

Wednesday, September 8, 1999, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader were authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H7468**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 8. **Page H7468**

Presidential Message—Legislative Proposal: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted a legislative proposal entitled “Central American and Haitian Parity Act of 1999—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered printed H. Doc. 106–114. **Page H7468**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H7252, H7356–57, H7413, and H7431.

Referral: S. 695 was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. **Page H7868**

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7887–88.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7251–52, H7260, H7275, H7275–76, H7333–34, H7376–77, H7377–78, H7378, H7378–79, H7379, H7383, H7384, H7425, and H7431. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 51, adjourned at 12:13 a.m. on Friday, August 6 until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM—REVIEW OPERATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the operations of the Food Stamp Program. Testimony was heard from Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; Clarence H. Carter, Commissioner, Department of Social Services, State of Virginia; Douglas E. Howard, Director, Family Independence Agency, State of Michigan; Lynda G. Fox, Secretary, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; Melba L. Price, Associate Director, Department of Social Services, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

U.S. FUTURE EXCHANGES—REGULATORY RELIEF

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review regulatory relief for U.S. futures ex-

changes. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission: David D. Spears, Acting Chairman; Barbara Pedeson Holum, James E. Newsome and Thomas J. Erickson, all Commissioners; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, amended, 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. 2130, Hillory J. Farias Date-Rape Prevention Drug Act of 1999; and H.R. 2506, Health and Research and Quality Act of 1999.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FIGURES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “White House Insider Mark Middleton: His Ties to John Huang, Charlie Trie, and Other Campaign Finance Figures”. In refusing to give testimony, Mark Middleton invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoekstra; Kathleen M. Hawk Sawyer, Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Reginald A. Wilkson, Director, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on the H-1B Temporary Professional Worker Visa Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASING—LANDS OFFSHORE FLORIDA

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 33, imposing certain restrictions and requirements on the leasing under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of lands offshore Florida. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Walt Rosenbusch, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Mike Joyner, Director, Legislative and Governmental Affairs, State of Florida; and a public witness.

COASTAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2669, Coastal Community Conservation Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 20, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of 1999; H.R. 748, amended, 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, amended, 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, amended, 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.

BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 417, Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1999 divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment. The rule permits 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 Chairmen Thomas and Goodling; Representatives Ewing, Shays, Hutchinson, Shaw, Calvert, Brady of Texas, Wamp, Hoyer, Davis of Florida. Meehan and Levin.

CONFERENCE REPORT—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 507, Water Resources Development Act of 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Boehlert.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: 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; and H.R. 1300, amended, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved the following: 1 lease resolution; 1 repair and alteration resolution; and Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

U.S. NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES—WTO SEATTLE MINISTERIAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States Negotiating Objectives for the WTO Seattle Ministerial Meeting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller, Becerra, Regula and Miller of Florida; Susan G. Esserman, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Sheldon R. Jones, Director, Department of Agriculture, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on the Narcotics Threat from Colombia, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings on the employment and unemployment situation for July, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn Building.