

Juvenile Justice Reform: Representative Lofgren moved to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders, to recommend a conference substitute that (1) includes a loophole-free system that assures that no criminals or other prohibited purchasers (e.g. murderers, rapists, child molesters, fugitives from justice, undocumented aliens, stalkers and batterers) obtain firearms from non-licensed persons and federally licensed firearms dealers at gun shows; (2) does not include provisions that weaken current gun safety law; and (3) includes provisions that aid in the enforcement of current laws against criminals who use guns (e.g. murderers, rapists, child molesters, fugitives from justice, stalkers and batterers). The ordered vote on the motion was postponed until Sept. 23. Pages H8524-31

Historically Black Colleges and Universities: The House agreed to H. Res. 293, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week." Pages H8531-35

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8494.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8557-58.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8497-98, H8498, H8512-13, H8513-14, H8514, H8522, and H8523. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ATLANTIC FLEET TRAINING CENTER— READINESS IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on readiness implications concerning the Atlantic Fleet Training Center, Vieques, Puerto Rico. Testimony was heard from Resident Commissioner Romero-Barceló; the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Vice Adm. William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, 2nd Fleet; Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Commander, U.S. Marine Forces, Atlantic; Rear Adm. John M. Johnson, USN, Commander, Carrier Group 6; Brig. Gen. Emo Gardner, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Aviation; and Rear Adm. Cutler Dawson, USN, former Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 12.

RUSSIAN MONEY LAUNDERING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Continued hearings on Russian Money Laundering. Testimony was heard from James Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials concluded hearings on legislation to Improve the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 1300, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999; and H.R. 2580, Land Recycling Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Tim Fields, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; and Steven Herman, Assistant Administrator, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; and public witnesses.

ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 2418, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999. Testimony was heard from William Raub, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation/Science Policy, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant: An Assessment of Worker Safety and Environmental Contamination. Testimony was heard from David Michaels, Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy; Richard D. Green, Director, Region 4, Waste Management Division, EPA; Malcolm R. Knapp, Deputy Executive Director, Operations for Materials, Research, and State Programs, NRC; Robert Logan, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Kentucky; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing of the 2000 Census: Discussion of the Effects of Including Puerto Rico in the 2000 U.S. Population Totals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Serrano, Romero-Barceló and Faleomavaega; and Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census. Department of Commerce.

STATISTICAL EFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2885, amended, Statistical Efficiency Act of 1999; and H.R. 2513, to direct the Administrator of General Services to acquire a building located in Terre Haute, Indiana.

TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Terrorism Preparedness: Medical First Response. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Robert F. Knouss, Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness; and Scott Lillibridge, M.D., Director, Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Response Program, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

TRADE IN THE AMERICAS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Trade in the Americas: Progress, Challenges, and Prospect. Testimony was heard from Walter Bastian, Director, Office of Latin America and the Caribbean, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Douglas Browning, Assistant Commissioner, International Affairs, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 124, expressing the sense of the Congress relating to recent allegations of espionage and illegal campaign financing that have brought into question the loyalty and probity of Americans of Asian ancestry; H.R. 2005, amended, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 1999; and H.R. 1791, amended, Federal Law Enforcement Animal Protection Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported 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; S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma; 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; H.R. 2547, amended, Chugach Alaska Natives Settlement Implementation Act of 1999; and H.R. 2841, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions.

HEALTH RESEARCH AND QUALITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2506, Health Research and Quality Act of 1999. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Commerce now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule provides for the consideration of pro forma amendments and those amendments pre-printed in the Congressional Record, which may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and shall be considered as read. 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 Representatives Bilirakis and Brown of Ohio.

OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO UTILIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Basic Research held a joint hearing on Overcoming Barriers to Utilization of Technology in the Classroom. Testimony was heard from George O. Strawn, Executive Officer, Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate, NSF; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TVA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on TVA: Electricity Restructuring and General Oversight. Testimony was heard from David N. Smith, Chief Financial Officer, TVA; Linda M. Calbom, Director, Civil Audits, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 1663, National Medal of Honor Memorial Act; and H.J. Res. 65, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

STRENGTHENING MEDICARE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Strengthening Medicare for Future Generations. Testimony was heard from Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE**

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions 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, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPS/EXPORT FINANCING

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23, 1999**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings on the nomination of Paul W. Fiddick, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; and the nomination of Andrew C. Fish, of Vermont, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Commodity Exchange Act, focusing on the impact of electronic trading on regulation, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider 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 John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency; 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; the nomination of Dan Herman Renberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and the nomination of Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Export Administration Act, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to explore the potential consequences of the year 2000 computer problem to the Nation's supply of electricity, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings on the nomination of Richard A. Meserve, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; the nomination of Paul L. Hill, Jr., of West Virginia, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; the nomination of Major General Phillip R. Anderson, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 USC 642); the nomination of Sam Epstein Angel, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission; and the nomination of Brigadier General Robert H. Griffin, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 USC 642), 3 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues on corruption in Russia, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine quality management issues at the federal level, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine Immigration and Naturalization Service reform issues, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to markup of S. Res. 172, to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America, 9 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider H.R. 2389, County Schools Funding Revitalization Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2000, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.