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MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3331, Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Conservation Act of 1999; H.R. 3390, Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Conservation Act of 1999; and H.R. 3516, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prohibit pelagic longline fishing in the exclusive economic zone in the Atlantic Ocean. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Penelope Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2086, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Science. The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill, modified by striking section 8. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, shall be open for amendment by section. 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 and provides that those amendments shall be considered as read. 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Hall of Texas.

MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act of 2000, providing two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on

Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted upon adoption of the resolution. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, printed in the report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Weller and Rangel.

OUTCOME—SEATTLE WTO MINISTERIAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the outcome of the World Trade Organization Ministerial held in Seattle. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of Georgia, Weller and Waters; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; Susan Westin, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the dairy pricing system, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine loan guarantees and rural television service, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Budget: to continue hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Trade Commission, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine U.S. foreign policy priorities, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the rising cost of college tuition and the effectiveness of the Federal financial aid, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the national intelligence estimate on the ballistic missile threat to the United States, 2 p.m., SD-342.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review legislation to establish a loan guarantee program to promote the delivery of direct-to-home satellite services to rural America, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Administration on Children, Youth and Families and the Administration on Aging, 10 a.m., and on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on issues related to the restitution of Holocaust victims' assets, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, joint hearing on Medical Errors: Improving Quality of Care and Consumer Information, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on The White House, the Networks, and TV Censorship, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Title VI: Providing Flexibility for Innovative Education, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act to Private Internet Sites, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on H.R. 3182, Craig Municipal Equity Act of 1999; followed by a oversight hearing on Issues and controversies relating to access across conservation systems lands and other public lands in Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Shrinking Workforce Endangers America's Small Businesses: Examining the Need for the Skilled Workforce Enhancement Act, focusing on H.R. 1824, Skilled Workforce Enhancement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal year 2001, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2001 budget, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.