Wednesday, July 26, 2000

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 37 sundry measures

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7587–S7721

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2922–2941, and S. Res. 343–344.

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1586, to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106±361)

H.R. 1729, to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the “Pamela B. Gwin Hall”.

H.R. 1901, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the “Kika de la Garza United States Border Station”.

H.R. 1959, to designate the Federal building located at 743 East Durango Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center”.

H.R. 4608, to designate the United States courthouse located at 220 West Depot Street in Greeneville, Tennessee, as the “James H. Quillen United States Courthouse”.

S. 2253, to authorize the establishment of a joint United States-Canada commission to study the feasibility of connecting the rail system in Alaska to the North American continental rail system; and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Measures Passed:

World Bank AIDS Prevention Trust Fund Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3519, to provide for negotiations for the creation of a trust fund to be administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development of the International Development Association to combat the AIDS epidemic, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Bennett (for Helms) Amendment No. 4018, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S7619–24

Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 1586, to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

DeWine (for Campbell) Amendment No. 4019, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S7704–14

Honoring Medal of Honor Recipients: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 351, recognizing Heroes Plaza in the City of Pueblo, Colorado, as honoring recipients of the Medal of Honor, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Semipostal Authorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 4437, to grant to the United States Postal Service the authority to issue semipostals, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S7714–15

Fugitive Apprehension Act: Senate passed S. 2516, to fund task forces to locate and apprehend fugitives in Federal, State, and local felony criminal cases and give administrative subpoena authority to the United States Marshals Service, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

DeWine (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 4020, to impose nondisclosure requirements.

Pages S7715–20

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations: Senate began 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.

Pages S7590–S7619, S7624–29
During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the bill, listed above.

**PNTR for China:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People’s Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Friday, July 28, 2000, or by unanimous consent, may occur on Thursday, July 27, 2000.

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

**Intelligence Authorization:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2507, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 228), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the bill, listed above.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, to occur on Thursday, July 27, 2000.

**Energy/Water Development Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, to occur at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 27, 2000.

**Defense Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report to H.R. 4576, making appropri-
2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Nominations Withdrawn:
Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:
John R. Simpson, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years. (Reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on July 19, 1999.

NOMINATIONS
Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Donald Mancuso, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, Roger W. Kallock, of Ohio, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness, and James Edgar Baker, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Kallock was introduced by Senator Voinovich.

BROADBAND INTERNET REGULATION
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2902, to revise the definition of advanced service, which focuses on high-speed broadband Internet access and advanced services market issues, after receiving testimony from J. Shelby Bryan, ICG Communications, Inc., Englewood, Colorado; James D. Ellis, SBC Communications, Inc., San Antonio, Texas; Arne L. Haynes, Rainier Group, Eatonville, Washington; Robert Taylor, Focal Communications, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Association for Local Telecommunications Services; Sue Ashdown, XMission, Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the American Internet Service Providers Association; Thomas J. Duesterberg, Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; James K. Glassman, American Enterprise Institute, on behalf of the TechCentralStation.com, and Peter Pitsch, Intel Corporation, on behalf of the Information Technology Industry Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Struminger, Paine Webber, New York, New York.

NATURAL GAS SUPPLY
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine America’s status of natural gas supplies in light of rapidly increasing demand, after receiving testimony from David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; T.J. Glaauthier, Deputy Secretary, and Mary J. Hutzler, Director, Office of Integrated Analysis and

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement implementing the October 1999 announcement by the President to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection, focusing on conserving and enhancing the important social and ecological values of roadless areas within the National Forest System, after receiving testimony from James R. Furnish, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 2417, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase funding for State nonpoint source pollution control programs, with amendments;
- S. 1109, to conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera;
- S. 2878, to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the first national wildlife refuge in the United States on March 14, 1903;
- H.R. 1729, to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela B. Gwin Hall";
- H.R. 1901, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station";
- H.R. 1729, to designate the Federal building located at 743 East Durango Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center";
- H.R. 4608, to designate the United States courthouse located at 220 West Depot Street in Greeneville, Tennessee, as the "James H. Quillen United States Courthouse"; and

The nominations of Arthur C. Campbell, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and Ella Wong-Rusinko, of Virginia, to be Alternate Federal Co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Jonathan Talisman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, Ruth Martha Thomas, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Lisa Gayle Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Management and Chief Financial Officer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. LaRussa was introduced by Representative Levin, and Ms. Thomas was introduced by Representative Gejdenson.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to authorize assistance for international malaria control, and to provide for coordination and consultations in providing assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis;
- S. 2253, to authorize the establishment of a joint United States-Canada commission to study the feasibility of connecting the rail system in Alaska to the North American continental rail system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. Con. Res. 131, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland that led to the creation of the independent trade union Solidarnosc, with amendments;
- S. Res. 334, expressing appreciation to the people of Okinawa for hosting United States defense facilities, commending the Government of Japan for choosing Okinawa as the site for hosting the summit meeting of the G-8 countries, with amendments;
- 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), with three understandings, five declarations, and two provisos;
- 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), with three declarations, and one proviso;
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. 106–8), with two understanding, two declarations, and two provisos; and

The nominations of Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, Everett L. Mosley, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Agency for International Development, and Michael G. Kozak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus.

PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1801, to provide for the identification, collection, and review for declassification of records and materials that are of extraordinary public interest to the people of the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Moynihan; Representative Goss; Steven Garfinkel, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; R. James Woolsey, Shea and Gardner, former Director of Central Intelligence, and Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, both of Washington, D.C.; and Warren F. Kimbal, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey.

MT. CARMEL COMPLEX REPORT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on the interim report to the Attorney General concerning the 1993 confrontation at the Mt. Carmel Complex, after receiving testimony from former Senator John C. Danforth, Special Counsel, Department of Justice.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the progress made since the enactment the Americans with Disabilities Act ten years ago, focusing on progress made toward eliminating discrimination, and exclusion of people with disabilities from the benefits and opportunities afforded to other citizens, after receiving testimony from Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Rebecca L. Ogle, Executive Director, Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities; Peggy R. Mastroianni, Associate Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Elizabeth Savage, Counsel to the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Melanie Fry, Minnesota Department of Human Services, St. Paul, Barbara Judy, Job Accommodation Network, Morgantown, West Virginia, and Santiago Rodriguez, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington, all on behalf of the President’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; Mia Peterson, Capabilities Unlimited, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the National Down Syndrome Society; Deborah Lisi-Baker, Vermont Center for Independent Living, Montpelier; Jonathan F. Kessel, Washington, D.C.; John Pak, Greenbelt, Maryland; and Jesse Leaman, Laurel, Maryland.

HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health concluded hearings to examine health care disparities among women, minorities, and rural under-served populations, and the actions of the National Institutes of Health to address these disparities, as well as review any relevant legislation designed to address the issues of health disparities, after receiving testimony from Representatives Watts, John Lewis, and Jackson; Ruth L. Kirschstein, Acting Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Louis W. Sullivan, Morehouse College School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools; John Maupin, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee; Elena Rios, on behalf of the Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools; John Maupin, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee; Elena Rios, on behalf of the Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, Inc., and National Hispanic Medical Association, and Phyllis Greenberger, Society for Women’s Health Research, both of Washington, D.C.; and Gilbert H. Friedell, University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center, Lexington, on behalf of the Intercultural Cancer Council.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1594, to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

- S. 2283, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 2872, to improve the cause of action for misrepresentation of Indian arts and crafts; and
- H.R. 2647, to amend the Act entitled “An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community” to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights.
INDIAN GAMING ACTIVITIES
Select Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the activities of the National Indian Gaming Commission which monitors and regulates certain forms of gaming conducted by Indian tribes on Indian lands, after receiving testimony from Montie R. Deer, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Richard G. Hill, National Indian Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; Delores Pigsley, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Siletz, Oregon; and Tracy Burris, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association, Durant.

AUTHORIZATION—INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT
Select Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on S. 2526, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act, receiving testimony from John J. Callahan, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Management and Budget; Melissa McNiel, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Barbara Namias, North American Indian Center of Boston, Inc., Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Council of Urban Indian Health; and Virginia Hill, Southern Indian Health Council, Inc., Alpine, California, on behalf of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association, Inc.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R.4961–4985; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 381–382, were introduced.

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 4678, to provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States on behalf of children, to improve the collection of child support, to promote marriage, amended (H. Rept. 106–793, Pt. 1);

H.J. Res. 99, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam, amended (H. Rept. 106–794);

H. Res. 564, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4865) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits (H. Rept. 106–795); and


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

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures debated on July 25:

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grants: H.R. 4033, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests (passed by a yea and nay vote of 413 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 439); and

Postponed Illegal Pornography Prosecution: H.R. 4710, to authorize appropriations for the prosecution of obscenity cases (passed by a yea and nay vote of 412 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 440).

Trade Waiver for Vietnam: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 99, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam by a yea and nay vote of 91 yeas to 332 nays, Roll No. 441.

District of Columbia Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 4942, 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, 2001.

Agreed To:

Istook amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 106–790 that makes available $100,000 for Metrorail construction;

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Moran amendment No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike Section 164 dealing with the District of Columbia Health and Hospitals Public Benefit Corporation;
Norton amendment No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike all of the General Provisions in the bill; Pages H7041–44

Moran amendment No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike sections 128 and 129 dealing with the granting of preferences in the use of surplus school properties to public charter schools and modifications of contracting requirements; Pages H7046–48

Section 153 that sought to specify funding from the National Highway System; Page H7054

Amendments Offered:
Souder amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106–790 that seeks to prohibit the use of any funding for needle exchange programs; and Pages H7050–53

Norton amendment No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to strike Section 168 that specifies that the Health Insurance Coverage for Contraceptives Act of 2000 shall not take effect. Pages H7055–58

H. Res. 563, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 217 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 442. Pages H7021–26

Order of Business—District of Columbia Appropriations: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 4942, no amendment shall be in order except pro forma amendments offered by the Chairman or ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate, the amendments printed in H. Rept. 106–790, and amendments No. 23 and 13 printed in the Congressional Record. Page H7044

DOD Authorizations—Send to Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4205, to authorize appropriations for military year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001 and agreed to a conference. Pages H7058–61

Representative Taylor of Mississippi offered a motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 725, relating to the Medicare subvention project for military retirees and dependents of the House bill. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. Pages H7058–61

Presidential Message—Federal Labor Relations Authority: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted the 21st Annual Report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1999—referred to the Committee on Government Reform. Page H7061

Recess: The House recessed at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 11:28 p.m. Page H7090

Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7 a.m. on Thursday, July 27. Page H7090, H7095

Recess: The House recessed at 7:01 a.m. and reconvened at 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, July 27. Page H7126

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7005 and H7127.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7008–09, H7009, H7020, and H7026. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:11 a.m. on Thursday, July 27.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM POLICY
Committee on Agriculture: Concluded hearings to review federal farm policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY
Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on National Energy Strategy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Mark J. Mazur, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; Robert Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; William Keese, Chairman, Energy Commission, State of California; and F. William Valentino, President, Energy Research and Development Authority, State of New York.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES
Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000; and H.R. 3250, Health Care Fairness Act of 1999.

SCIENTIFICALLY BASED EDUCATION RESEARCH, STATISTICS, EVALUATION, AND INFORMATION ACT

OVERSIGHT—COMPUTER SECURITY
Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held an oversight hearing on Computer Security: Cyber Attacks—War Without Borders. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Vatis, Director, National Infrastructure Protection Center, FBI; and Edgar A. Adamson, Chief, U.S. National Central Bureau-Interpol; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Richard C. Schaeffer, Jr., Director, Infrastructure and Information Assurance, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Command, Control, Communication, and Intelligence); and Mario Balakgie,
Chief Information Assurance Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency; Jack Brock, Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMBATING TERRORISM
Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans’ Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Combating Terrorism: Assessing Threats, Risk Management and Establishing Priorities. Testimony was heard from Norman Rabkin, Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, III, Chairman, National Commission on Terrorism; Raphael F. Perl, Specialist in International Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on this subject. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Committee on International Relations: Concluded hearings on The International Criminal Court: Recent Developments, Part 11. Testimony was heard from David Scheffer, Ambassador-at-Large, War Crimes Issues, Department of State; and Walter Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

U.S. RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL
Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Relations with Brazil: Strategic Partners or Regional Competitors? Testimony was heard from Linda Eddleman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

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The Committee also considered but deferred action on H.R. 4125, to provide a grant under the urban park and recreation recovery program to assist in the development of a Millennium Cultural Cooperative Park in Youngstown, Ohio.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TAX RELIEF ACT
Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4865, Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act of 2000. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Pomroy 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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Kanjorski, Pomeroy, Green of Texas and Capuano.

**CHILD SUPPORT DISTRIBUTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4678, Child Support Distribution Act of 2000. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Scott or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in Part B of the report. Finally the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut and Scott.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 2, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

**SUMMER DISTRICT WORK PERIOD ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate for the summer district work period. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**


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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following measures: S. 1794, to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the "Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 2163, amended, to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse"; H.R. 3378, amended, Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 1999; and H.R. 4104, amended, Mississippi Sound Restoration Act of 2000.

The Committee also approved the following: GSA Courthouse Construction Program for fiscal year 2001; an Out-of-cycle Lease prospectus; an 11 (b) Resolution; an Out-of-cycle repair and alteration prospectus; and Corps of Engineer survey resolutions.

**Joint Meetings**

**APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR, HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION**

Conferences continued to meet to resolve differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D822)

S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture. Signed July 25, 2000. (P.L. 106-248)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2000**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine staff shortages for nursing home residents, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to review proposals to establish an international school lunch program, 9 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine antitrust issues in the airline industry, focusing on trends in the industry, the impact that a reduction of competitors might have on competition and concentration levels at hubs, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold oversight hearings on the United States General Accounting Office's investigation of the Cerro Grande Fire in the State of New Mexico, and from Federal agencies on the Cerro Grande Fire and their fire policies in general, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 1734, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretive center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln; H.R. 3084, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to
contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln; S. 2345, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study concerning the preservation and public use of sites associated with Harriet Tubman located in Auburn, New York; S. 2638, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi; H.R. 2541, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi; and S. 2848, to provide for a land exchange to benefit the Pecos National Historical Park in New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on the nomination of John E. McLaughlin, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 3:30 p.m., SH–219.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, business meeting to mark up S. 2778, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the lack of standardization and training in protecting Executive Branch officials, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to mark up pending legislation, and the nomination of Robert M. Walker, of West Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs; and Thomas L. Garthwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR–418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review illegal activities at the Hunts Point Marketing Terminal, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.


Committee on the Budget, hearing on Understanding Intergenerational Economic Issues, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.


Committee on Government Reform, hearing on “Felonies and Favors: A Friend of the Attorney General Gathers Information from the Justice Department,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up H.R. 2906, Sudan Peace Act, 2:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 4105, Fair Justice Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on Constitutional Rights and the Grand Jury, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.


Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up the following: H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act; and private immigration bills, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on implementation of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2820, to provide for the ownership and operation of the irrigation works on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's reservation in Maricopa County, Arizona, by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; H.R. 2988, Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 4013, Upper Mississippi River Basin Conservation Act of 2000; S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir; and the Bureau of Reclamation Law Enforcement, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing on The State of Ocean and Marine Science, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the following: H.R. 4890, Small Business Contract Equity Act of 2000; H.R. 4897, Equity in Contracting for Women Act of 2000; the Small Business Competition Act of 2000; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Trend Towards Criminalization of Aircraft Accidents, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Oversight of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Initiatives, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on patient safety and quality management in the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the Foreign Sales Corporation Replacement Act of 2000, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Department of Energy/Los Alamos Update, 1 p.m., and, executive, briefing on Intelligence Collection Issues, 3 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees continues on 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, 2 p.m., Room to be announced.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's recent efforts to perpetuate his power by forcing through changes to the Yugoslav constitution and cracking down on opposition and independent forces in Serbia, 9:30 a.m., 2255, Rayburn Building.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin a period of morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), for Senators to offer statements in memory of the late Senator Paul Coverdell.

At 11 a.m., Senate will swear in Zell Miller, of Georgia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Coverdell; following which, Senate will adopt the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2507, Intelligence Authorization, if pending, and vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4733, Energy and Water Development Appropriations.

Also, following the cloture vote, Senate will consider the conference report to H.R. 4576, Defense Appropriations, with a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur at 3:15 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, July 27

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4942, District of Columbia Appropriations (modified open rule);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 4516, Legislative Branch Appropriations (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of H.R. 4865, Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act (modified closed rule, one hour of debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 4678, Child Support Distribution Act (modified closed rule, one hour of debate).