Cambodia: Where Do We Go From Here?, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint meeting on Human Rights in Burma, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, oversight hearing on Ex-Im Bank, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, September 28, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on awarding the Medal of Honor to Theodore Roosevelt, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, oversight hearing on POW/MIA oversight, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 28, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on GAO's Office Study on Forest Health, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on research in National Marine Sanctuaries, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 29, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Garrison Unit Reformulation; to be followed by a hearing on H.R. 1213, Perkins County

Rural Water System Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 1, full committee, and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the Committee on International Relations, joint oversight hearing on Compacts of Free Association with the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, September 28, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on Remote Sensing Applications as a Research and Management Tool, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Military Procurement, of the Committee on National Security, joint hearing on U.S. Spacepower in the 21st Century, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 29, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing to review Aviation Issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem Y2K: Will We Get There on Time?, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Overview of the U.S. Coast Guard's Drug Interdiction Strategy, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

October 2, full committee, hearing to review transportation and infrastructure issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem Y2K: Will We Get There on Time?, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on H.R. 4034, Federal Protective Service Reform Act of 1998, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: October 2, to hold hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for September, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

Conferees: September 28, On 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, 3 p.m., H-144, Capitol.

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Conferees: October 1, Closed, on H.R. 3694, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Saturday, September 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will consider the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 442, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

At 3:30 p.m., Senate will consider S. 2176, Federal Vacancies Reform Act, with a cloture vote to occur thereon at 5:30 p.m.

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