

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Department of Defense Appropriations, 2000 bill.

House Committee ordered reported the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

House passed H.R. 1906, Agriculture appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6645–S6728

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 1188. **Page S6710**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 323, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–69)

S. 1009, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page S6710**

Department of Defense Appropriations, 2000: By 93 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 158), Senate passed S. 1122, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6645–92**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 155), Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 540, to reduce to \$500,000 the threshold amount for the applicability of the requirement for advance matching of Department of Defense disbursements to particular obligations. **Pages S6645–47**

Stevens Amendment No. 542, to provide funds for Army research, development, test and evaluation programs. **Page S6647**

Stevens Amendment No. 543, to reduce funds under the heading Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, and to increase funds under the heading Research, Development, Test, and Evalua-

tion, Defense-Wide to reflect the transfer of the Joint Warfighting Experimentation Program. **Page S6647**

Stevens Amendment No. 544, to provide funding for the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services program. **Page S6647**

Stevens Amendment No. 545, to provide funding for U–2 cockpit modifications. **Page S6647**

Stevens (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 552, to direct the Department of the Army to conduct a live fire, side-by-side operational test of the air-to-air Starstreak and air-to-air Stinger missiles from the AH–64D Longbow helicopter. **Pages S6651–52**

Stevens (for Mack) Amendment No. 553, to authorize use of \$6,000,000 of Air Force Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation funds (in PE 604604F) for the 3–D advanced track acquisition and imaging system. **Pages S6651–52**

Stevens (for Mack) Amendment No. 554, to authorize use of \$3,000,000 of Navy Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation funds for electronic propulsion systems. **Pages S6651–52**

Stevens (for Mack) Amendment No. 555, to authorize use of \$5,000,000 of Defense Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities funds for a ground processing station to support a tropical remote sensing radar. **Pages S6651–52**

Stevens (for Burns) Amendment No. 556, to provide additional funding for Army research and development to reduce pollution associated with industrial manufacturing waste systems. **Pages S6651–52**

Stevens (for McConnell) Amendment No. 557, to correct the allocation of Navy operation and maintenance funds between two naval gun depot overhaul programs. **Pages S6651–52**

Stevens Amendment No. 558, to provide additional funding for prototyping and testing of a water

distributor for the Army Pallet-Loading System Engineer Mission Module System. **Pages S6651-52**

Stevens (for Bennett) Amendment No. 559, to designate funds for Air Force alternative missile engine source development. **Pages S6651-52**

Stevens (for Hollings) Amendment No. 560, to set aside \$3,000,000 of Army Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation funds for the National Defense Center for Environmental Excellence Pollution Prevention Initiative. **Pages S6651-52**

Stevens (for Reid) Amendment No. 561, to provide funds for a hot gas decontamination facility. **Pages S6651-52**

Stevens (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 562, to provide funds for the establishment of a Department of Defense Center for Medical Informatics. **Pages S6651-52**

Stevens (for Reid) Amendment No. 563, to increase funds for the Marine Corps K-Band Test Obscuration Pairing System. **Pages S6651-52**

Stevens (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 564, to make available certain funds to continue and expand on-going work in recombinant vaccine research against biological warfare agents. **Pages S6651-52**

Stevens (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 565, to require conveyance of certain Army firefighting equipment at Military Ocean Terminal, New Jersey. **Pages S6651-53**

Stevens (for Biden) Amendment No. 566, to provide \$3,000,000 (in PE 62234N) for the Navy for basic research on advanced composite materials processing (specifically, resin transfer molding, vacuum-assisted resin transfer molding, and co-infusion resin transfer molding). **Pages S6651-53**

Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 567, to set aside \$5,000,000 of Army Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation funds (in PE 605604A) for Information Warfare Vulnerability Analysis. **Pages S6651-53**

Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 568, to set aside \$7,500,000 of Air Force Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation funds (in PE 603605F) for the GEO High Resolution Space Object Imaging Program. **Pages S6651-53**

Stevens (for Wyden/Smith of Oregon) Amendment No. 569, to set aside \$4,000,000 for Army research, development, test, and evaluation of elastin-based artificial tissues and dye targeted laser fusion techniques for healing internal injuries. **Pages S6651-53**

Stevens Amendment No. 570, to provide funds for supersonic aircraft noise mitigation research and development efforts. **Pages S6651-53**

Stevens (for Leahy) Amendment No. 571, to provide for the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees describing the extraordinary circumstances, the purpose and du-

ration of the training program, the United States forces and the foreign security forces involved in the training program, and the information relating to human rights violations that necessitates the waiver. **Pages S6651-53**

Stevens (for Shelby) Amendment No. 572, to provide from within the funds for the Defense Acquisition University, up to \$5,000,000 may be spent on a pilot program using state-of-the-art training technology that would train the acquisition workforce in a simulated government procurement environment. **Pages S6651-53**

Stevens (for Inouye) Amendment No. 573, to provide that during the current fiscal year, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Center of Excellence for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance may also pay, or authorize payment for, the expenses of providing or facilitating education and training for appropriate military and civilian personnel of foreign countries in disaster management and humanitarian assistance. **Pages S6651-53**

Stevens (for Santorum) Amendment No. 592, to set aside \$4,000,000 for the Manufacturing Technology Assistance Pilot Program. **Pages S6658-59**

Stevens (for Helms) Amendment No. 593, to set aside \$5,000,000 of Army Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation funds for visual display performance and visual display environmental research and development. **Pages S6658-59**

Stevens (for Byrd) Amendment No. 594, to increase by \$10,000,000 the amount provided for the Army for other procurement for an immediate assessment of biometrics sensors and templates repository requirements, and for combining and consolidating biometrics security technology and other information assurance technologies to accomplish a more focused and effective information assurance effort. **Pages S6658-59**

Stevens (for Byrd) Amendment No. 595, to set aside \$10,000,000 of Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide funds for carrying out first-year actions of the 5-year research plan for addressing low-level exposures to chemical warfare agents. **Pages S6658-59**

Stevens (for Ashcroft/Bond) Amendment No. 596, to express the sense of Congress commending the men and women of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, for their ongoing contributions to Operation Allied Force over Yugoslavia. **Pages S6658-59**

Stevens (for Smith of New Hampshire) Amendment No. 597, to provide funding for the Air Force U-2 aircraft defensive system modernization. **Pages S6658-59**

Stevens (for Harkin) Amendment No. 598, to set aside \$25,185,000, the amount provided for research

and development relating to Persian Gulf illnesses, of which \$4,000,000 is to be available for continuation of research into Gulf War syndrome that includes multidisciplinary studies of fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome and \$2,000,000 is to be available for expansion of the research program in the Upper Great Plains region. **Pages S6658–59**

Stevens (for Graham) Amendment No. 599, to set aside \$17,500,000 for procurement of the F-15A/B data link for the Air National Guard. **Pages S6658–59**

Stevens (for Collins) Amendment No. 600, to increase funds for the Navy MK-43 Machine Gun Conversion. **Pages S6658–59**

Stevens (for Inouye) Amendment No. 601, to provide for the development of Ford Island, Hawaii. **Pages S6658–59**

Inouye Amendment No. 581, to authorize the Department of Defense to enter into agreements with the Veterans Administration and Federally-funded health agencies providing services to Native Hawaiians for the purpose of establishing a partnership similar to the Alaska Federal Health Care Partnership, in order to maximize Federal resources in the provision of health care services by Federally-funded health agencies, applying telemedicine technologies. **Pages S6655–56, S6666–67**

Stevens (for Lott/Cochran) Modified Amendment No. 589, to provide \$3,800,000 (in PE 0602315N) for continued research and development on polymer cased ammunition. **Pages S6657, S6669**

Stevens (for Kohl) Amendment No. 588, to authorize the use of \$220,000 for a study at Badger Army Ammunition Plant, Wisconsin, relating to environmental restoration and remediation at weapons and ammunition production facilities. **Pages S6657, S6669**

Stevens (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 591, to provide for a study of the long term solutions to the removal of ordnance from the Toussaint River, Ohio. **Pages S6657–58, S6669**

Stevens (for Brownback) Amendment No. 602 (to Amendment No. 578), to provide for the suspension of certain sanctions against India and Pakistan. **Pages S6678–79**

Stevens (for Roberts) Amendment No. 578, to extend for a period of 3 years the Agriculture Export Relief Act of 1998 and the India-Pakistan Relief Act of 1998. **Pages S6655, S6678–79**

Inouye (for Biden) Amendment No. 547, to set aside \$63,041,000 of Air Force research, development, test, and evaluation funds for C-5 aircraft modernization. **Pages S6648, S6679**

Stevens (for Biden) Amendment No. 603 (to Amendment No. 547), of a clarifying nature. **Page S6679**

Stevens (for Nickles) Amendment No. 551, to prohibit the use of certain funds for reconstruction activities in the Republic of Serbia (excluding the province of Kosovo) as long as Slobodan Milosevic remains the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). **Pages S6651, S6679**

Stevens (for Gorton) Modified Amendment No. 575, to authorize \$4,000,000 of Army research, development, test, and evaluation funds (in PE 60481A) to be used for the Advanced Integrated Helmet System Program. **Pages S6654, S6679–80**

Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 577, to provide for a report by the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Communications Commission to the appropriate congressional committees regarding the competitive bidding process. **Pages S6654–55**

Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 604, to provide for a report by the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Communications Commission to the appropriate congressional committees regarding the competitive bidding process. **Page S6680**

Subsequently, adoption of Amendment No. 604 (listed above) was vitiated. **Page S6692**

Inouye (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 580, to express the sense of Congress regarding the accidental civilian casualties of live ammunition testing at Vieques, Puerto Rico, and actions to prevent a recurrence of such a tragic accident. **Pages S6655, S6679–80**

Stevens (for Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 586, to provide funds for continued research and development in Army Space Control Technology. **Pages S6657, S6679–80**

Stevens (for Graham) Modified Amendment No. 590, to set aside an additional \$7,300,000 for space launch facilities, for a second team of personnel for range reconfiguration to accommodate launch schedules. **Pages S6657, S6679–80**

Stevens (for Lott) Amendment No. 576, to provide for a report regarding the operational planning and other preparations of the Department of Defense, including but not limited to the U.S. Pacific Command, to implement the relevant sections of the Taiwan Relations Act since its enactment in 1979. **Pages S6654, S6680**

McCain Amendment No. 585, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to waive certain domestic source or content requirements in the procurement of items. **Pages S6656–57, S6680**

Stevens (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 574, to authorize a project at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, to evaluate methods of improving efficiency in the operation of military installations. **Pages S6653, S6680**

Inouye (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 582, to authorize the use of up to \$35,000,000 for the retrofitting and improvement of the current inventory of Patriot missiles to meet current and projected threats from cruise missiles. **Pages S6656, S6680**

Gregg Modified Amendment No. 548, to prohibit the use of refugee relief funds for long-term, regional development or reconstruction in Southeastern Europe. **Pages S6648–49, S6654, S6680**

Stevens (for Bond) Amendment No. 587, to provide funds for the purchase of four (4) F–15 E aircraft. **Pages S6657, S6681**

Stevens (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 605, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the investigation into the June 25, 1996 bombing of Khobar Towers. **Page S6681**

Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 606, to withdraw and reserve certain lands within the State of New Mexico for military uses. **Page S6681**

Stevens/Domenici Amendment No. 607, to provide for the renewal of military land withdrawals. **Page S6681**

Rejected:

By 16 yeas to 81 nays (Vote No. 156), McCain Amendment No. 584, to reduce amounts appropriated for unrequested, low-priority, unnecessary, and wasteful spending by \$3,100,000,000. **Pages S6656, S6660–66, S6669–70**

Boxer/Harkin Amendment No. 541, to provide a substitute to section 8106, requiring that not later than March 1, 2000, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the inventory and status of operational support aircraft, Commander-in-Chief support aircraft, and command support aircraft of the Department of Defense. (By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 157), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6647, S6670–78**

Withdrawn:

Byrd Amendment No. 549, to set aside \$10,000,000 of Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide funds for carrying out first-year actions of the 5-year research plan for addressing low-level exposures to chemical warfare agents. **Pages S6649–50, S6666**

Byrd Amendment No. 550, to increase by \$10,000,000 the amount provided for the Army for other procurement for an immediate assessment of biometrics sensors and templates repository requirements, and for combining and consolidating biometrics security technology and other information assurance technologies to accomplish a more focused and effective information assurance effort. **Pages S6649–50, S6666**

Inouye (for Durbin) Amendment No. 579, relating to the conveyance of the remaining Army Reserve property at former Fort Sheridan, Illinois. **Pages S6655, S6680–81**

Inouye (for Levin) Amendment No. 583, to reduce funding for the National Missile Defense program by \$200,000,000 and to increase funding for Army modernization programs by \$200,000,000. **Pages S6656, S6681**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion bill, the Senate strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the text of S. 1122, as passed, and the House bill, as amended, be read for a third time and passed, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Further, that upon passage of the House companion bill, passage of S. 1122 be vitiated and the Senate bill be indefinitely postponed. **Pages S6647–48**

Y2K Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year's date, scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 1999 be vitiated, and the Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S6692**

Satellite Copyright, Competition, and Consumer Protection Act: Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: from the Committee on the Judiciary: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, DeWine, Leahy, and Kohl; and from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators McCain, Stevens, and Hollings. **Page S6728**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Franz S. Leichter, of New York, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2006.

Douglas L. Miller, of South Dakota, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2002. **Page S6728**

Messages From the House: **Page S6695**

Measures Referred: **Page S6695**

Communications: **Pages S6695–S6702**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—158) **Pages S6646–47, S6669–70, S6678, S6692**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 9, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6728.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1009, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and for appointment as Chief of Staff, United

States Army, and Lieutenant General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, to be general and for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps, after the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf. Gen. Shinseki was introduced by Senator Inouye and Lt. Gen. Jones was introduced by Senator Warner.

CENTRAL AFRICAN WARS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine the Central African Wars and the future of United States-Africa policy, after receiving testimony from Susan E. Rice, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; I. William Zartman, Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies, and Marina Ottaway, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, DC; and William Reno, Florida International University, Miami.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded closed oversight hearings on certain activities of the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kenneth W. Kizer, of California, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, and John T. Hanson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 78 public bills, H.R. 2005–2082; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56–57, H. Con. Res. 125–128, and H. Res. 199, 201–203, were introduced. **Pages H3856–59**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 457, to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor (H. Rept. 106–174); and

H. Res. 200, providing for consideration of H.R. 1401, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel

strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (H. Rept. 106–175). **Page H3856**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gibbons to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Pages H3767**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Peter Kurowski of California, Missouri. **Pages H3768–69**

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, June 7, by a yea and nay vote of 355 yeas to 46 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 170. **Pages H3769, H3773**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:11 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H3768

Member Sworn: Representative-elect David Vitter presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker. Page H3774

Education Land Grant Act: The House passed H.R. 150, to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize disposal of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools by a ye and nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 171. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H3776–79

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Page H3779

H. Res. 189, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. Pages H3774–76

Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a ye and nay vote of 246 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No 177. The House completed general debate on May 25 and considered amendments on May 25 and 26. Pages H3780–H3823

By a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 220 noes, Roll No. 176, rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment that increases amounts for FDA Salaries and Expenses by \$20 million. Pages H3821–23

Agreed to:

The Sanders amendment that provides funding for a national pilot program to promote Agri-Tourism; Page H3783

The Kaptur amendment that provides \$7 million for the Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers program; Pages H3783–84

The Meek of Florida amendment that prohibits the importation of meat or poultry food products unless they meet USDA health and safety standards for domestic products; Pages H3788–89

The Traficant amendment that ensures compliance with Buy America Act provisions and penalizes those who fraudulently affix "Made in America" labels; Page H3789

The Coburn amendment that prohibits any funds to be used by the FDA for the testing, development, or approval (including approval of production, manufacturing, or distribution) of any drug for the chem-

ical inducement of abortion (agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 173); and Pages H3798–H3812

The Young of Florida amendment that reduces funding in the bill by \$102.5 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 195 noes, Roll No. 175). Pages H3817–19

Rejected:

The DeFazio amendment that sought to prohibit funding for the destruction of wild animals for the purpose of protecting livestock (rejected by a recorded vote of 193 yeas to 230 noes, Roll No. 172); and Pages H3789–93, H3794–95

The Chabot amendment that sought to prohibit funding for Market Access Program allocations (rejected by a recorded vote of 72 yeas to 355 noes, Roll No. 174). Pages H3812–17

Withdrawn:

The Nethercutt amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit unilateral economic sanctions against a foreign government, lift current sanctions as they relate to agriculture and medical supplies, and provide for a national security waiver. Pages H3795–96

H. Res. 185, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 25.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3773, H3779, H3795, H3811–12, H3816–17, H3819, H3822–23, and H3823. There were no quorum calls.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3862–66.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops continued hearings on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

Committee on the Budget: Social Security Task Force held a hearing on the Social Security Trust Fund: Myth and Reality. Testimony was heard from David

Koitz, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

KANSAS—AD VALOREM TAX REFUND

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Kansas Ad Valorem Tax Refund. Testimony was heard from Representative Moran of Kansas; Douglas Smith, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Carla Stovall, Attorney General, State of Kansas; Sheila Lumpe, Chair, Public Service Commission, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Developments in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Martin S. Indyk, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 1218, Child Custody Protection Act.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Armed Services amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and pro forma amendments offered by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report may be offered en bloc. The rule makes in order the amendment by Representative Cox printed in the Congressional Record on June 8, 1999. The rule provides that, except as specified in section 5 of the resolution, amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule provides that, except as otherwise specified in the report, each amendment printed in the report shall be debatable for 10 minutes

equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment (except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of further debate on any pending amendment). The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and those amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides an additional period of general debate prior to the consideration of the last five amendments in part A of the Rules Committee report for one hour, which shall be confined to the subject of the United States policy relating to the conflict in Kosovo. The rule authorizes the chairman of the Armed Services Committee or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report or germane modifications thereto, which shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Armed Services Committee or their designees, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for a division of the question. The rule provides that, for the purposes of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the en bloc amendments. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of the order in which printed, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman of the Armed Services Committee or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. The rule provides that before consideration of any other amendment it will be in order to consider the amendment printed in the Congressional Record on June 8, 1999, by Representative Cox, if offered by Representative Cox or his designee, which will be considered as read, debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, will not be subject to amendment, and will not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, and waives all points of order against the amendment. The rule

provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. The rule provides that after passage of H.R. 1401, it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table S. 1059 and to consider the Senate bill in the House. The rule waives all points of order against the Senate bill and against its consideration. The rule provides that it shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 1401 as passed by the House and waives all points of order against the motion. Finally, the rule provides that House Resolution 195 is laid on the table.

U.S.-CHINA TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States-China trade relations and the possible accession of China to the World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Frank of Massachusetts, Wolf, Pelosi, Rohrabacher, Dooley of California and Blumenauer; Richard W. Fisher, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—ENCRYPTION ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Encryption Issues. The Committee was briefed by Barbara McNamara, Deputy Director, NSA, Department of Defense.

FBI HANDLING—COUNTERINTELLIGENCE MATTERS—LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on FBI Handling of Counterintelligence Matters at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

WESTERN EUROPEAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Committee concluded hearings to examine religious freedom issues in Western Europe, focusing on religious minorities and growing government intolerance, after receiving testimony from Willy Fautre, Human Rights Without Frontiers, Brussels, Belgium; Louis DeMeo, Grace Church of Nimes, Nimes, France; and Alain Garay, on behalf of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Paris, France.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the government of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings on issues relating to financial privacy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 837, to enable drivers to choose a more affordable form of auto insurance that also provides for more adequate and timely compensation for accident victims, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the process to determine the future of the four lower Snake River dams and conduct oversight on the Northwest Power Planning Council's Framework Process, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on the implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold oversight hearings to examine risk adjustment methodology and other implementation issues relating to Medicare+Choice, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of M. Michael Einik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the nomination of Donald W. Keyser, of Virginia, for Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts; the nomination of Joseph Limprecht, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania; the nomination of Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative to the European Union; the nomination of Larry C. Napper, of Texas, for Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Coordinator of the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Program; the nomination of Donald Keith Bandler, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus; the nomination of Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina; and the nomination of Donald Lee Pressley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Gwen C. Clare, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to

the Republic of Ecuador; the nomination of Oliver P. Garza, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua; the nomination of Frank Almaguer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras; the nomination of John R. Hamilton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru; and the nomination of Prudence Bushnell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, 3 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume closed oversight hearings on the national security methods and processes relating to the Wen-Ho Lee espionage investigation, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on internet gambling, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings on issues relating to the Department of Energy reorganization, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Small Business: business meeting to mark up S. 918, to authorize the Small Business Administration to provide financial and business development assistance to military reservists' small business, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review economic sanctions and the effect on U.S. agriculture, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Academic Accountability, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Census, hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Examining the Bureau's Policy to Count Prisoners, Military Personnel, and Americans Residing Overseas, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Geographical Information Systems Policies and Programs, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on Outreach to Veterans at Risk for Hepatitis C Infection, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Assisting Russia: What Have We Achieved After Seven Years? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Evaluating the International Trade Ad-

ministration and the Trade and Development Agency, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following: H.R. 1524, Public Forests Emergency Act of 1999; H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 592, World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills; H.R. 791, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999; H.R. 1167, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1999; H.R. 1243, National Marine Sanctuaries Enhancement Act of 1999; H.R. 1431, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1533, Wyandotte Tribe Settlement Act; H.R. 1552, Marine Research and Related Environmental Research and Development Programs Authorization of 1999; H.R. 1651, Fishermen's Protective Act Amendments of 1999; H.R. 1652, Yukon River Salmon Act of 1999; H.R. 1653, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Russian Federation; and a motion to authorize and issue subpoenas for oversight, investigative, and legislative activities in connection with (1) payments made by the Project on Government Oversight to federal employees or former federal employees of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy, (2) policies and practices of such Departments with respect to any outside payments to employees of such departments, and (3) other events and matters related to the Committee review of these and related matters that was initiated on May 25, 1999, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on the U.S. Antarctic Research Program, 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Fair and Simple Tax Relief for Small Business, reviewing the Small Employer Tax Relief Act of 1999 (SETRA), 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on preservation and promotion of General Aviation Airports, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Preparedness Against Terrorist Attacks, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the Veterans' Millennium Health Care Act, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on proposals to strengthen Social Security, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on Encryption legislation, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, June 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 96, Y2K Act.

House Chamber

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