

that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted upon adoption of the rule, and that the bill, as amended, shall be open to amendment by title. The rule provides for the consideration, before any other amendment, of the manager's amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, which shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, and shall not be subject to a division of the question. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting non-germane amendments) against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule authorizes 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 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.

CONFERENCE REPORT—VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points against the conference report 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, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule also provides that H. Res. 300 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Mr. Walsh.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule waiving all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

COMMERCIAL SPACEPLANES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Commercial Spaceplanes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FATHERS COUNT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action the Fathers Count Act of 1999.

BRIEFING—FBI'S REEXAMINATION OF PRC THEFT OF U.S. NUCLEAR SECRETS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on the FBI's Reexamination of Matters Pertaining to the Likely PRC Theft of U.S. Nuclear Secrets. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1109)

H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed October 9, 1999. (P.L. 106-69)

S. 1606, to extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted. Signed October 9, 1999. (P.L. 106-70)

S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. Signed October 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-71)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine risk management crop insurance, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the lessons learned from the military operations conducted as part of Operation Allied Force, and associated relief operations, with respect to Kosovo; to be followed by a closed hearing (SR-222), 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on S. 1683, to make technical changes to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act; S. 1686, to provide for the conveyances of land interests to Chugach

Alaska Corporation to fulfill the intent, purpose, and promise of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; S. 1702, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow shareholder common stock to be transferred to adopted Alaska Native children and their descendants; 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; and H.R. 2368, to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1218, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots; S. 610, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming; S. 1343, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest land to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; S. 408, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; S. 1629, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon; and S. 1599, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with Black Hills National Forest, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Clean Air Act, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings on issues related to the crisis in Pakistan, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the devastating impact that diabetes and its resulting complications have had on Americans in both human and economic terms, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

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

House

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

to review the USDA Civil Rights Programs and Responsibilities, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Olympics Site Selection Process: The Need for Reform, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on How the Quality of Grant Performance is Assessed at the U.S. Department of Labor, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on International Child Abduction: Implementation of the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 20, concerning economic, humanitarian, and other assistance to the northern part of Somalia; and H. Con. Res. 46, urging an end of the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia and calling on the United Nations Human Rights Commission and other human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuses in connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict; and to hold a hearing on United States-South Africa Relations: Present and Future, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice regarding Charter Schools, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on Going Public-The End of the Rainbow for a Small Business? 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Recent Increase in Air Traffic Control Delays, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers, 10 a.m., SC-5, Capitol.

Conference: closed meeting of conferees on H.R. 1555, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.