

should have in effect laws and procedures that permit any parent who is chronically ill or near death to designate a standby guardian without surrendering parental rights.

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Amendments Withdrawn:

The Tiahrt amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to have States seek to terminate parental rights of children who have spent 12 of their most recent 18 months in foster care and removes the exception that allows a state to document a compelling reason for not filing a petition to terminate the rights;

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The Morella amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish kinship care demonstration projects; and

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The Eddie Bernice Johnson amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to include assistance in establishing outreach programs to identify and recruit minority families to adopt children.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 867 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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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 134, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, by voice vote.

Pages H2012–15

Housing Authority and Responsibility Act: The House completed all debate on H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, May 1.

Pages H2042–52

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 133, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, by voice vote.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 137, electing Representative Mica to the Committee on House Oversight.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2092–94.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H2034–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Administration's Proposal. Testimony was heard from John W. Hill, Jr., Executive Director, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; G. Edward DeSeve, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

VA-HUD-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

RIEGLE-NEAL CLARIFICATION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 1306, Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Carper, Governor, State of Delaware; Margarita Prentice, Senator, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

MEDICAL DEVICES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medical Devices: Technological Innovation and Patient/Provider Perspectives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Michael A. Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner; D. Bruce Burlington, M.D., Director and Susan Alpert, M.D., Director, Office of Device Evaluation, both with the Center for Devices and Radiological Health; and public witnesses.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Product Liability Reform and How the Legal Fee Structure Affects Consumer Compensation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND LITERACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1385, Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on "Federal Employees Group Life Insurance: Could We Do Better?" Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance, OPM; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on the post FTS-2000 Telecommunications Contract. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: David J. Barram, Administrator; and Robert Woods, Commissioner, Federal Telecommunications Service.

OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on "Bureau of Labor Statistics Oversight: Fixing the Consumer Price Index". Testimony was heard from Katherine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN POLICY REFORM ACT

Committee on International Relations: Began markup of the Foreign Policy Reform Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENTS; BANKRUPTCY LAW TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997, and H.R. 120, Bankruptcy Law Technical Corrections Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ehlers and Knollenberg; Albert B. Sullivan, Director, Office of Asset Management and Disposition, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

FLAG DESECRATION AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Solomon, Skaggs, Lipinski, Shimkus, Ackerman and Frost; Alan Lance, Attorney General, State of Idaho; Robert

Zukowski, Representative, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

OVERSIGHT—SAFEGUARDING NATURALIZATION PROCESS INTEGRITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on Safeguarding the Integrity of the Naturalization Process. Testimony was heard from Representative Ros-Lehtinen; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Stephen Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Administration; Dennis Kurre, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, FBI; and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Norman Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported H.R. 1420, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.J. Res. 59, to disapprove a rule affecting polar bear trophies from Canada under the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act issued by the U.S. and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Representative Peterson of Minnesota; Marshall Jones, Assistant Director, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; John E. Reynolds, III, Chairman, Marine Mammal Commission; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a closed rule providing for consideration in the House without the intervention of any point of order H. Res. 129, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the 105th Congress. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute will be considered as adopted. The rule provides 1 hour of debate. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development approved for full Committee action the following: H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; H. Con. Res. 66, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 16th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; and two Committee amendments to GSA resolutions.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 408, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act; and H.R. 1463, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MAY 1, 1997**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Resources, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the Department of Defense Depot maintenance privatization initiatives, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold oversight hearings on the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 357, to authorize the Bureau of Land Management to manage the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the extent of religious persecution in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on proposals to develop and implement management reforms to provide the Department of Defense with strategies and techniques to increase effectiveness, reduce costs, and minimize risks associated with program and administrative management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to discuss certain issues with regard to the ABM Treaty, focusing on the national missile defense program, 2 p.m., SD-342.

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

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold oversight hearings on the Immigration and Naturalization Service, focusing on criminal record verification process for citizenship applicants, 11:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine biomedical research priorities, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E807-08 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Services, and Education, on SSA, 10 a.m., and on the Corporation for National and Community Service, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Computer Generated Check Fraud, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Financial Services Reform, focusing on "A Two Way Street" and Functional Regulation, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue joint hearings on Review of EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions: Perspectives of State and Local Elected Officials, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on "Education at a Crossroads, What Works, What's Wasted in the D.C. School System?" 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.