

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4576, DOD Appropriations FY 2001.
- The House passed H.R. 1102, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act.
- The House passed H.R. 4118, Russian-American Trust and Cooperation Act.
- The House passed H.R. 2634, Drug Addiction Treatment Act.
- House committees ordered reported 12 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7173–S7301

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2888–2894. **Page S7229**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Received on Tuesday, July 18, 2000:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2001." (S. Rept. No. 106–346)

Page S7160 (Record of 7–18–00)

Received today:

S. 1912, to facilitate the growth of electronic commerce and enable the electronic commerce market to continue its current growth rate and realize its full potential, to signal strong support of the electronic commerce market by promoting its use within Federal government agencies and small and medium-sized businesses. (S. Rept. No. 106–349)

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Measures Passed:

Jewish Community Center Attack: Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, urging the Government of Argentina to pursue and punish those responsible for the 1994 attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7279–80**

Burns (for L. Chafee) Amendment No. 3939, to make a technical amendment. **Page S7280**

Burns (for L. Chafee) Amendment No. 3940, to make technical amendments to the preamble. **Page S7280**

Abduction of Nadia Dabbagh: Senate agreed to S. Res. 239, expressing the sense of the Senate that Nadia Dabbagh, who was abducted from the United

States, should be returned home to her mother, Ms. Maureen Dabbagh. **Page S7280**

Conditions in Laos: Senate agreed to S. Res. 309, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding conditions in Laos. **Pages S7280–81**

Iranian Baba'i Emancipation: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 57, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community. **Pages S7281–82**

U.S. Nonrecognition Policy Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 122, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States nonrecognition policy of the Soviet takeover of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and calling for positive steps to promote a peaceful and democratic future for the Baltic region. **Page S7282**

Northern Europe Cross-Border Cooperation: Senate passed H.R. 4249, to foster cross-border cooperation and environmental cleanup in Northern Europe, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7282**

Burma Free Elections Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 113, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the free and fair elections in Burma and the urgent need to improve the democratic and human rights of the people of Burma, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Pages S7282–83**

Haiti Free Elections: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 126, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should support free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Haiti. **Pages S7283–84**

Prisoners of War in Iraq: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 124, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to provide the fullest possible accounting of United States Navy Commander Michael Scott Speicher and prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of

international agreements, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7284–85**

Burns (for Smith-NH) Amendment No. 3941, to make certain improvements to the resolution.

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Burns (for Smith-NH) Amendment No. 3942, to amend the preamble.

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Burns (for Smith-NH) Amendment No. 3943, to amend the title.

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Small Business Innovation Research Program Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 2392, to amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the Small Business Innovation Research Program, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Burns (for Bond) Amendment No. 3944, in the nature of a substitute.

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Timbisha Shoshone Homeland Act: Senate passed S. 2101, to provide to the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe a permanent land base within its aboriginal homeland, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7293–97

Burns (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3945, to make certain improvements to the bill.

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Reports Consolidation Act: Senate passed S. 2712, to amend chapter 35 of title 31, United States Code, to authorize the consolidation of certain financial and performance management reports required of Federal agencies.

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Federal Law Enforcement Animal Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1791, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for harming animals used in Federal law enforcement, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act: Senate passed H.R. 707, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7298–S7301

Burns (for Smith-NH) Amendment No. 3946, in the nature of a substitute.

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Agriculture Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, as amended, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S7174, S7193–S7216, S7218

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 216), Cochran/Kohl Amendment No. 3927 (to Amendment No. 3925), to modify amendment relating to Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2001.

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By 74 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 217), Jeffords Amendment No. 3925, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow importation of covered products.

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Pending:

Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3938, to prohibit the use of appropriated funds to label, mark, stamp, or tag as “inspected and passed” meat, meat products, poultry, or poultry products that do not meet microbiological performance standards established by the Secretary of Agriculture.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, July 20, 2000.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Additional Statements:

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Text of H.R. 4578, as Previously Passed:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—217)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. Thursday, July 20, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7301.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

FINANCIAL REPORTING MODEL ADAPTATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings to examine issues related to adapting a financial reporting model that would ensure the relevance, timeliness, reliability, consistency and comparability of information and have the ability to truly measure the value of an enterprise in the New Economy, after receiving testimony from Steve M. Samek, Arthur Andersen, Chicago, Illinois; Robert K. Elliott, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and Baruch Lev, New York University, both of New York, New York; Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, and Michael R. Young, Willkie Farr and Gallagher, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Boxer, Feinstein, and Inouye, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee began markup of H.R. 701, to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL AID PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water concluded oversight hearings to examine concerns raised by the General Accounting Office investigation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services ad-

ministration of the Federal Aid Program, including controls over funds, expenditures, and grants, the use administrative funds among regional offices, and limited auditing, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; R. Max Peterson, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and Terry Z. Riley, Wildlife Management Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Susan R. Lamson, National Rifle Association of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Mike Nussman, American Sportfishing Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

PERMANENT CHINA TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine giving Permanent Normal Trade Relations status to Communist China, focusing on human rights, labor, trade and economic implications, after receiving testimony from Gary L. Bauer, American Values, Arlington, Virginia; George F. Becker, United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Dai Qing, Beijing, People's Republic of China.

INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on certain legislative proposals and issues relevant to the operations of Inspectors General, including S. 870, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, after receiving testimony from Joshua Gotbaum, Executive Associate Director and Controller, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, on behalf of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency; and Nicholas M. Gess, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4884–4897; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 377 and H. Res. 558, were introduced. **Pages H6598–99**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

Committee on Appropriations Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–761);

H.R. 3919, to provide assistance for the conservation of coral reefs, to coordinate Federal coral reef conservation activities, amended (H. Rept. 106–762);

H.R. 3182, to provide for a land conveyance to the city of Craig, Alaska (H. Rept. 106–763);

H.R. 2958, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska (H. Rept. 106–764);

Conference report on H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 (H. Rept. 106-765);

H. Res. 559, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 (H. Rept. 106-766); and

H. Res. 560, providing for consideration of H.R. 4871, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106-767). **Page H6598**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ose to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6473**

Profound Sorrow on the Death of the Honorable Paul Coverdell, a Senator from the State of Georgia: The House agreed to H. Res. 558, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Senator Paul Coverdell. **Pages H6540-48**

Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform, by a recorded vote of 401 yeas to 25 noes, Roll No. 412. **Pages H6477-H6529**

In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, the amendment consisting of the text of H.R. 4843, as reported, H. Rept. 106-753, was considered as adopted pursuant to the rule. **Pages H6493-H6529**

Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment that includes a contingency based on a Medicare prescription drug benefit and no on-budget deficit by a yeas and nay vote of 185 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 411. **Pages H6526-28**

Rejected the Neal amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, that sought to include the text of H.R. 4843, as reported, H. Rept. 106-753, provide a credit for low and middle income workers, make small business employees eligible to claim a credit, provide relief from certain section 405 rules, and express a sense of Congress concerning the resolution of cash balances by a yeas and nay vote of 200 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 410. **Pages H6513-26**

H. Res. 557, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H6476-77**

DOD Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4576, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a yeas and nay vote of 367 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 413. **Pages H6529-40**

H. Res. 554, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H6529-30**

Russian-American Trust and Cooperation Act: The House passed H.R. 4118, to prohibit the re-scheduling or forgiveness of any outstanding bilateral debt owed to the United States by the Government of the Russian Federation until the President certifies to the Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation has ceased all its operations at, removed all personnel from, and permanently closed the intelligence facility at Lourdes, Cuba by a yeas and nay vote of 275 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 414. **Pages H6552-61**

Pursuant to the rule, the Committee on International Relations amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the reported bill, H. Rept. 106-668, was considered as adopted. **Page H6552**

Rejected the Mr. Gejdenson motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to establish a bipartisan national commission to study and report to the President on the exercise of the presidential waiver in section 3(b)(2) of the bill with regard to United States national interests in the context of other possible actions (including changes in United States policy) toward Cuba. **Pages H6559-60**

H. Res. 555, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H6548-52**

Send to Conference Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4577, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Porter, Bonilla, Istook, Miller of Florida, Dickey, Wicker, Northup, Cunningham, Obey, Hoyer, Pelosi, Lowey, DeLauro, and Jackson of Illinois. **Pages H6561-64**

By a yeas and nay vote of 207 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 415, rejected the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist in the Senate amendment on no less than \$42,674,645,000 for the Department of Education; no less than \$7,353,141,000 for IDEA, no less than \$8,692,000,000 for the Pell Grant Program, no less than \$6,267,000,000 for the Head Start Program, no less than \$817,328,000 for the Child Care Development Block Grant, and no less than \$20,512,735,000 for NIH, and to disagree with provisions in the Senate amendment which deny the President's requests to reduce class sizes in the early grades and for high school construction, and instead broadly expand the Title VI Education Block Grant with limited accountability in the use of funds. **Pages H6561-64**

Suspension—Drug Addiction Treatment: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2634, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances

Act with respect to registration requirements for practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs in schedule IV or V for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 416. The motion to suspend the rules was debated on Tuesday, July 18. Agreed to amend the title.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6473.

Amendments: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6600–01.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6526, H6528, H6528–29, H6539–40, H6560–61, H6563–64, and H6564. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 558, adjourned at 10:31 p.m. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Paul Coverdell, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings to review federal farm policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 26.

CHINA—MILITARY CAPABILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on military capabilities of the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMODITY FUTURES MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Lee Sachs, Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury; Patrick M. Parkinson, Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC; C. Robert Paul, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING SECURITY PRINTING AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4096, Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Amendments Act of 2000.

PARK SERVICE—FIRE SAFETY FAILURES

Committee on the Budget: Natural Resources and the Environment Task Force held a hearing on Fire Safety Failures of the Park Service: Caretaker of the Nation's Treasures Ineffective in Addressing Hazards. Testimony was heard from Jim Wells, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; and Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

FOOD STAMP FRAUD

Committee on the Budget: Task Force on Welfare held a hearing on Food Stamp Fraud: Why Trafficking Persists and What Can Be Done About It. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary, Food Nutrition and Consumer Services; Larry Dyckman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; Darrell Hartman, Director, Special Operations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Human Services, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997—CURRENT IMPACT ON PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on "BBA '97: A Look at the Current Impact on Providers and Patients." Testimony was heard from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health, GAO; Gail Wilensky, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Council; and public witnesses.

FCC'S SPECTRUM POLICIES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on A Review of the FCC's Spectrum Policies for the 21st Century, including H.R. 4758, Spectrum Resource Assurance Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nethercutt and Gutknecht; Greg Rohde, Assistant Secretary, Department of Commerce; Tom Surgue, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC; Malcolm Lee, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Department of State; and public witnesses.

RETIREMENT SECURITY ADVICE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4747, Retirement Security Advice Act of 2000.

OVERSIGHT—STATE DEPARTMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on "Oversight of the State Department: Is Management Getting Results?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the

Inspector General; and Ben Nelson, Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO.

BOSNIA—CRIME AND CORRUPTION

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Crime and Corruption in Bosnia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Harold Johnson, Associate Director and James Shafer, Assistant Director, both with International Relations and Trade; and David Bruno, Evaluator in Charge; and Ambassador James Pardew, Deputy Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State for Kosovo and Dayton Implementation, Bureau of European Affairs, Department of State.

INTERNET PIRACY COSTS—MUSIC AND SOFTWARE INDUSTRIES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on the Costs of Internet Piracy for the Music and Software Industries. Testimony was heard from Q. Todd Dickinson, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Joseph Papovich, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Services, Investment, and Intellectual Property; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 72, amended, granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact; H.R. 4700, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact; and H.R. 1349, amended, Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 1999.

The Committee also began consideration of H.R. 2987, Methamphetamine Anti-Proliferation Act of 1999.

CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION AND REPORT; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following: a resolution and report containing statements of fact (1) reporting to the House of Representatives Contempt of Congress by the Project on Government Oversight, Ms. Danielle Brian Stockton, Mr. Keith Rutter, Mr. Henry M. Banta, and Mr. Robert A. Berman arising from refusals to comply with subpoenas duces tecum issued by the Committee on Resources and (2) reporting to the House of Representatives Contempt of Congress by Mr. Robert A. Berman, Mr. Keith Rutter, Ms. Danielle Brian Stockton, and Mr. Henry M. Banta arising from refusals to answer pertinent questions while testifying under subpoena before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources; S. 1937, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint oper-

ating entities; H.R. 3033, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of Biscayne National Park in the State of Florida; H.R. 3112, amended, Colorado Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 1999; H.R. 4275, amended, Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000; H.R. 4320, amended, Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000; H.R. 4340, Mineral Revenue Payments Clarification Act of 2000; and H.R. 4583, to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

The Committee also passed a motion regarding transfer of Committee records.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4871, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and Certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized, legislative provisions or reappropriations in a general appropriations bill) against the bill, except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule authorizes the Chair 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe and Hoyer.

MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RECONCILIATION ACT CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4810, Marriage Tax Penalty Elimination Reconciliation Act of 2000 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule lays H. Res. 556 on the table.

NATIONAL SCIENCE EDUCATION INCENTIVE ACT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Encouraging Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Education in Kindergarten Through 12th Grade and H.R. 4273, National Science Education Incentive

Act. Testimony was heard from Judith Sunley, Acting Assistant Director, Education and Human Resources, NSF; and public witnesses.

**MOTOR CARRIER FUEL EQUITY ACT;
RAILROAD RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS'
IMPROVEMENT ACT**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4441, Motor Carrier Fuel Cost Equity Act of 2000; and H.R. 4844, Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000.

**MOTOR CARRIER FUEL COST EQUITY ACT;
RAILROAD RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS'
IMPROVEMENT ACT**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 4441, amended, Motor Carrier Fuel Cost Equity Act of 2000; and H.R. 4844, Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4868, Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2000; H.R. 4678, Child Support Distribution Act of 2000; and H.R. 4865, Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JULY 20, 2000**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine implications of high energy prices on United States agriculture, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold closed hearings on the situation in Iraq and U.S. military operations in and around Iraq, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on the conduct of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nomination of Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce; Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation; Debbie D. Branson, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council; Katherine Milner Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; Frank Henry Cruz, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and Ernest J. Wilson III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; to be followed by a hearing on purchasing tickets through the Internet, and whether or not it benefits the consumer, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to continue markup of H.R. 701, to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 2757, to provide for the transfer or other disposition of certain lands at Melrose Air Force Range, New Mexico, and Yakima Training Center, Washington; S. 2691, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon; S. 2754, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Utah; S. 2834, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry; H.R. 3023, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry; and H.R. 4579, to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings on issues relating to the government of Afghanistan, focusing on the conduct of the Taliban (Militia that rules Afghanistan), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles, with Annexes, done at Caracas December 1, 1996 (the "Convention"), which was signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on December 13, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-48); International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), adopted at the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations at Rome on November 17, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 106-23); Food Aid Convention 1999, which was opened for signature at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, from May 1 through June 30, 1999. Convention was signed by the United States June 16, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106-14); convention (No. 176) Concerning Safety and Health in Mines, adopted by the International Labor Conference at its 82nd Session in Geneva on June 22, 1995 (Treaty Doc. 106-08); and the nomination of Everett L. Mosley, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Agency for International Development, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings on genetic information in the workplace, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 2688, to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American Language Survival Schools, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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

Committee on Small Business: to hold hearings to examine the General Accounting Office's performance and accountability review, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to consider the Department of Veterans' Affairs adjudication, and pending legislation including S. 1810, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify and improve veterans' claims and appellate procedures, and S. 2544, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide compensation and benefits to children of female Vietnam veterans who were born with certain birth defects, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

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Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue hearings on Improving Regulation of Housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Task Force on Defense and International Relations, hearing on Pentagon Financial Management, What's Broken, How to Fix It, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000; followed by hearing on Improving Insurance for Consumers Increasing Uniformity and Efficiency in Insurance Regulation, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 3850, Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement Act of 2000, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on OSHA's Record-keeping Standard: Stakeholder: Views of the 1996 Proposal, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on "Has the Department of Justice Given Preferential Treatment to the President and Vice President?" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Seven Years of GPRA: Has the Results Act Provided Results?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 4870, Patent Technical Corrections Act of 1999, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3484, Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping Act of 1999; H.R. 4827, Enhanced Federal Security Act of 2000; and H.R. 3235, National Police Athletic League Youth Enrichment Act of 1999, 1 p.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 3083, Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2798, Pacific Salmon Recovery Act of 1999; H.R. 3118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants; H.R. 4318, Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act; and H.R. 4840, Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Act; followed by a hearing on H.R. 4790, Hunting Heritage Protection Act, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Imports, hearing on H.R. 1303, Dry Cleaning Environmental Tax Credit Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Portable Electronic Devices: Do they really pose a safety hazard on aircraft, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Cost Effectiveness of Hazard Mitigation Spending, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4850, Veterans Benefits Act of 2000; H.R. 4864, Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000; and H.R. 1982, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located at 125 Brookley Drive, Rome, New York as the "Donald J. Mitchell Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic," 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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