

ending September 30, 1999, by a ye and nay vote of 216 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 476.

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**Re-referral of a Bill:** 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 was re-referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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**Agriculture Appropriations:** The House agreed to the conference report 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, by a ye and nay vote of 333 yeas to 53 nays, Roll No. 479.

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Rejected the Pomeroy motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to increase the assistance available to family farmers suffering economic loss as a result of record low prices, deteriorating market conditions and/or natural disasters, to take into account the almost 50% drop in real income that has occurred in some farming sectors since 1980; and to limit such assistance to individuals actively engaged in farming, by a ye and nay vote of 156 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 478.

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H. Res. 567, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill, was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 551 was laid on the table.

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**Late Report:** Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight on October 2 to file a conference report on H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations 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.

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**Legislative Program:** The Chief Deputy Whip announced the Legislative Program for the week of October 5.

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**Meeting Hour—Oct. 5:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of October 7.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H9279.

**Referral:** S.J. Res. 58, recognizing the accomplishments of Inspectors General since their creation in

1978 in preventing and detecting waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and in promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9314, H9315, H9334–35, and H9335. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ENERGY SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Energy Security: What Will The New Millennium Bring? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Robert Gee, Assistant Secretary, Political International Affairs; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and Cecile Warner, National Renewable Energy Laboratory; and public witnesses.

### MEDICARE CHOICE PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on The Medicare Choice Program After One Year. Testimony was heard from Mike Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### IMPORTED DRUGS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Imported Drugs: U.S.—EU (European Union) Mutual Recognition Agreement on Drug Inspections. Testimony was heard from Ralph Ives, Deputy Assistant Trade Representative, Europe and the Mediterranean; Charles Ludolph, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Europe, Department of Commerce; and Sharon Smith Holston, Deputy Commissioner, External Affairs, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

### DC's YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE CHALLENGES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on the District of Columbia's Year 2000 Compliance Challenges. Testimony was heard from Jack Brock, Director, Information Management

Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Constance Newman, Vice-Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and the following officials of the District of Columbia: Camille Barnett, Chief Management Officer; and Suzanne Peck, Chief Technology Officer.

### COMBATING TERRORISM

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Combating Terrorism: The Status of the Defense Department Domestic Preparedness Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO: Richard Davis, Director, National Security Analysis; and Davi D'Agostino, Assistant Director, National Security Analysis; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Robert M. Blitzer, Section Chief, Domestic Terrorism/Counterterrorism Planning Section, National Security Division, FBI; and Michael J. Dalich, Chief of Staff, Office of Justice Programs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles L. Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; and James Q. Roberts, Principal Director, Policy and Missions, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; and Robert Knouss, Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on House Oversight:* Met and approved pending Committee business.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 4660, amended, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide rewards for information leading to the arrest or conviction of any individual for the commission of an act, or conspiracy to act, of international terrorism, narcotics related offenses, or for serious violations of international humanitarian law relating to the Former Yugoslavia; H.R. 4655, amended, Iraq Liberation Act of 1998; H.R. 4506, amended, International Child Labor Relief Act of 1998; H. Res. 523, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist bombing of the United States Embassies in East Africa; H. Con. Res. 295, expressing the sense of Congress that the 65th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933 should serve as a reminder of the brutality of the government of the former Soviet

Union's repressive policies toward the Ukrainian people; H. Con. Res. 309, amended, condemning the forced abduction of Ugandan children and their use as soldiers; H. Con. Res. 320, amended, supporting the Baltic people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and condemning the Nazi-Soviet Pact of Non-Aggression of August 23, 1939; H. Con. Res. 331, expressing the sense of the Congress concerning the inadequacy of sewage infrastructure facilities in Tijuana, Mexico; H. Res. 518, amended, calling for free and transparent elections in Gabon; H. Res. 533, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the culpability of Hun Sen for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in Cambodia (the former Kampuchea, and the State of Cambodia); H. Res. 562, concerning properties wrongfully expropriated by formerly totalitarian governments; and H. Res. 557, expressing support for U.S. efforts to identify Holocaust-era assets, urging the restitution of individual and communal property.

### POW/MIA OVERSIGHT

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on POW/MIA oversight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy; Robert L. Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary, POW/MIA Affairs; and Lt. Col. John Kelly, USA, former Commander, Detachment 2, Joint Task Force-Full Accounting; and public witnesses.

### CONFERENCE REPORT—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule also provides that H. Res. 551 is laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen, Smith of Oregon and Kaptur.

### OVERSIGHT—LA NINA WINTER WEATHER

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on Here Comes La Nina: What to Expect from the Weather in the Winter of 1998–99. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and

Atmosphere, and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; and a public witness.

### TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES RELATED TO Y2K PROBLEM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing to review transportation and infrastructure issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem Y2K: Will We Get There on Time? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Donald Itzkoff, Department Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Lee Gardner, Director, Office of Economics, Surface Transportation Board and Nuria Fernandez, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Robert Rose, Chief Information Officer, Railroad Retirement Board; Peter Benjamin, Assistant General Manager, Finance and Program Development, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and Robert Hayward, Director, Management and Information Systems, Metropolitan Transit Authority, Harris County, Texas.

Hearings continue October 6th.

### FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE REFORM ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on H.R. 4034, Federal Protective Service Reform Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and public witnesses.

### 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

### EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for September, receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year end-

ing September 30, 1999, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

### APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

*Conferees* on Thursday, October 1, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

### Week of October 5 through 10, 1998 Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act, at 5:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on 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*, October 6, 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:* October 6, to hold hearings on the worldwide threats facing the United States and potential United States operational and contingency requirements, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* October 6, to hold hearings on S. 2178, proposed Children's Development Commission Act, 11 a.m., SD-538.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Ira G. Peppercorn, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* October 6, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* October 6, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property,