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#### NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND RELATED AGENCIES AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1553, National Weather and Related Agencies Authorization Act of 1999. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report). The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and now printed in the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Gordon.

#### OPIC—ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTERS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and its assistance to small business exporters. Testimony was heard from George Munoz, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action the fol-

lowing bills: H.R. 1833, amended, Trade Agency Authorizations, Drug Free Borders and Prevention of On-Line Child Pornography Act of 1999; and H.R. 984, Caribbean and Central America Relief and Economic Stabilization Act.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, to resume hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

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

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings on the status of Youth Conservation Corps and other job programs conducted by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance,* business meeting to mark up the proposed Affordable Education Act of 1999, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Indian Affairs,* to hold hearings on S. 614, to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands; and S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and for other purposes, 10:30 a.m., SR-485.

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

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research and Specialty Crops, to continue hearings on Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* to mark up the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriation for fiscal year 2000, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to mark up H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2000 and 2001, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* to mark up H.R. 1180, Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Chemical Safety Information and Site Security Act of

1999, 2 p.m., or following full Committee, 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life Long Learning, hearing on H.R. 782, Older Americans Act Amendments Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1459, Models of Safety and Health Excellence Act of 1999; H.R. 1439, Safety and Health Audit Promotion and Whistleblower Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act; and H.R. 1381, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, to consider the following: H.R. 974, District of Columbia College Access Act; H.R. 1074, Regulatory Right-to-Know Act of 1999; H.R. 206, to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees; H.R. 100, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; H.R. 197, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the "Clifford R. Hope Post Office"; H.R. 1191, to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois; H.R. 1251, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the "Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building"; H.R. 1377, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building"; H.R. 28, Quality Child Care for Federal Employees Act; H.R. 1442, Law Enforcement and Public

Safety Enhancement Act of 1999; H.R. 1219, Construction Industry Payment Protection Act of 1999; a draft report entitled: "Making the Federal Government Accountable: Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management"; and the release of Interrogatories and Documents related to Committee investigation of illegal fundraising, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Minerals Management Service's Royalty Valuation Program, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following: H.R. 1659, National Police Training Commission Act of 1999; H.R. 102, the National Youth Crime Prevention Demonstration Act; H.R. 1501, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 1999; H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; H.R. 462, 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; H.R. 576, to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed; and to consider private bills, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 883, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Veteran's Millennium Health Care Act, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.