

Wednesday, August 4, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Agriculture Appropriations bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10139–S10266

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1480–1498, S. Res. 172–174, and S. Con. Res. 50. **Page S10221**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 832, to extend the commercial space launch damage indemnification provisions of section 70113 of title 49, United States Code. (S. Rept. No. 106–135)

H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–136)

S. 800, to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9–1–1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9–1–1 service, support of States in upgrading 9–1–1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–138)

S. 632, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10220**

Measures Passed:

Foreign Operations Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of June 30, 1999, Senate passed H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1234, Senate companion measure, as passed the Senate on June 30, 1999. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair, as authorized, appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators McConnell, Specter, Gregg, Shelby,

Bennett, Campbell, Bond, Stevens, Leahy, Inouye, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Murray, and Byrd.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 1234 was vitiated and then indefinitely postponed. **Page S10214**

Agriculture Appropriations: Senate passed S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Ashcroft Amendment No. 1507 (to Amendment No. 1499), to provide stability in the United States agriculture sector and to promote adequate availability of food and medicine for humanitarian assistance abroad by requiring congressional approval before the imposition of any unilateral agricultural or medical sanction against a foreign country or foreign entity. **Pages S10150–51**

Cochran Modified Amendment No. 1513 (to Amendment No. 1499), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S10168–74**

Ashcroft Modified Amendment No. 1516 (to Amendment No. 1499), to provide stability in the United States agriculture sector and to promote adequate availability of food and medicine abroad by requiring congressional approval before the imposition of any unilateral agricultural or medical sanction against a foreign country or foreign entity, and to provide for guidelines with respect to state sponsors of international terrorism. **Pages S10179–81**

By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 257), Lott (for Daschle) Amendment No. 1499, to provide emergency and income loss assistance to agricultural producers. **Pages S10150–83**

Boxer Amendment No. 1521, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the continued use of the fuel additive methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) and its impact on drinking water. **Pages S10183–95**

Thurmond Amendment No. 1523, to prohibit the use of foreign assistance funds to promote the sale or export of alcoholic beverages, including wine.

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Cochran (for Abraham) Amendment No. 1524, to provide funding for bovine tuberculosis research.

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Cochran (for Abraham) Amendment No. 1525, to prevent the reduction of the Food and Drug Administration capabilities in Detroit, Michigan.

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Kohl (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1526, to provide that not to exceed \$12,000,000 shall be for water and waste disposal systems to benefit Federally Recognized Native American Tribes, including grants pursuant to section 306C of such Act, provided that the Federally Recognized Native American Tribe is not eligible for any other rural utilities programs set aside under the Rural Community Advancement Program.

Pages S10197–98

Cochran (for Bond) Amendment No. 1527, to limit the use of appropriated funds for award of contracts through the HUBZone program.

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Cochran (for Burns) Amendment No. 1528, to express the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Agriculture shall exercise reasonable treatment of producers in order to avoid harmful consequences regarding the inadvertent planting of dry beans on contract acres, up to and including the 1999 crop year.

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Kohl (for Byrd) Amendment No. 1529, to designate West Virginia State College in Institute, West Virginia, as a land-grant college and to provide funding for college, with an offset.

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Kohl (for Cleland/Coverdell) Amendment No. 1530, to redesignate the National School Lunch Act as the “Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act”.

Pages S10197, S10201

Cochran/Kohl Amendment No. 1531, to provide additional funding for the Watershed and Flood Preventions and earmark funds for financial and technical assistance for pilot rehabilitation projects in Mississippi.

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Cochran Amendment No. 1532, to increase the fee on guaranteed business and industry loans thereby reducing the subsidy costs.

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Cochran Amendment No. 1533, to provide at least twenty five percent of the appropriated funds to small minority farmers for cooperatives.

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Cochran (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1534, to amend the National Drought Policy Act of 1998, to make a technical correction.

Pages S10197, S10201

Kohl (for Durbin/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1535, to require the expenditure of appropriated funds for certain enforcement activities.

Pages S10197, S10201

Kohl (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1536, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the United States Action Plan on Food Security.

Pages S10197, S10201–02

Cochran (for Gorton) Amendment No. 1537, to require the Farm Service Agency to review programs that provide assistance to apple farmers and report to Congress.

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Kohl (for Graham/Mack) Amendment No. 1538, to provide additional funding for fruit fly exclusion and detection, with an offset.

Pages S10197, S10202

Kohl (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 1539, providing that of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$1,500,00 shall be available to the Grassroots project.

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Kohl (for Levin) Amendment No. 1540, to provide funding for sustainable agriculture research and a research program on improved fruit practices in the State of Michigan, with an offset.

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Kohl (for Lincoln) Amendment No. 1541, to add Harry K. Dupree to certain provisions of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

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Cochran (for Mack) Amendment No. 1542, to provide \$300,000 for climate change research at the Florida Center for Climate Prediction at Florida State University, the University of Florida and the University of Miami with an offset.

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Cochran (for McConnell) Amendment No. 1543, to provide that certain cross-country leasing provisions apply to Kentucky and to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information.

Pages S10197, S10202–03

Cochran (for Nickles) Amendment No. 1544, to limit the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to declare excess or surplus all or part of the lands and facilities owned by the federal government and administered by the Secretary of Agriculture at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, or to transfer or convey such lands or facilities, without the specific authorization of Congress.

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Kohl (for Reid) Amendment No. 1545, to appropriate \$500,000 for the Nevada Arid Rangelands Initiative to develop research and educational programs to manage healthy and productive rangelands, provide abundant renewable natural resources, and support the economic development of the rangelands in a sustainable manner.

Pages S10197, S10203

Cochran (for Sessions) Amendment No. 1546, to provide for an increase and decrease in certain provisions of the bill. **Pages S10197, S10203**

Cochran (for Smith of New Hampshire) Amendment No. 1547, to provide eligibility to Berlin, New Hampshire for a rural utilities grant or loan under the Rural Community Advancement Program. **Pages S10197, S10203**

Cochran (for Smith of Oregon) Amendment No. 1548, to authorize the Cranberry Marketing Committee to conduct paid advertising for cranberries and cranberry products and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Committee to collect cranberry inventory data. **Pages S10197, S10203-04**

Cochran (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1549, to authorize Alaska Native tribes for payment of certain administrative costs for the Food Stamp Program. **Pages S10197, S10204**

Cochran (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1550, to require the Secretary review food packages periodically and consider including other nutritious foods under the food package program for Women, Children and Infants. **Pages S10197, S10204**

Cochran (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1551, to provide for education grants to Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions. **Pages S10197, S10204-05**

Cochran (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1552, to provide a minimum allocation of Smith Lever Act funds to States subject to a special statutory cost of living adjustment. **Pages S10197, S10205**

Cochran (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1553, to provide a minimum allocation of Hatch Act funds to States subject to a special statutory cost of living adjustment. **Pages S10197, S10205**

Cochran (for Thomas) Amendment No. 1554, to set aside certain funds for program and activities of the Livestock Marketing Information Center in Lakewood, Colorado, with an offset. **Pages S10197, S10205**

Cochran (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1555, to require the use of certain funds transferred to the Economic Research Service to conduct a study of reasons for the decline in participation in the food stamp program and any problems that households with eligible children have experienced in obtaining food stamps. **Pages S10197, S10205**

Kohl (for Edwards) Amendment No. 1556, to provide for an increase and a decrease in the amounts of certain appropriated funds. **Pages S10197, S10205**

Cochran (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 1557, to express the sense of the Senate that the Food and Drug Administration, to the maximum extent possible, when conducting an Import Food Survey under the President's Food Safety Initiative, ensure timely testing of produce imports. **Pages S10197, S10205**

Kohl (for Bryan/Reid) Amendment No. 1558, to provide that the price of milk received by producers in Clark County, Nevada, shall not be subject to any Federal milk marketing order or any other regulation by the Secretary of Agriculture and shall solely be regulated by the State of Nevada and the Nevada State Dairy Commission. **Pages S10197, S10205**

Kohl (for Baucus) Amendment No. 1559, to express the sense of the Senate concerning actions by the World Trade Organization relating to trade in agricultural commodities. **Pages S10197, S10205-06**

Kohl Amendment No. 1560, to provide additional funding to existing research programs. **Pages S10197, S10206**

Kohl (for Harkin) Amendment No. 1561, to provide an additional \$2,000,000 for the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, offset from the Economic Research Service. **Pages S10197, S10206**

Rejected:

Roberts Amendment No. 1509 (to Amendment No. 1499), of a perfecting nature. (By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 253), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10151-55**

McCain/Gregg Modified Amendment No. 1510 (to Amendment No. 1499), to prohibit the use of appropriated funds for the sugar program, other than the marketing assessment. (By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 254), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10155-63**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1514 (to Amendment No. 1499), to provide emergency and income loss assistance to agricultural producers. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10174-76**

Conrad Amendment No. 1517 (to Amendment No. 1499), of a perfecting nature. (By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 256), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10176-79**

Chafee Amendment No. 1522 (to Amendment No. 1521), to express the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Environment and Public Works should review the findings of the EPA Blue Ribbon Panel on MTBE and other relevant scientific studies, hold comprehensive hearings, and report to the Senate at the earliest possible date any legislation necessary to address the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel. (By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 258), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S10195**

Withdrawn:

Specter Amendment No. 1512 (to Amendment No. 1499), to reauthorize, and modify the conditions for, the consent of Congress to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, to grant the consent of Congress to the Southern Dairy Compact, and to require the Secretary of Agriculture to use certain methods

for pricing milk under consolidated Federal milk marketing orders. **Pages S10163–68**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 252), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to close further debate on the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report back forthwith, with a Lott Amendment No. 1501 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to restrict the use of certain funds appropriated to the Agricultural Marketing Service. **Pages S10139–50**

Agriculture Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1233, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate today. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: Senators Cochran, Specter, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Stevens, Kohl, Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, and Byrd. **Page S10214**

Subsequently, passage of S. 1233 was vitiated and then indefinitely postponed. **Page S10214**

Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 173, to authorize representation of the Senate Committee on Armed Services in the case of *Philip Tinsley III v. Senate Committee on Armed Services*. **Page S10263**

Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 174, to authorize representation of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary in the case of *Philip Tinsley III v. Senate Committee on the Judiciary*. **Page S10263**

Veterans National Cemetery: Senate passed S. 695, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in various locations in the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10265–66**

Cochran (for Specter/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 1562, to require the establishment of a national cemetery in the Detroit, Michigan, metro area and in Sacramento, California, and to authorize the use of flat grave markers at Santa Fe National cemetery. **Page S10265**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of Richard Holbrooke, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States to the United Nations, and to be the Representative of the United States to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations, on Thursday, August 5, 1999, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S10263**

Interior Appropriations—Agreement: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, on Thursday, August 5, 1999. **Page S10199**

Private Relief: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 606, for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC. **Pages S10263–64**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dan Herman Renberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2003.

Routine list in the Navy.

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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: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—258) **Pages S10150, S10155, S10163, S10176, S10179, S10183, S10195**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 9:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 5, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10199.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. FARM ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee continued hearings on the market and financial performance of the United States agricultural sector, receiving testimony from Tom Buis, National Farmers Union, and Mary Kay Thatcher, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; George Swan, Rogerson, Idaho, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Mark Birdsall, U.S. Durum Growers Association, Berthold, North Dakota, on behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers; Ryland Utlaut, Grand Pass, Missouri, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association; Dennis Everson, First Dakota National Bank, Yankton, South Dakota, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Jim Caspary, First National Bank of Clifton, Clifton, Illinois, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; and Daryll E. Ray, University of Tennessee Agricultural Policy Analysis Center, Knoxville.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Carol DiBattiste, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and four military nominations in the Army and Navy.

FRAUD AGAINST SENIORS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine fraud against seniors, focusing on health care, sweepstakes contests, and financial services, after receiving testimony from Susan Herman, National Center for Victims of Crime, Arlington, Virginia; Tim Barron, Delaware Office of the Attorney General, Wilmington; Lisa Nerenburg, Goldman Institute on Aging, San Francisco, California; Stephen J. Schneider, Oregon Department of Human Resources, Salem; Judy Hallman, Frederick Police Department, and Robert Matthews, both of Frederick, Maryland; Jane C. Schultz, Ridgefield, Connecticut; Jill Thomas, Bay Village, Ohio; John N. Hupalo, Alameda, California; and Deanna Antrim-Spencer, Silver Spring, Maryland.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to re-

view the National Park Service's performance management process under the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act, after receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee resumed markup of S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980 (Superfund), but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

TAIWAN SECURITY ENHANCEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on S. 693, to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, after receiving testimony from Senator Baucus; Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs/Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Richard V. Allen, Allen and Company, David M. Lampton, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Caspar W. Weinberger, Forbes, Inc., and R. James Woolsey, Shea and Gardner, all of Washington, D.C.

VIETNAM ECONOMIC REFORM AND TRADE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion and Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded joint hearings on economic reform and trade opportunities in Vietnam, after receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; Douglas B. Peterson, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam; J. Michael Stinson, Conoco, Inc., Houston, Texas; Lionel C. Johnson, Citigroup, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Thomas Vallely, Harvard Institute for International Development, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the current status of the nations food supply, focusing on overlap and duplication in the Federal Food Safety System, after receiving testimony from Catherine E. Woteki, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety; Jane E. Henney, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Carol Tucker

Foreman, Consumer Federation of America, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Rhona Applebaum, National Food Processors Association, and Stacey Zawel, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority, Chicago, Illinois.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, and Robert Raben, of Florida, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Ogden was introduced by Senator Warner, and Mr. Raben was introduced by Senator Graham and Representatives Hyde and Conyers.

DRUG PATENT TERM RESTORATION REVIEW PROCEDURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1172, to provide a patent term restoration review procedure for certain drug products, focusing on proposed remedies for relief, relating to pipeline drugs, after receiving testimony from former Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America; Peter Barton Hutt, Covington and Burling, and Bruce L. Downey, Barr Laboratories, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Richard J. Kogan, Schering-Plough Corporation, Madison, New Jersey; Gerald F. Meyer, AAC Consulting Group, Inc., Potomac, Maryland; and Carole S. Goldfine Ben-Maimon, Teva Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Sellersville, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Generic Pharmaceutical Industry Association and the National Pharmaceutical Alliance.

ANNUAL REFUGEE ADMISSIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed annual refugee admissions and allocation for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony from Julia V. Taft, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; Mary Kortenhoven, Christian Reformed Church, on behalf of the Church World Service, and Binta Bah, both of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio, Camden, New Jersey, on be-

half of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops; and Ralston H. Deffenbaugh, Jr., Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the InterAction Committee on Migration and Refugee Affairs.

COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings after receiving testimony from Senators, as indicated, in support of resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses of their respective committees, as follows:

Committee on Small Business: (S. Res. 142), Senators Bond and Kerry; Select Committee on Intelligence: (S. Res. 139), Senators Shelby and Kerrey;

Committee on Foreign Relations: (S. Res. 148), Senators Helms and Biden;

Committee on Finance: (S. Res. 150), Senators Roth and Moynihan;

Committee on Armed Services: (S. Res. 143), Senators Warner and Levin; and

Special Committee on Aging: (S. Res. 155), Senators Grassley and Breaux.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 299, 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, and S. 406, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payers, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations, after receiving testimony from Michel E. Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Gregory E. Pyle, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; and Buford L. Rolin, National Indian Health Board, Denver, Colorado.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2696–2712; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64 and H. Con. Res. 172, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–288);

Conference report on H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care (H. Rept. 106–289);

Conference report on H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–290);

H. Res. 274, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, and to provide incentives for education savings and health care (H. Rept. 106–291);

H. Res. 275, providing for consideration of H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–292); and

H. Res. 276, providing for consideration of S. 1467, to extend the funding levels for aviation programs for 60 days (H. Rept. 106–293).

Pages H7024–25, H7027–H7192, H7241–50

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, August 3, by a yea and nay vote of 366 yeas to 56 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 367.

Pages H6967, H6972–73

Suspension—American Inventors Protection Act: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1907, amended, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for inventors and innovators, protect patent terms, and reduce patent litigation by a yea and nay vote of 376 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 368. The House debated the bill on August 3.

Pages H6973–74

Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House com-

pleted general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

Pages H6983–H7018, H7193–H7221

Agreed to:

The Serrano amendment that increases funding for the Legal Services Corporation by \$109 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 370);

Pages H7003–18

The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that provides \$2 million in funding for grants to develop programs to reduce drug use among juveniles; and

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The Blagojevich amendment that allocates an additional \$7.5 million for innovative policing programs under the COPS program.

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Rejected:

The Scott amendment that sought to increase crime prevention and treatment program funding by \$137.3 million and decrease the truth in sentencing block grant program accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 263 noes, Roll No. 372);

Pages H7197–H7200, H7219–20

The DeGette amendment that sought to strike the section that prohibits funding for abortion except where the life of the mother would be endangered or in the case of rape (rejected by a recorded vote of 160 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 373); and

Pages H7204–07, H7220–21

The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding by \$2.7 billion for the decennial census (rejected by a recorded vote of 171 yeas to 257 noes, Roll No. 374).

Pages H7208–16, H7217–19, H7221

Withdrawn:

The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for naturalization adjudication personnel; and

Pages H7195–96

The Maloney of Connecticut amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to reallocate funding for Community Oriented Policing Services.

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Points of Order Sustained Against:

The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that sought to increase funding for border control agent salaries; and

Pages H7194–95

The Cook amendment that sought to increase funding for grants to Combat Violence Against Women and Law Enforcement Armor Vests programs.

Pages H7201–02

Rejected the Obey motion to rise by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 371.

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H. Res. 273, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 221 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 369.

Pages H6974–83

Emergency Steel, Oil, and Gas Loan Guarantee Program: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1664, providing emergency authority for guarantees of loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and to qualified oil and gas companies, by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 176 noes with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 375.

Pages H7222–33

Legislative Branch Appropriations: The Toomey motion to instruct conferees on the Senate amendments to H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 to insist upon (1) the House provisions for the funding of the House of Representatives under title I of the bill; (2) the Senate amendment for the funding of the Senate under title I of the bill, including funding provided under the heading “JOINT ITEMS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL—Capitol Buildings and Grounds—senate office buildings”; (3) the House provisions for the funding of Joint Items under title I of the bill, other than the funding provided under the heading “JOINT ITEMS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL—Capitol Buildings and Grounds—senate office buildings”; and (4) the House version of title II of the bill was offered and subsequently, proceedings were postponed.

Pages H7233–36

Recess: The House recessed at 11:44 p.m. and reconvened at 12:38 a.m. on Thursday, August 5.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6967.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7026–27.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6972–73, H6973–74, H6982–83, H7017–18, H7216, H7219–20, H7220–21, H7221, and H7233. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:39 a.m. on Thursday, August 5.

Committee Meetings

COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on legislation to Improve the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, focusing on several brownfields-related provisions contained in the following bills: H.R. 1300, Recycle America’s Land Act of 1999; H.R. 1750, Community Revitalization and Brownfield Cleanup Act of 1999; and H.R. 2580, Land Recycling Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Tim Fields, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; Lois Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environmental Protection Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE+CHOICE—PROGRAM EVALUATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment held a hearing on Medicare+Choice: An Evaluation of the Program. Testimony was heard from Robert Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on reauthorization of the Office of Government Ethics. Testimony was heard from Stephen D. Potts, Director, Office of Government Ethics; and a public witness.

GUN MANUFACTURERS—HUD’S ROLE IN LITIGATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on What is HUD’s Role in Litigation Against Gun Manufacturers? Testimony was heard from Gail Laster, General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DECEPTIVE SWEEPSTAKES MAILINGS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Postal Service approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2319, to make the American Battle Monuments Commission and the World War II Memorial Advisory Board eligible to use

nonprofit standard mail rates of postage; H.R. 642, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the "Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building"; H.R. 643, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building"; H.R. 1666, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 2307, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hoskinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Postal Office Building"; and H.R. 2357, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3675 Warrensville Center Road in Shaker Heights, Ohio, as the "Louise Stokes Post Office".

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Deceptive Sweepstakes Mailings. Testimony was heard from Representatives LoBiondo and Rogan; Orson Swindle, Commissioner, FTC; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO; Ken Hunter, Chief Postal Inspector, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

BALKANS—U.S. INTERESTS AND GOALS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The Balkans: What Are U.S. Interests and the Goals of U.S. Engagement? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: E. Anthony Wayne, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for European and Canadian Affairs; and Ambassador Larry C. Napper, Coordinator, East European Assistance; Ambassador James Pardew, Principal Deputy Special Adviser to the President and the Secretary of State for Kosovo and Dayton Accords Implementation; and public witnesses.

FREEDOM FROM SEXUAL TRAFFICKING ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 1356, Freedom From Sexual Trafficking Act of 1999.

OVERSIGHT—HATE CRIMES VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on Hate Crimes Violence. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Reuben Greenberg, Chief of Police, Charleston, South Carolina; and public witnesses.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999.

SUBPOENA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved a motion to issue a subpoena duces tecum directed to the U.S. Department of Justice regarding criminal aliens released by the Immigration and Naturalization Service who commit additional crimes in the United States after they are released.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported, amended, the following bills: H.R. 795, Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1999; H.R. 970, Perkins County Rural Water System Act of 1999; H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho; H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 2435, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions or transfers of funds on a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the rule. The rule provides that, before consideration of

any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, which may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives points of order against the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions or transfers of funds in a general appropriations bill). The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes and 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 Representatives Walsh, Obey, Edwards, Evans, Filner, Stabenow, and Capuano.

CONFERENCE REPORT—FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2488, Financial Freedom Act of 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule one hour of debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that clause 5(b) of rule XXI (requiring a three-fifths vote on any amendment or measure containing a federal income tax rate increase) shall not apply to the question of adoption of the conference report and to any subsequent conference report or to any motion to dispose of an amendment between the houses on the bill. Testimony was heard from Representative Thomas.

AVIATION PROGRAMS FUNDING LEVELS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against consideration of S. 1467, to extend the funding levels for aviation programs for 60 days in the House. The rule makes in order a motion to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert the text of H.R. 1000 as passed by the House. The rule waives all points of order against the motion to strike. Finally, the rule makes in order a motion to go to conference with the Senate on the bill, as amended. Tes-

timony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representative Oberstar.

K-12 MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on K-12 Math and Science Education-Testing and Licensing Teachers. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Elliott, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Department of Education, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

Y2K—COMPUTER SECURITY IMPACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform held a joint hearing on Computer Security Impact of Y2K: Expanding Risks of Fraud. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS—EFFECTS OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to investigate the effects of federal procurement policy on small business competitiveness. Testimony was heard from Deidre Lee, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; Robert Neal, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Deputy Secretary (International and Commercial Programs, Department of Defense; Richard Hayes, Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Minority Business Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT; RAIL PASSENGER DISASTER FAMILY ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Con. Res. 171, congratulating the American Public Transit Association for 25 years of commendable service to the transit industry and the Nation; H.R. 2679, Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999; and H.R. 2681, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1999.

DISASTER MITIGATION SPENDING—EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Effectiveness of Disaster Mitigation Spending. Testimony was heard from Stanley Czerwinski, Associate Director, Resources Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Michael Armstrong, Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate, FEMA.

KHOBAR TOWERS UPDATE BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Khobar Towers Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

Joint Meetings**WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY
AUGUST 5, 1999**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to continue hearings on farm crisis issues, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Harry J. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank; the nomination of Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; the nomination of Martin Neil Baily, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers; the nomination of Robert Z. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers; and the nomination of Dorian Vanessa Weaver, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 1:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 620, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated; S. 486, to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States; and the nomination of Mervyn M. Mosbacher, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing

to review the operations of the Food Stamp Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, hearing to review regulatory relief for U.S. futures exchanges, 2 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce; H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999; H.R. 486, Community Broadcasters Protection of 1999; H.R. 2630, NTIA Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 2130, Hillory J. Farias Date-Rape Prevention Drug Act of 1999; and H.R. 2506, Health and Research and Quality Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on "White House Insider Mark Middleton: His Ties to John Huang, Charlie Trie, and Other Campaign Finance Figures", 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1883, Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999; and H.R. 2367, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999; and H.R. 2551, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the H-1B Temporary Professional Worker Visa Program, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 33, imposing certain restrictions and requirements on the leasing under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of lands offshore Florida, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 2669, Coastal Community Conservation Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 20, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of 1999; H.R. 748, to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission; H.R. 1615, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act; H.R. 1665, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation; H.R. 2140, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; and H.R. 2339, National Discovery Trails Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 417, Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1999, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 356, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California; H.R. 1753, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1999; H.R. 2086, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act; H.R. 1883, Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999; H.R. 2607, Commercial Space Transportation Competitiveness Act of 1999; and H.R. 1744, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1999, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: 1 lease resolution; 1 repair and alter-

ation resolution; H.R. 2681, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act; H.R. 2679, Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999; H. Con. Res. 171, congratulating the American Public Transit Association for 25 years of commendable service to the transit industry and the Nation; Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions; H.R. 1300, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on United States Negotiating Objectives for the WTO Seattle Ministerial Meeting, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 5,

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, August 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will consider the nomination of Richard Holbrooke, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States to the United Nations, and to be the Representative of the United States to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations, with a vote to occur thereon; following which, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2466, Department of the Interior Appropriations.

Senate expects to consider the conference report of the Budget Reconciliation/Tax Relief bill (upon receipt from the House).

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2488, Financial Freedom Act of 1999 Conference Report (rule waiving points of order);

Completed Consideration of H.R. 2670, Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies (open rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2684, Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 (rule only); and.

Go to Conference on S. 1467, Extending the Funding Levels for Aviation Programs for 60 Days (rule waiving points of order).



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