

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 55, disapproving Normal Trade Relations with Vietnam.

House Committee ordered reported the Legislative Branch appropriations for the fiscal year 2002.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8251–S8300

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1250–1256, S. Res. 139, and S. Con. Res. 61. **Page S8280**

Measures Reported:

S. 625, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes.

S. 778, to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings, with amendments.

S. 1099, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants. **Page S8279**

Measures Passed:

House and Senate Adjournment Waiver: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 61, to waive the provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 which require the adjournment of the House and Senate by July 31st. **Page S8300**

Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8259–73**

Pending:

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1025, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8259–73**

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1030 (to Amendment No. 1025), to enhance the inspection requirements for Mexican motor carriers seeking to operate

in the United States and to require them to display decals. **Pages S8259–73**

Gramm Amendment No. 1168 (to Amendment No. 1030), to prevent violations of United States commitments under the North American Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S8260–63**

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

By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 252), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on Amendment No. 1025 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, July 27, 2001. **Page S8273**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on progress of spending by the Executive Branch during the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2001 in support of Plan Colombia; to the Foreign Relations. (PM–37)

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Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S8279–80**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S8299–S8300**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—252) **Page S8259**

Adjournment: Senate met at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, July 27, 2001.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mark Edward Rey, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Hilda Gay Legg, of Kentucky, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Rey was introduced by Senators Murkowski and Craig, and Ms. Legg was introduced by Senator McConnell and Representative Harold Rogers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

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, 2002; and

H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 4,486 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

PREDATORY MORTGAGE LENDING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the problem, impact, and responses of predatory mortgage lending practices, receiving testimony from Iowa Attorney General Thomas J. Miller, Des Moines; Stephen W. Prough, Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Orange, California; Charles W. Calomiris, Columbia University Graduate School of Business, New York, New York; Martin Eakes, Self-Help Credit Union, Durham, North Carolina, on behalf of the Coalition for Responsible Lending; Carol Mackey, Rochester Hills, Michigan; Paul Satriano, St. Paul, Minnesota; Leroy Williams, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Mary Podelco, Montgomery, West Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Melody H. Fennel, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Michael Minoru Fawn Liu, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing, Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development, and Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Liu was introduced by Senator Akaka and Ms. Fore was introduced by Senator Hutchison.

CHEMICAL HARMONIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings to examine chemical harmonization issues, including related provisions of S. 532, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to permit a State to register a Canadian pesticide for distribution and use within that State, after receiving testimony from Representative Pomeroy; Stephen L. Johnson, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Pollution, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Roger Johnson, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, Bismarck; Ron Fitchhorn, Bloomington, Illinois, on behalf of the Illinois Corn Growers Association; David McClure, Lewistown, Montana, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Montana Farm Bureau; Jay Vroom, American Crop Protection Association, and Henry Zell, Montana Farmers Union, Great Falls, Montana.

COMPREHENSIVE ELECTRICITY RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposals relating to comprehensive electricity restructuring that promotes competition, protects consumers, enhances reliability, promotes renewable energy, improves efficiency, repeals the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and reforms the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, and related provisions contained in the Committee's White Paper on Electricity Legislation (a discussion of the developments that necessitate the change of the legal structure of the electricity industry and legislative solutions), S.

597, Comprehensive and Balanced Energy Policy Act of 2001, S. 388, National Energy Security Act of 2001, and S. 1273, Federal Power Act Amendments of 1999, and S. 2098, Electric Power Market Competition and Reliability Act of 2000, after receiving testimony from Curt L. Hebert, Jr., Chairman, and Nora Mead Brownell, Pat Wood III, Linda Breathitt, and William L. Massey, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and New Mexico Secretary of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Jennifer Salisbury, Santa Fe, on behalf of the Western Governors' Association.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 423, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon", S. 941, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, S. 1057, to authorize the addition of lands to Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, S. 1105, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of State of Wyoming lands within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, and H.R. 640, to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, after receiving testimony from Representatives Lantos, Eshoo, Wu, and Baird; John J. Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ron Arnold, Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments, Cheyenne; Audrey C. Rust, Peninsula Open Space Trust, Menlo Park, California; Jim Medeiros, Sr., Honaunau, Hawaii; and Wayne Leslie, Kealahou, Hawaii.

ELECTRIC POWER PLANT EMISSIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings to examine the public health and environmental impacts associated with air emissions from electric utility power plants, and proposed legislation that would amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, receiving testimony from Senator Collins; Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Scott Johnson, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Waterbury; George D. Thurston, New York University School of Medicine and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences' Community Outreach and Education Program, New York, New York; C. Boyden Gray, Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Elec-

tric Reliability Coordinating Council; Dale E. Heydlaugg, American Electric Power Company, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; and Conrad G. Schneider, Clean Air Task Force, Brunswick, Maine, on behalf of the National Environmental Trust and U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 643, to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Lynn C. Leibovitz, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominee, who was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 778, to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings, with an amendment;

S. 625, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes;

S. 1099, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants; and

The nominations of Asa Hutchinson, of Arkansas, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and James W. Ziglar, of Mississippi, to be Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, both of the Department of Justice.

MEDICARE ANTI-FRAUD EFFORTS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal government's Medicare anti-fraud efforts, focusing on distinguishing human error from fraud, the coordination among government agencies fighting Medicare fraud, provider compliance and education issues, and the Medicare appeals process, after receiving testimony from Thomas Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Lewis Morris, Assistant Inspector General for Legal Affairs, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Director, Health Care, Program Administration and Integrity Issues, General Accounting Office; Stuart

E. Schiffer, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and Robert P. Charrow, Crowell and Moring, former Principal Deputy General Counsel of Health and Human Services, Joseph E. diGenova, diGenova and Toensing,

former U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, on behalf of the American Hospital Association, and James W. Moorman, Taxpayers Against Fraud, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2646, 2648–2663; 2 private bills, H.R. 2664–2665; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 201 and H. Res. 211, were introduced. **Pages H4723–24**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 210, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2620) 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, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–164).

H.R. 988, to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the “Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 107–166);

H. Res. 193, requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Administration to make reducing crime an important priority (H. Rept. 107–167);

H.R. 943, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the availability of influenza vaccine through the program under section 317 of such Act, amended (H. Rept. 107–168); and

H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–169). **Page H4723**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Msgr. James G. Kelly, St. Margaret’s Church of Buffalo, New York. **Page H4639**

Failed to Pass Joint Resolution Disapproving Normal Trade Relations Treatment to Vietnam: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 55, 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 324 nays with 1 voting “present” Roll No. 275. **Pages H4639–50**

The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of the House of July 25.

Suspension ILSA Extension Act of 2001: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1954, amended, to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006, debated on Tuesday, July 24 until Thursday, July 26 by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 6 nays with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 276. **Pages H4650–51**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 1:17 p.m. **Page H4651**

VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2620, 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, 2002. Consideration will resume on Friday, July 27. **Pages H4661–H4718**

Agreed To:

Hastings of Florida that increases funding for Veterans Health Administration Medical Care by \$1 million; **Page H4687**

Evans amendment No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that prohibits the implementation of any administrative proposal that would require military retirees to make an “irrevocable choice” for any specified period of time between the Department of Veteran Affairs and military health care under the TRICARE for Life plan. **Pages H4698–99**

Velázquez amendment No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that increases Youthbuild program funding by \$10 million and decreases HUD salaries and expenses accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 209 noes, Roll No. 284); **Pages H4708–10, H4717**

Rejected:

Foley amendment that sought to increase Veterans Administration benefit claims processing funding by

\$25 million and decrease National Science Foundation funding for Polar and Antarctic Research by \$92 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 281); **Pages H4691–93, H4715**

Nadler amendment No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that sought to increase funding for veteran extended care facilities by \$4.8 million and funding for 34,000 section 8 housing vouchers, including 10,000 for the disabled, by \$195 million and offsets these increases by eliminating the \$200 million in funding for the home ownership Downpayment Assistance Initiative (rejected by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 282); **Pages H4696–98, H4716**

Davis of Illinois amendment that sought to increase funding for the Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing (HOPE VI) program by \$100 million and decrease the Public Housing Capital Fund accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 60 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 283); and **Pages H4705–07, H4716–17**

LaFalce amendment No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that sought to increase funding for Homeless Assistance Grants by \$122.6 million and decrease the home ownership Downpayment Assistance Initiative by \$100 million and HUD salaries and expenses by \$22.6 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 285). **Pages H4710–14, H4717–18**

Withdrawn:

Carson amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase Veterans Administration Office of Inspector General funding by \$16.2 million and decrease Veterans Medical Care funding accordingly; and **Pages H4689–90**

Gutierrez amendment No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase veterans medical and prosthetic research by \$24 million and decrease NASA Human Space Flight funding accordingly. **Pages H4690–91**

Point of order sustained:

Against Obey en bloc amendment that sought to increase funding for Veterans Medical Care by \$300 million, Public Housing by \$282 million, Shelter Plus Care Contracts by \$100 million, EPA enforcement by \$7 million, and the Corporation for National and Community Service by \$311 million with offsets from decreasing the newly applied tax cut for the highest marginal tax payers by changing the rate from 38.6 percent to 39.1 percent; **Pages H4682–86**

Against Filner amendment that sought to appropriate \$30 million for health care benefits for Filipino World War II veterans who were excluded from benefits by the Rescissions Acts of 1946; **Pages H4700–02**

Against Kleczka amendment No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to allow Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans on prescriptions written by private practitioners; and **Pages H4702–03**

Against Filner en bloc amendment that sought to increase funding for Veterans Medical Care by \$1.7 billion, compensation and pensions for veterans who were exposed to Hepatitis C by \$3 million, Veterans Affairs medical research by \$24 million, and Montgomery GI Bill program by \$871 million and designates all increases as emergency designations. **Pages H4703–05**

Rejected the Frank motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 280. **Page H4714**

The House agreed to H. Res. 210, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 279. Agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 220 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 278. **Pages H4652–61**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 209, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a Rules Committee report on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to a resolution reported on July 26, 2001, providing for consideration of H.R. 2620, VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 277. **Pages H4651–52**

Presidential Message—Plan Colombia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report detailing the progress of spending by the executive branch during the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2001 in support of Plan Colombia—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–109). **Page H4718**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4725–26.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4649, H4650, H4652, H4659–60, H4660–61, H4714, H4715, H4716, H4716–17, H4717, and H4718. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Began markup of H.R. 2646, Agriculture Act of 2001.

Will continue tomorrow.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported a measure making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2002.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine approved recommendations to H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation approved recommendations to H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

CONSUMER INFORMATION USE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on "How Do Businesses Use Customer Information: Is the Customer's Privacy Protected?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICARE MODERNIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Medicare Modernization: Examining the President's Framework for Strengthening the Program." Testimony was heard from Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

MARKET DATA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Market Data II: Implications to investors and market transparency of granting ownership rights over stock quotes." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Viewpoints of Select Regulators on Deposit Insurance Reform." Testimony was heard from Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Sheila

Bair, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions; John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller; and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision.

AMERICANS ABROAD

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Census held a hearing on Americans Abroad, How Can We Count Them? Testimony was heard from Representative Gilman; Edward Betancourt, Director, Office of Policy Review and Interagency Liaison Overseas Citizens Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DOD'S ILLEGAL MANIPULATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations held an "Oversight hearing on the Department of Defense's Illegal Manipulation of Appropriated Funds." Testimony was heard from Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas R. Bloom, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service; and Tina W. Jonas, Deputy Under Secretary, Financial Management.

U.S.-KOREA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S.-Korea Relations after the Policy Review. Testimony was heard from Charles L. Pritchard, Special Envoy for Korean Peace Talks, U.S. Representative to KEDO, Department of State.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS PALESTINIANS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Policy Towards the Palestinians—Part I. Testimony was heard from William J. Burns, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

FEDERAL COURTS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2522, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Deanell R. Tacha, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

CONSUMER PRODUCT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2621, Consumer Product Protection Act of 2001.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Representative Hart; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests, and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1576, James Peak Wilderness, Wilderness Study, and Protection Area Act; and H.R. 1772, to provide for an exchange of certain property between the United States and Ephraim City, Utah. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cannon and Udall of Colorado; Denny Bschor, Director, Recreation, Heritage, and Wilderness Resources, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2385, Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve Act; and H.R. 2488, to designate certain lands in the Pilot Range in the State of Utah as wilderness. Testimony was heard from Tom Fulton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals, Department of the Interior; Col. Tom Larkin, USAF, Director, Utah Test and Training Range, U.S. Air Force, Hill Air Force Base, Utah; Dan McArthur, Mayor, St. George, Utah; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1985, Short-Term and Long-Term California Water Security; and H.R. 2404, California Water Quality and Reliability Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior; Thomas M. Hannigan, Director, Department of Water Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2620, 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, 2002. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill and prohibiting reappropriations in a general appropriations bill), except as specified in the

rule. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the rule may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all point of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation) against amendments offered during consideration of the bill. 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. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

COMBATING THE INVADERS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards held a hearing on Combating the Invaders: Research on Non-Native Species. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NOAA, Department of Commerce: David Evans, Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmosphere Research; and Stephen B. Brandt, Director, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory; Scott Smith, Coordinator, Aquatic Nuisance Species, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on the Competitiveness of the U.S. Aircraft Manufacturing Industry. Testimony was heard from Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary, International Trade, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Steve Falken, Director, Aerospace and Automotive Trade Policy, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Robert A. Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission; Samuel L. Venneri, Associate Administrator, Aerospace Technology, NASA; Jeffrey L. Miller, Group Vice President, Structured Trade and Finance Group, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 51, approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment with respect

to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and H.R. 2603, amended, United States-Jordan Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 2001.

SENIORS—MISLEADING MAILINGS TARGETED

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Misleading Mailings Targeted to Seniors. Testimony was heard from James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, SSA; Darrin Williams, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General, State of Arkansas; and public witnesses.

COUNTERNARCOTICS ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counternarcotics Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine the problem, impact, and responses of predatory mortgage lending practices, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on H.R. 308, to establish the Guam War Claims Review Commission; and H.R. 309, to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Stuart A. Bernstein, of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Denmark; the nomination of Sue McCourt Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Jamaica; the nomination of Russell F. Freeman, of North Dakota, to be Ambassador to Belize; the nomination of Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Romania; the nomination of Charles A. Heimbold, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden; the nomination of Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece; the nomination of Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan; the nomination of Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States; the nomination of Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See; the nomination of Mercer Reynolds, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein; and pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue markup of H.R. 2646, Agricultural Act of 2001, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to mark up H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "National Electricity Policy: Barriers to Competitive Generation," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on "Spring Valley—Toxic Waste Contamination in the Nation's Capital," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, July 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2299, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 27

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 2620, VA/ HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (open rule, one hour of debate).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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