

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 1757, Foreign Relations Authorization Act and European Security Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills were introduced as follows: S. 875–887. **Pages S5507–08**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 417, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–25)

H.R. 649, to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974. (S. Rept. No. 105–26) **Page S5507**

#### Appointments:

**Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed Senator Murray as Vice Chair of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 105th Congress. **Page S5549**

**National Nutrition Monitoring Advisory Council:** The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–445, appointed Arlene M. Chamberlain, of South Dakota, to the National Monitoring Advisory Council. **Page S5549**

**Motion to Adjourn:** By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 99), Senate agreed to a motion to adjourn. **Page S5549**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert L. Mallett, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2000.

Jane Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

David Andrews, of California, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Timberlake Foster, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal.

John C. Holzman, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Nancy Jo Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Amelia Ellen Shippy, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—99) **Page S5549**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 12, 1997.

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—NIH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Institutes of Health, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Harold Varmus, Director, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, both of the National Institutes of Health, and Earl Fox, Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; F.E. Thompson, Jr., Mississippi State Department of Health, Jackson; Kim Williams, Biloxi, Mississippi; and Danyse Leon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee began markup of S. 450, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and related proposals, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* On Tuesday, June 10, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee of S. 450, proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

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### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee of

S. 450, proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

### ATM SURCHARGES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine the practice of surcharging by banks and thrifts with regard to automated teller machines used by individuals who do not hold accounts at the institutions owning the ATMs, and S. 885, to limit fees charged by financial institutions for the use of automatic teller machines, receiving testimony from Thomas J. McCool, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, and Lamont Kincaid, Evaluator-in-Charge, both of the General Accounting Office; Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; and Kurt Helwig and Henry Polmer, both of the Electronic Funds Transfer Association, Herndon, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### OECD SHIPBUILDING AGREEMENT ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 629, to declare that the Congress approve the Agreement Respecting Normal Competitive Conditions in the Commercial Shipbuilding and Repair Industry (Shipbuilding Agreement), a reciprocal trade agreement resulting from negotiations under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, entered into on December 21, 1994, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. Jones, Jr., Atlantic Marine Holding Company, Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of the Shipbuilders Council of America; and Cindy Brown, American Shipbuilding Association, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 363, to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination program through fiscal year 1998;

S. 231, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico;

S. 423, to extend the legislative authority through August 10, 2000 for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason;

S. 669, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site; and

S. 731, to extend the legislative authority through June 30, 2002 for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial.

Also, committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

#### LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held oversight hearings to examine the benefits of, and needs for, the State-side Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant program, receiving testimony from Fran P. Mainella, Florida State Division of Recreation and Parks, Tallahassee, on behalf of the National Recreation and Park Association; Donald W. Murphy, California State Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento, on behalf of the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers and the Americans for Our Heritage and Recreation; Brigid Sullivan, Louisville and Jefferson County Parks Department, Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance; Bernadette Castro, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Albany; and Nancy Hogshead, Women's Sport Foundation, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### WEAPONS PROLIFERATION AND U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the role of the United States in assisting other nations through the transfer of dual-use technology, focusing on the modernization of certain militaries and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction technology and delivery systems, and the Administration's policy loosening export control restrictions on United States supercomputers, after receiving testimony from William A. Reinsch, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce; Mitchel B. Wallerstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counterproliferation Policy; Stephen D. Bryen, Delta Tech, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland, former Deputy

Under Secretary of Defense for Trade Security Policy; and William Schneider, Jr., Arlington, Virginia, former Under Secretary of State.

#### JUDICIAL ACTIVISM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights held hearings to examine issues with regard to the constitutional role of federal judges to decide cases and controversies, focusing on the problem and impact of judicial activism, whereby federal judges decisions are based on policy preferences, receiving testimony from C. Boyden Gray, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, former White House Counsel to President Bush; Edwin Meese III, Heritage Foundation, former Attorney General of the United States, Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg, Lincoln; and Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, all of Washington, D.C.; Patrick Boyle, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Bruce Fein, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Yerker Andersson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, Jose-Marie Griffiths, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and Kathryn O'Leary Higgins, of South Dakota, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Also, committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, June 18.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 6 public bills, H.R. 1861–1866; and 3 private bills, H.R. 1867–1869 were introduced. Page H3720

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 165, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–128); and

S. 768, a private bill (H. Rept. 105–129).

Pages H3719–20

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Rogers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3665

**Foreign Relations Authorization Act:** The House passed H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. The House considered amendments to the bill on Wednesday, June 4 and Thursday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 10, and Wednesday June 11. Pages H3670–H3706

On a demand for a separate vote on certain amendments agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 180, agreed to the Gilman en bloc amendment that establishes the “Foreign Affairs Agencies Consolidation and Reinvention Act of 1997,” (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 11);

Pages H3680–87

By a recorded vote of 422 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 181, agreed to the Gilman en bloc amendment that strikes fee account provisions for passport information services and visas to conform to existing procedure; (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4);

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By a recorded vote of 354 yeas to 72 noes, Roll No. 182, agreed to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that increases funding for Radio Free Asia; (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4);

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By a recorded vote of 279 yeas to 149 noes, Roll No. 183 agreed to the Skaggs amendment as amended that prohibits funding for television broadcasting to Cuba after October 1, 1997 if the President certifies that continued funding is not in the national interest of the United States (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4);

Pages H3688–89

By a recorded vote of 386 yeas to 42 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 184 agreed to the

Hefley amendment that requires that the State Department maintain records on criminal incidents of individuals with immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of the United States under the Vienna Convention (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4);

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By a recorded vote of 283 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 185, agreed to the Bachus amendment that requires an annual report to Congress listing overseas United States surplus properties for sale and specifies that amounts received from these sales be used for deficit reduction (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4 by a recorded vote of 277 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 161);

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By a recorded vote of 428 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 186, agreed to the Gilman en bloc amendment that authorizes certain U.S. citizen employees to perform designated consular officer duties; clarifies that the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security is responsible for diplomatic security and management; increases the authorized strength of the Foreign Service; establishes the policy that the United States shall not expel, extradite, or otherwise effect the involuntary return of any person to a country in which there is a substantial danger of torture; expresses the sense of Congress that the Government of Turkey recognize the Ecumenical Patriarch and its nonpolitical, religious mission and reopen the Halki Patriarchal School of Theology; and requires a report dealing with the repatriation of unresolved POW/MIA remains from Viet Nam (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4);

Pages H3691–92

By a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 187, agreed to the Goss amendment that strikes the section relating to the Office of the Inspector General procedures for instances where an employee is the likely subject or target of a criminal investigation (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4 by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 211 noes Roll No. 162);

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By a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 188, agreed to the Coburn amendment that prohibits funding for the Man and Biosphere Program or the World Heritage Program administered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4);

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By a recorded vote of 292 yeas to 135 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 189 agreed to the Gilman en bloc amendment that urges Peru to respect the rights of prisoners and expedite legal procedures; directs the State Department to monitor human

rights in Ethiopia; establishes special envoys to promote mutual disarmament talks throughout the world; expresses the sense of Congress that Taiwan should reconsider the transfer of nuclear waste to North Korea; expresses support for Prime Minister Gujral of India; supports the sovereignty of Belarus; supports the accession of Taiwan to the World Trade Organization; requires a report concerning human rights violations of the Hmong and Laotian refugees who have returned to Laos; withholds assistance to countries that provide nuclear fuel to Cuba; makes funds available for the Cuban liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1996 and the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992; urges the President to achieve an international arms sales code of conduct with all Wassenaar Arrangement countries; and requires compliance with the Buy American Act (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4); **Pages H3693-97**

By a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting "no" and 1 voting "present", Roll No. 190, agreed to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that requires the President to report on any border closure or economic or commercial blockade by any newly independent states that impede the delivery of U.S. humanitarian aid (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4); **Pages H3696-97**

By a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 191, rejected the Serrano amendment that requires reports to Congress on official complaints by the government of Cuba to the departments or agencies of the U.S. government (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4); **Page H3697**

By a recorded vote of 415 ayes to 12 noes, Roll No. 192, agreed to the Fox of Pennsylvania amendment that expresses the sense of Congress commending the government of Ukraine for their decision to relinquish nuclear weapons (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4); **Pages H3697-98**

By a recorded vote of 387 ayes to 38 noes, Roll No. 193, agreed to the Lazio amendment that expresses the sense of Congress regarding the compliance with child and spousal support obligations by United Nations Personnel (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 4); **Page H3698-99**

By a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 194, agreed to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits population planning assistance to any foreign organization until the organization certifies that it will not perform abortions in any foreign country except where the life of the mother would be endangered or in cases of rape or incest and certifies that it will not engage in any activity to alter the laws or policies of any foreign country concerning the circumstances under which abortion is permitted, regulated, or prohibited; and prohibits any funds to the United Nations Population Fund

(UNFPA) unless the President certifies that UNFPA has terminated all activities in the People's Republic of China or during the 12 months preceding such certification there have been no coerced abortions associated with the family planning policies of the People's Republic of China (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 5 by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 189 noes Roll No. 168);

**Pages H3699-H3700**

By a voice vote, agreed to the Gilman amendment that removes the prohibition against foreign assistance for narcotics related purposes to countries that have been decertified for funding (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 10);

**Pages H3700-01**

By a recorded vote of 410 ayes to 12 noes, Roll No. 195, agreed to the Scarborough amendment that applies to Sudan the provisions of the Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act that restricts financial transactions until the President certifies that Sudan is no longer sponsoring or supporting terrorism and provides that this restriction shall not apply to humanitarian assistance (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 10 by a recorded vote of 415 ayes to 9 noes Roll No. 171); **Page H3701**

By a recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 196, agreed to the Nethercutt amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that Al-Faran, a militant organization that seeks to merge Kashmir with Pakistan should release immediately Donald Hutchings of the State of Washington and 3 Western Europeans from captivity and cease and desist from all acts of hostage-taking and other violent acts within the state of Jammu and Kashmir (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 10 by a recorded vote of 425 ayes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 173); **Pages H3701-02**

By a recorded vote of 366 ayes to 59 noes, Roll No. 197, agreed to the Miller amendment as amended that expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should allow the import of Cuban cigars at such time as the government of Cuba has freed all political prisoners, legalized all political activity, and agreed to hold free and fair elections (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 10 by a recorded vote of 375 ayes to 49 noes Roll No. 175); **Pages H3702-03**

By a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 10 noes, Roll No. 198, agreed to the Fox of Pennsylvania amendment that expresses the sense of Congress regarding the designation of Romania as eligible for assistance under the NATO Participation Act of 1994 (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 10);

**Pages H3703-04**

By a recorded vote of 427 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 199, agreed to the Ney amendment

that prohibits assistance to any government that assists the Government of Libya in violating sanctions imposed by the United Nations and provides an exception for national security interests of the United States (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 10 by a recorded vote of 426 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 174);

Pages H3704-05

By a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 200, agreed to the Rohrabacher amendment that restricts funding to the Russian Federation if the federation transfers an SS-N-22 missile system to the People's Republic of China (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 11 by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 178); and

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By a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting "no" and 3 voting "present", Roll No. 201, agreed to the Paxon amendment that condemns the Palestinian Authority policy and practice of imposing the death penalty on anyone who sells land to a Jew (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 10).

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Earlier, agreed to amendments in the Committee of the Whole:

The Rohrabacher amendment, debated on June 10, that restricts funding to the Russian Federation if the federation transfers an SS-N-22 missile system to the People's Republic of China (agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 178); and

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The Gilman en bloc amendment that establishes the "Foreign Affairs Agencies Consolidation and Re-invention Act of 1997," requires a reorganization plan from the President not later than 60 days after enactment; mandates the abolition of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and transfers its functions to the Secretary of State by October 1, 1998; mandates the abolition of the United States Information Agency and transfers its functions to the Secretary of State by October 1, 1999; mandates the abolition of the International Development Cooperation Agency and transfers its functions to another agency or agencies by October 1, 1998; and reorganizes the functions of the Agency of International Development and consolidates various of its functions with the Department of State by October 1, 1999.

Pages H3680-86

Rejected in the Committee of the Whole:

The Sanford amendment that sought to limit the aggregate funding authorized to the amount appropriated in fiscal year 1997 resulting in a reduction of \$265 million for both fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 179);

Pages H3671-80

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1757 to correct section numbers, punctuation,

and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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On June 4, the House agreed to H. Res. 159, the rule that provided for consideration of H.R. 1757 and H.R. 1758.

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**European Security Act:** The House passed H.R. 1758, to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, and to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements. Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 159, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, the text of H.R. 1758 was appended to the engrossment of H.R. 1757, and H.R. 1758 was laid on the table.

Pages H3706-16

Agreed to the Frank motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to report H.R. 1758 back forthwith with an amendment that adds a new section on Burdensharing that expresses the sense of the Congress that the United States already pays more than a proportionate share of the costs of the common defense of Europe and that the European members of NATO should pay the bulk of the costs of NATO expansion which are incurred by existing NATO members.

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Subsequently, the bill was reported back and the amendment on Burdensharing was agreed to.

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On June 4, the House agreed to H. Res. 159, the rule that provided for consideration of both H.R. 1757 and H.R. 1758.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and twenty-three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3670-71, H3680, H3686-87, H3687-88, H3688, H3688-89, H3689-90, H3690-91, H3691-92, H3692-93, H3693, H3695-96, H3696-97, H3697, H3698, H3699, H3700, H3701, H3702, H3702-03, H3703-04, H3704-05, H3705, and H3706. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the 1997 Conservation Reserve Program contract announcement. Testimony was heard from

Dallas Smith, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA.

#### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Education Goals Panel; the National Mediation Board; and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Ken Nelson, Executive Director, National Education Goals Panel; the following officials of the National Mediation Board: Kenneth B. Hipp, Chairman, Ernest DuBester and Magdalena G. Jacobsen, both Members, and June D. W. King, Chief Financial Officer; and Dennis W. Jahnigen, M.D., Chairman, Armed Forces Retirement Home Board.

#### **NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Bomber/Deep Attack Capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Hamre, Comptroller; Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command; Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command; and Lt. Gen. David J. McCloud, USAF, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment (J-8), Joint Chiefs of Staff, all with the Department of the Air Force.

#### **BUDGET RECONCILIATION; COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

#### **BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

*Committee on Commerce:* Approved the following Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation: Title III, Subtitle A—Nuclear Regulatory Commission Annual Charges; Title III, Subtitle B—Lease of Excess Strategic Petroleum Reserve Capacity; Title III, Subtitle C—Sale of DOE Assets; and Title III, Subtitle D—Communications.

#### **BUDGET RECONCILIATION; EXPANSION OF PORTABILITY AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Began consideration of the following: Budget Reconciliation

recommendations; and H.R. 1515, Expansion of Portability and Health Insurance Coverage Act of 1997.

Will continue tomorrow.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1553, to amend the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 to extend the authorization of the Assassination Boards Review Board until September 30, 1998; H.J. Res. 56, celebrating the end of slavery in the United States; and H.R. 1316, amended, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits.

The Committee also approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation.

#### **PRIVATE IMMIGRATION BILL; CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE REFORM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported a private immigration bill.

The Committee also held a hearing on civil asset forfeiture reform, including discussion of H.R. 1835, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Stefan D. Cassella, Deputy Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Jan P. Blanton, Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

#### **DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on National Security:* Began markup of H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

#### **NOAA AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1278, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1997.

#### **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The waiver applies to a special rule reported before June 14, 1997 providing for consideration of a bill introduced by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

## BUDGET RECONCILIATION; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation.

The Committee also ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 849, to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970; and H.R. 1747, John F. Kennedy Center Parking Improvement Act of 1997.

## BUDGET RECONCILIATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Began markup of Budget Reconciliation tax recommendations.

Will continue tomorrow.

## IRAN BRIEFING

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

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation,* to hold hearings to examine air traffic controller staffing issues and other aviation issues, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services,* closed business meeting, to continue to mark up a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to resume a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the benefits and risks of restructuring to consumers and communities, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for foreign assistance programs, including the State Department, the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, United Nations reform and reorganization of foreign affairs agencies, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* business meeting, to discuss the issuance of subpoenas and the granting of immunity to witnesses, 4 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on opportunity programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Small Business,* to hold oversight hearings to review the Small Business Administration's microloan program, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* business meeting, to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and H.J. Res. 75, to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

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## NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1193-94 in Today's Record.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing on forest ecosystem health in the Pacific Coast and Southern Regions, 10 a.m., and to consider Budget Reconciliation recommendations, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Commerce,* to consider the following Budget Reconciliation recommendations: Title III, Subtitle E—Medicaid; Title III, Subtitle F—State Child Health Coverage Assistance; and Title IV—Committee on Commerce—Medicare, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* to continue consideration of the following: Budget Reconciliation recommendations; and H.R. 1551, Expansion of Portability and Health Insurance Coverage Act of 1997, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, to markup the following: H.R. 1853, Carl D. Perkins Vocation and Applied Technology Act Amendments of 1997; H.R. 1818, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1997; and H. Res. 139, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Education, States, and local education agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Reducing Regulatory Mandates on Education, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 872, Biomaterials Access Assurance Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to markup the following: H.R. 103, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1997; Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act of 1997; H.R. 748, Prohibition on Financial Transactions With Countries Supporting Terrorism Act of 1997; H.R. 1532, Veterans' Cemetery Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 1683, Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offenders Registration Improvements Act of

1997; H.R. 1837, Juvenile Rape in Prison Protection Act of 1997; H. Res. 154, expressing the sense of the House that the Nation's children are its most valuable assets and that their protection should be the Nation's highest priority; H. Con. Res. 75, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should work more aggressively to attack the problem of violent crimes committed by repeat offenders and criminals serving abbreviated sentences; and H.R. 1840, Law Enforcement Technology Advertisement Clarification Act of 1997, 9 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management's hard rock mining bonding regulations, 2:00 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on reintroduction of the grizzly bear in the public domain National Forests, 10:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on Bonneville Power Administration, status of Regional Review Process, 2:00 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to markup H.R. 1702, Commercial Space Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Administration's Commission's Recommendations on Cloning, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Taxation, Finance and Exports, hearing on the Impact of Estate Taxes on Small and Family Businesses, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on International Aviation Bilaterals and Code Sharing Relationships, focusing on Japan, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to markup the following: Budget Reconciliation recommendations; and H.R. 699, Military Voting Rights Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to continue markup of Budget Reconciliation tax recommendations, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on North Korea, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Thursday, June 12

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, June 12

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**Program for Thursday:** Senate may consider any cleared legislative or executive business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.J. Res. 64, Flag Desecration Constitutional amendment (closed rule, 2 hours of debate);

H. Res. 165, rule allowing same day consideration of a further rule for FY 1997 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act; and

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